

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Almeida, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Daodu, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Gray, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Kearns, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Loughlin, Petit, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Rodrigues, Shah, Sharkey, Sinapi, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Bedard-Motion to move bill SS-09/10-17 from SOARC to new business, Holden seconds.

Bedard- Motion to move nominations for cultural affairs chair and nominations for elections committee to special orders, Holden seconds.

Bedard-Motion to add bill SS-09/10-18 under new business, Holden seconds.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Holland-Are we going to be able to look at bill SS-09/10-18?

Bedard- I have a couple copies, I won't waste paper because we're not voting this week, so pass them around and read them.

Bedard- Under president's report on page 7 at bottom, amend to say Dr. Newman was not as personable instead of Dr. Doogan.

Minutes approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rodrigues- Aronoff says hello!!

Clarke- If anyone's taking Spanish 103 I have the books and do not want to sell them back.

Petit- Motion for pledge of allegiance, Holden seconds, passes.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

Charles Henderson – Director of Health Services

Good evening, welcome back. I'm here to talk about the H1N1 virus. It started last spring in Mexico. On June 5th the World Health Organization declared a pandemic, which means it had spread worldwide. It has nothing to do with the severity of the disease, but the spread of the disease. The summer season is usually low for flu, and it was for H1N1 as well. It's a novel virus, we haven't experienced it before. It tends to attack younger people. The people at the highest risk are pregnant women, those under 6 months, caregivers of those under 6 months, and those 6 months to 24 years old. The attack rate varies, it is low in RI. It is higher in other areas, like Washington. There is no vaccine, but clinical trials should be available by October. The seasonal vaccine is here, and we'll have another vaccination on the 17th. To slow the spread of this, wash hands frequently with soap and water, cough into your arm or tissue, distance yourself as much as possible from other people (6 feet), this last one is impossible at college. If you get symptoms (fever of 100 or above, sneezing, coughing), you are asked to self isolate. Stay home until fever goes to 100 or below for 24 hours without medication. Campus has done a lot. There's been a letter to the whole URI community. Faculty has been sent a strong letter about attendance from the provost saying that you (students) are allowed to miss classes without penalty. Senate went out with a stronger letter saying to listen to the provost. They have charged the professors to find a way to continue through student absence and their own absence. The professors should be saying do not come to class if you get sick. University has established a website, links to CDC and other helpful information. There is no magic cure for it, when vaccine is available it is a 2 shot deal. You might build immunity 5 weeks after first shot. If you've ever had the flu this is a mild to moderate flu strain. We'll get through it.

Messineo- How long should you self isolate?

Henderson- 24 hours after your fever goes to 100 without aid of fever reducing medication. Does anyone in here know how to take their temperature?

All-YES.

Henderson- Normal temperature is 98.6. If you have a higher temperature you need to get seen.

Coates- Has URI ordered some vaccine?

Henderson- We always have the seasonal. The H1N1 is being paid for by your tax dollars and will be administered free. The key is to take BOTH shots.

Long- If you get the new flu, can you also get the older flu?

Henderson- It is conceivable. I suppose if you get one you can get the other, I'm guessing.

Messineo- Are there any side effects from the shots?

Henderson- None that I know. Seasonal gives you a little soreness, it's a little prick. You want to try not to touch your hands to anywhere on your face. Try not to touch your face for an hour.

Daodu- Is the vaccine required or recommended?

Henderson- Recommended for all students.

Student- If there are many companies is there any difference between the vaccines?

Henderson- No, there are 7 questions you need to answer before you can get vaccine though.

Gray- How do you know what's in the vaccine if it has not come out yet?

Henderson- When it comes it will say it. It's very similar among the companies what additives they are using.

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE:

SS-09/10-16 BILL CALLING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE HANDBOOK

Whereas, Article V, Section B, Part I, Subpart A, Item 2g states that every year the Finance Chair shall publish a Finance Handbook which shall binding upon all recognized student organizations, and,

Whereas, the Finance Handbook to be effective must be approved by the Student Senate, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Finance Handbook submitted by Allen Petit be approved as the Finance Handbook for the 09-10 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, September 9 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (- -)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Until Passage of Finance Handbook 10-11
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Petit- Welcome back! Finance meetings are going to be Mondays at 5 p.m. in room 301. If you need to be changed to a different committee talk to me or Vidhi. I have a bill on the floor for next week approving the new finance book. I'll put a sheet in the office explaining changes. The only thing being removed are dance policies.

Almeida-What's the dance policy?

Petit- Old one used to be you can bring a guest, that changed 2 years ago.

Almeida- Do you need a college id?

Petit- Yes, you need to be a student at a college.

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

Holland- Meetings are Mondays at 5:00 in 314. Next presidents meeting is Monday, 9/14 at 7 in ballroom.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Coates- Welcome back. My meetings are Tuesdays at 5:30.

Van Fechtmann- Do you know what room?

Coates- Don't have one yet.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Clarke- It's been busy. Lawsuit, it's been crazy. It accelerated, we did some re-judgment. They both responded to each other. Next step is a hearing at beginning of October at Roger Williams law school. I'll keep you updated on the date, we want to get a lot of students. I'm going to make a binder of documents (on my desk). We went to a coalition meeting last week, they elected me co-chair. We're planning a meeting mid-October here, it will be like a public forum. There will be a speaker and we can submit questions. Some speakers might be a police office and a URI administrator. Someone else was going to talk about underage drinking but instead I will be talking about community issues for our age group. My meetings are Friday, I haven't picked a

time. If my committee can meet back here please. I want to start this Friday. The orange stickers are still in effect.

Gray- Did the rates change?

Clarke- No it hasn't changed at all. The policy was enacted a year ago and it stands.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Bedard- If you helped out at first night thank you. We got a lot of names. A lot of people came up to booth. If you went in the tank thank you, it was freezing. Cultural affairs is open, Jon wanted me to say hello. He's not back because he is doing two Broadway shows!!
 Congratulations Jon!!

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Sinapi- Meetings are Wednesday at 5:30, and I'm interested if anyone has information on parking around campus because there have been major changes. Talk to me after.

Coates- Have you organized the safety and lighting walk?

Sinapi- I still don't have any information for any other walks.

Almeida- I'm still parking on upper college road for free?

Coates- In light of recent events on campus, I'm willing to help you if we go out and find any blue lights that are out.

Petit- Chair has usually set up a date for a preliminary walk and told senate so that we can go out.

Sinapi- I just don't know where they are.

Bedard- It's not just blue lights it's the whole campus, is there enough lighting in general?

Messineo- What happened to info from previous walks?

Harrington- I've been there, I'll go.

Officer Mark- The new maps that are out have all the blue lights on them.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a. **Director of Communications Simon-** not here

b. **Secretary Harrington** – Kudos for summer senate and those who went in the dunk tank.

c. **Treasurer Boiteau-** Great to be back. Classes were long, still paying the bills so...

Petit- I like extended reports, can you continue in future?

Boiteau- yes

d. **Vice President Shah** –I know you think I'm a big witch, but it's my job. I know it's the first meeting but let's relax. When there's public forum, please be quiet. That's why we have notes. Listen to what he has to say, be considerate. Chairs and your meeting times, I think you made them, but please make sure most of your committee can make it and then set the meeting time. I know I cut you guys off but please read your Robert's rules of order. Attendance carries on from last semester so if you have an unexcused you should not miss any more meetings. You get two excused, one unexcused. If you don't know where you are at, please come talk to me. Office hours I'm not counting this week. Everyone is required to do one hour. Go to your committee meeting. Chairs please email me your minutes and attendance. If it's not on time I won't be happy. Retreat- Sunday September 27th it is mandatory!! We pay for your spot so you all have to be there. It starts at noon. We'll start with ropes course then work with SOLC from 5-8. If ropes course rains out we will reschedule. I told you last semester so there is no excuse. Next weekend we're going to have a BBQ at either my house or Bedard's house. We'll decide later so, haha. Just come. Next Saturday afternoon. I want to try to do one fun senate thing every month. October breast cancer walk, followed by another BBQ. I'd like to do assassins with water guns. Try to participate because everyone wants to be friendly on senate.

Holland- Where is breast cancer walk?

Shah- It's in Providence I'll get you info next week.

Holden- When does ropes course start?

Shah- Starts at noon.

Petit- Formal this year?

Shah- Yea, formal all the way!

Messineo- Here's a recommendation- we should probably get some food in Providence after breast cancer walk because there's good food there.

Rodrigues- What's for dinner at retreat?

Shah- We do not know. I will also be inviting people who are interested in senate to the retreat.

- e. **President Bedard-** Hey guys. How was summer? Welcome back. Recap- summer senate met twice, once in July, once last week. We allocated summer activities tax to sailing club. Other than that we worked on SOARC stuff. Dr. Dooley was supposed to be here tonight, he had another thing come up, but he is coming the 23rd to introduce himself. We can ask him questions. He and his wife converted the basement of his house to a student hang out and will have groups sign up to get to know him, play with Rhody the dog. Senate is the first group to go. They need to fix leaks in basement first. He's having the inauguration in April, its then because of budget concerns. We don't want to put money into a big event right away. I have been working with Vice President Beagle, so you will hear more about that later. In terms of new staff, the new Assistant Vice President and dean of students is Pina. He starts the beginning of October, taking Fran Cohens old job. We will work with him a lot as senate. I will invite him to come talk to us. Homecoming is 10/13-10/17. We have been planning since May, schedule is similar to last year, a few new events. We will be co-sponsoring a concert at the Ryan center instead of battle of the bands. It is tentatively planned for Thursday, October 15. We're encouraging groups to do something during this week. We're trying to expand homecoming every year. It's gotten better each year. Senate is doing a partnership with athletics, trying to promote some of their events, especially around basketball season. Planning a couple of bus trips (maybe to BC, definitely to UMass). We're going to have senate sponsored games, one game each semester, fall vs. northeastern, spring vs. umass. Big thing is that there is tailgating at home football games this season. To clarify the policy, the only change to university alcohol policy has to do with football. If you are bringing a car to game, it is \$10 in lot if you tailgate you must stay in lot. You cannot bring own alcohol in, you need to buy from the tent- \$5 for 16 ounce glass of beer. System works pretty well, I think it is going to help attendance. There are rules, like you cannot play games in parking lot. Tents get closed 15 minutes before kickoff, but open again during halftime and after game. It pumps money into athletics so go support it. That is the ONLY change on campus, alcohol is still banned from buildings. In SOARC we have a whole new policy, level 1,2,3,4 are out the window. You have to look it over, make sure you understand and ask us questions. With lawsuit, a ton of stuff happened this summer. We will have that binder in the office for you. Our lawyer is optimistic, and the fact that the judge wants to have hearing at Roger Williams law school means he thinks there are interesting points. I want to take a minute to welcome freshmen that are sitting in gallery. I want to thank you for coming, so stand up and introduce yourself. Dave from Fayerweather, Jon, junior psych major spent first two years on campus and this is the first semester off, Devona I came to like every meeting last year and I ran for on campus seat, Chris pre-vet, Britny science, Tanya undecided excited. I'm done! Last thing is that we're back in swing of things, we're going to Applebee's at 9:00! Woohoo!

- **RULES AND ETHICS:** no report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: none

Elections Committee

Petit- Election period formally begins Sept. 14th, tell people to come down to office, period ends Sept. 25th. Elections take place at booths on Sept. 30th from 9a.m. to 5p.m. and October 1 from 9a.m. to 5p.m..

Everyone who is on senate needs to do at least one hour at booth, and can count as office hour if Vidhi says so. We'll be having information booths also, so sign up and you can sit at booth and pass out flyers.

Messineo- Are the nominations for elections for the seat vacated by Aronoff?

Shah- Yes.

Rodrigues- Can info booth be counted as office hour?

Shah- Yes it can

Petit-I can't remember what day it is so I'm going to leave this sheet in the office and you can sign up.

Rodrigues- It's Tuesday Sept. 14th

I. SPECIAL ORDERS: Nominations for cultural affairs chair:

Bedard- I nominate Prata, Rodrigues seconds

Faustin- I nominate Almeida, Clarke seconds

Nominations for elections:

Bedard- I nominate Shah, Rodrigues seconds

Coates- I nominate Sinapi, Holland seconds, declines

Clarke- I nominate Harrington, Holden seconds

Rodrigues- I nominate Bedard, declines

Petit- Motion to move back to elections, Rodrigues seconds, passes

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

SS-09/10-17 – BILL CALLING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE URI STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS, Articles IX.

Whereas, the SOARC Committee has undertaken an effort to reform the URI Student Senate organization recognition system, and

Whereas, the resulting plan requires a significant number of changes to the URI Student Senate's instruments of governance, therefore be it

Resolved, that the following amendments to Articles of the URI Student Senate Bylaws by adopted and implemented immediately:

(additions in *italics*, removals in ~~strike through~~, ellipses indicate unchanged text)

Article IX: Student Organizations

Section A. Recognition

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Part 2. Requirements

Executive Board members of Senate recognized organizations shall be elected as established by way of each organization's individual constitution. In the event of a discrepancy between the group's individual constitution and the legally accepted rules for recognition, SOARC shall have the right to default to the appropriate section of the Model Constitution. ~~Levels I, II, III and IV~~ *Categories R, A, M, and S* organizations shall hold their annual meetings before April 1 unless special permission has been granted by the SOARC Committee. In order to become an elected officer of any organization, the candidate may be requested to furnish written proof that he or she has not been in poor academic standing (below a 2.0/4.0 cumulative G.P.A.) for greater than two consecutive semesters to the Chairperson of SOARC. A letter from the Office of the Registrar will serve this purpose.

Subpart a. Basic Filings

Any organization may apply for recognition by filing with the Student Organization Advisory and Review Committee a list with at least the minimum number of required members for the intended level of recognition, with first and last names and local

phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and a copy of its written purpose and model constitution as well as recent and planned activities. Each recognized student organization must apply for renewal of recognition annually on a date which falls during the first week of October by filing lists of current officers and members as described above, and a brief description of recent and planned activities, and by filing a copy of its written instruments of organization in alternate years or as may be more frequently requested. The descriptions of the four *levels categories* of recognition are as follows:

- ~~Level I: A group which provides an indispensable social service that demonstrates a clear institutional benefit to the student body, and/or student organizations. Eligible for funding by annual budget, contingency, and financial benefit package.~~
- ~~Level II: A group which provides individual benefits to members of the student body outside the group's immediate membership, and demonstrates to SOARC a need for an annual budget. Eligible for funding by annual budget, contingency, and financial benefits package.~~
- ~~Level III: A group which exists for the advancement and growth of its immediate membership and provides a community of common interest. Not eligible for funding by budget; eligible for contingency and financial benefits package.~~
- ~~Level IV: A group which wishes to use the name of the URI student body but fails to meet basic requirements in essential areas or for other compelling reasons cannot receive funds from the Senate. Not eligible for funding by any means, but are eligible to be co-sponsored for events with other Senate recognized groups.~~
- *Category R: A group which exists solely for the advancement and growth of its immediate membership and provides a community of common interest. Not eligible for funding by budget; eligible for contingency and financial benefits package.*
- *Category A: A group which meets the basic requirements of a URI Student Senate organization; however, is not eligible for funding for reasons including but not limited to... receive academic department funding, or organizations whose main purpose is philanthropic. Not eligible for funding by means, but are eligible to be co-sponsored for events with other Student Senate recognized groups.*
- *Category M: A group which provides an indispensable social service to the student body, and/or student organizations through government or media and demonstrates to SOARC a need for an annual budget.*
- *Category S: A group which provides individual benefits to members of the student body outside the group's immediate membership, and/or demonstrates to SOARC a need for an annual budget. Eligible for funding by annual budget, contingency, and financial benefits package.*

[...]

Section B. Funds

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Part 4. Grants

The Senate may by majority vote make occasional contingency grants of Student Activities Tax funds to any student organization at ~~Levels I, II, or III~~ *Categories R, M, or S*. Such grants shall be used for the providing of services or benefits to the student body, and may be accompanied by any restrictions or limitations that may be enacted.

Part 5. Eligibility for Funding by Budget

Subpart a. Definition

The Senate may by two-thirds (2/3) vote enact legislation granting eligibility for funding by budget ~~Levels I, II and III~~ *Categories R, M, and S*, provided that the Senate itself may function as if inherently eligible for funding by budget. In order to be granted a budget, the Finance Committee must receive a list of names with the appropriate number of undergraduate members from groups wishing to apply for a budget, following the same guidelines as required by initial recognition. An organization granted eligibility for funding by budget may annually prepare and file a budget request for the next fiscal year, showing the total amount needed and a detailed

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Nominations for Cultural Affairs Chair move to special orders
Nominations for Elections Committee Member move to special orders

Holland- Have been working on this bill all summer, so if you have any questions ask us. If you see a typo let me know so I can fix it before we vote.

Clarke- Will there be a packet of descriptions?

Holland- I will have it in senate office, because this is just changing bylaws.

Coates- Just to let you know, to change bylaws we need ¾ vote on senate.

SS-09/10-18- Resolution Expressing Support and Welcoming Dr. David Dooley and Lynn Baker-Dooley to the University of Rhode Island

Whereas, Dr. David Dooley was appointed the 11th President of the University of Rhode Island on May 11, 2009, and

Whereas, He and his wife, Lynn Baker-Dooley are joining the campus community after years at Montana State University, and

Whereas, this position presents them with a new location, opportunities, and experience, therefore be it

Resolved, that on behalf of the URI Student Body, the Student Senate welcomes Dr. David Dooley and Lynn Baker-Dooley to the University of Rhode Island

community, and be it further

Resolved, that on behalf of the URI Student Body, the Student Senate wishes Dr. David Dooley and Lynn Baker-Dooley health, happiness, and much success throughout their tenure at the University of Rhode Island.

SPONSOR:	The University of Rhode Island Student Senate
BILL HANDLER:	President David Bedard
DATE:	Wednesday, September 9, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage
EXPIRATION:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Bedard- The other bill on there is similar to bill we passed for Dr. Carothers. We are saying hello and welcoming President Dooley. It will be on your agenda next week.

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM: Rodrigues- motion to adjourn, Holden seconds

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Almeida, Bickham, Clarke, Daodu, Einhorn, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Gray, Holden, Holland, Kearns, Long, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Loughlin, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Rodrigues, Shah, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

NAY: Coates, Holzman, Petit, Sinapi

NO VOTE: Bedard, Boiteau, Harrington

N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 p.m.