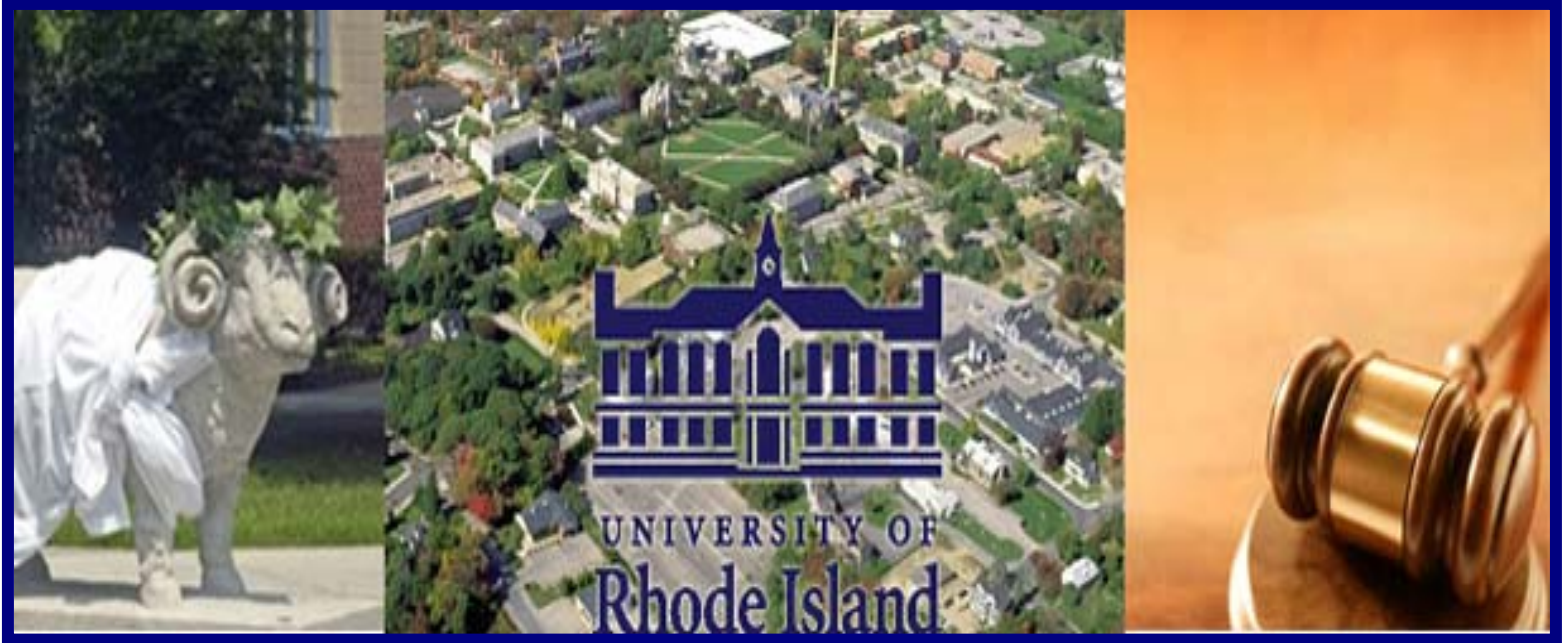


THE RHODY REVIEW

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For New Readers...

The Rhody Review was created this year to help inform and connect student groups and Student Senate with the entire URI campus. The newsletter will be published once a month and feature groups, tips, upcoming events, Senate and the University.

HELPFUL LINKS

Student Senate's Website:
<http://www.uristudentsenate.org>

Full Calendar of Events:
<http://www.mu.uri.edu/calendar/index.html>

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Thinking Outside of the Box

Fun and Easy Fundraising Ideas from SPO

There are a lot of different ways to raise money for student groups on and off campus. Here is a list of some unique and easy ideas to get your organization started. Make sure to check with building managers and faculty in the Memorial Union. Have some fun and get creative!

- * Face Painting Before Events (Charge for face painting at booths before a sporting event).
- * Game Face Temporary Tattoos
- * Community Bingo nights (see if a local Community center would allow you to sponsor a bingo night).
- * Sports Clinics (hold a clinic for youths in baseball, basketball, etc.).
- * Benefit Concerts
- * Book Fair (Collect books and then sell them).
- * Car Washes
- * Hold a Haunted House during the Halloween Season. (Charge an entrance fee. Also, ask other groups to co-sponsor and work with your group!)
- * Create a Cookbook and sell it (recipes given by organization members)
- * Entertainment Books
- * Double Dip Day (Attendees pay for all they can eat ice-cream sundaes).
- * T-Shirt Sales (Sell T-Shirts for events).
- * Student/Faculty Talent Show (Host a talent show and charge an admission fee).
- * Birthday Cake Delivery Program (Take orders for birthday cakes and deliver them).
- * Birthday Baskets (Put together baskets for people's birthdays and then sell them.)
- * Singing Telegrams (Take orders for singing telegrams)
- * Sell an Ad Book (Include local businesses)
- * Guessing Games (Set up a booth and have different guessing games, i.e. how many jelly beans in the jar?)
- * Recycling Drive (Hold a recycling drive.)
- * Human Chess Tournaments (Have participating organization pay an entrance fee and then have a chess game using people of that organization as the various chess pieces).
- * Picnic Basket Auctions (Make theme baskets and auction them off).
- * Candle Light Evening out (Sell tickets to a night of romance with a candle light dinner and dance).
- * Work at Alumni/faculty/staff homes (offer to rake leaves, wash cars, etc...for alumni of your organization or faculty and staff).
- * Fundraising Dinners at Local Restaurants
- * Putt-Putt Golf, Ultimate Frisbee, Bowling, Capture the Flag, Beach Volleyball, Flag Football, and Kickball Tournaments (Charge an entrance fee for participants).
- * Ask Businesses to Match Fundraising Totals
- * Sponsor a Midnight Bowling Night (Charge to participate).
- * Track and Field Events (Have organizations make teams to represent their group and charge the teams to participate).
- * Spaghetti Dinners (Charge people for a plate and enjoy a dinner with friends).
- * Root Beer Floats (Sell root beer floats).
- * Chili Cook Off (Charge an entrance fee).
- * 5-K Races (Charge an entrance fee and encourage donations).
- * Yard Clean-Ups (charge a fee to rake leaves and clean up yards).
- * Brown Bag Challenge (Ask people to donate the money they would spend on lunch to your organization and bring a brown bag lunch instead for one day).
- * Off and On-campus Bake Sale
- * Stadium Clean-ups (Offer to clean up after events/games and ask for a donation).
- * Caramel Apple Sales
- * Jump Rope-a-Thon (Charge an entrance fee).
- * Hole-in-one Contest (Pay for a shot for a hole-in-one).
- * Empty Soup Bowl Dinners (Go to a pottery painting store, paint a bunch of bowls, and sell them. After selling them, offer a dinner in which they can eat out of those bowls).



Simply Student Senate

The purpose of the University of Rhode Island Student Senate is to...

Provide an official and representative student government, to investigate student problems and take appropriate action, to provide the official voice through which student opinion may be expressed, to encourage the development of responsible student participation in the overall policy and decision making process of the university community, to foster an awareness of the student's role in the academic community, to enhance the quality and scope of education at the University, to participate in University and Faculty committees, and to provide means for responsible and affective participation in the organization of student affairs.

Transition Tips from the President

The spring semester has been moving quickly and May will be here quicker than anticipated. Student Senate has just elected a new president, just as all Student Organizations will do soon. I write to you all today in hope of helping the transition issues that have hurt many organizations in the past. Here are some quick tips to help your organizations provide leadership for future members.

There are many great ways to help the transition of your organization. Do not let the hard work of the past be lost in this process. Educate your student organization, and you will find a more productive and efficient group that is confident in the task ahead of them. It has been my pleasure to be your President of the Student Body and I thank all of you for teaching me many lessons over this past year. I am truly a better person because of the hard work and dedication of the URI student body.

- Create a time frame for your organization.
- Have your old executive committee meet with the newly elected members to teach them the lessons they have learned, along with allowing an exchange of ideas. .
- Create a contact list comprised of important and helpful people.
- Introduce faculty, staff, and students to your organization.
- Plan a retreat with SOLC.
- Explain the financial requirements and procedures of the Student Senate
- Attend a Presidents meeting with old and new members.
- Bruce Hamilton and the Memorial Union Staff- they are a source of infinite knowledge, don't be afraid to introduce yourself and ask for help when needed.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ahrens

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to current Vice President David Bedard, and Treasurer Vidhi Shah on winning the presidential election.

They will represent the Student Senate as President and Vice President, respectively, this upcoming term.

\$ PLEASE READ \$

The Student Senate has less than \$1,500 in the programming contingency for the remainder of the year. The finance committee is currently looking at all the options to meet groups' programming needs for the rest of the semester. However with the recent influx of new groups requesting programming contingency some groups may not receive any funding from senate for their events.



Standing Committees

Finance

The budgeting meeting is this Wednesday March 4th at 6:30 in the Senate Chambers. A representative from every level 1 and level 2 groups **must** be present.

When all Student Senate recognized groups hold their elections for their executive board for next year, the new president and treasurer must make sure to sign new signature cards with the Finance Chair of Student Senate.

Campus Affairs

Campus Affairs is currently working on the Ellery Pond Restoration Project. They are looking for URI artists/landscape architects to submit renderings of the project. One piece will be chosen by the committee to be displayed in the Senate Office.

The committee meets on Mondays at 2PM in RM 301 of the Memorial Union. Any inquiries or campus complaints can be directed to Chairwoman Amanda LaRocca at amandaglarocca@gmail.com

SOARC

Student organizations are what make a community for URI Students to connect and make friends; remember to remain inclusive to all members new and old.

Presidents, you've put a lot of time and effort into creating a strong and sustainable organization. Your last step as leader should be to ensure future success of the organization. Allow future leaders to shadow the current president so they know what to expect. Another idea is to leave a binder with important tips explaining the position, especially concerning the SOARC and Finance committees on Senate.

If you have any concerns regarding your organization or Student Senate please don't hesitate to contact Chairwoman Amanda Clarke at aclarkeoarc@gmail.com.

External Affairs

This month, the External Affairs Committee is highlighting the Narragansett URI Coalition. The purpose of this board is to establish, reduce, and resolve tensions between students and the Narragansett community. Chairman O'Brien has been placed on the committee as co-chairman. The Committee meets once a month at the Narragansett Town Hall. The next meeting will be the end of the March. When the date is finalized feel free to come by the Senate office to get the exact time.

Finally there will be an open forum meeting in April. This meeting is a time for anyone to have their voice heard and to ask the coalition questions.

If you or someone you know has any questions, please feel free to come by the Senate office in the Memorial Union.

Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs Committee is in the beginning stages of assisting the adjunct faculty on-campus get the pay raise they deserve. There have been articles about the issue, and a demonstration by some staff members.

The committee is reviewing the new teaching evaluation form called the I.D.E.A. The goal is to develop a series of question from the sheet in order for students to view as public knowledge.

If any student would like to get involved, please visit the Student Senate office in the Memorial Union.

Cultural Affairs

Cultural Affairs is looking for some suggestions, here is your chance to get involved. If you have any ideas, thoughts, or concerns please stop into the Senate office.

Also, if you would like to attend a Cultural Affairs meeting, they are held on Mondays at 4.

Advertisements

If you are interested in becoming the Spotlitged Group for next month, please stop into the Senate Office in room 201 in the Memorial Union to find out more information.

If you would like to advertise an event, please contact the Director of Communications, Juelia Simon.

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STUDENT ORG. SPOTLIGHT PRESENTS...

ALIMA!



Alima International Dance Association (AIDA) is an organization whose goal is to spread the diversity of dancing that derived from the African roots. Alima wants people to become aware of the diversity and the beauty of cultures fused together into one. This group believes that different nationalities and backgrounds should come together through the arts of music, dance, and expression. Alima International Dance Association focuses on what people really have in common: **“Rhythm and the Power of Self Expression.”**

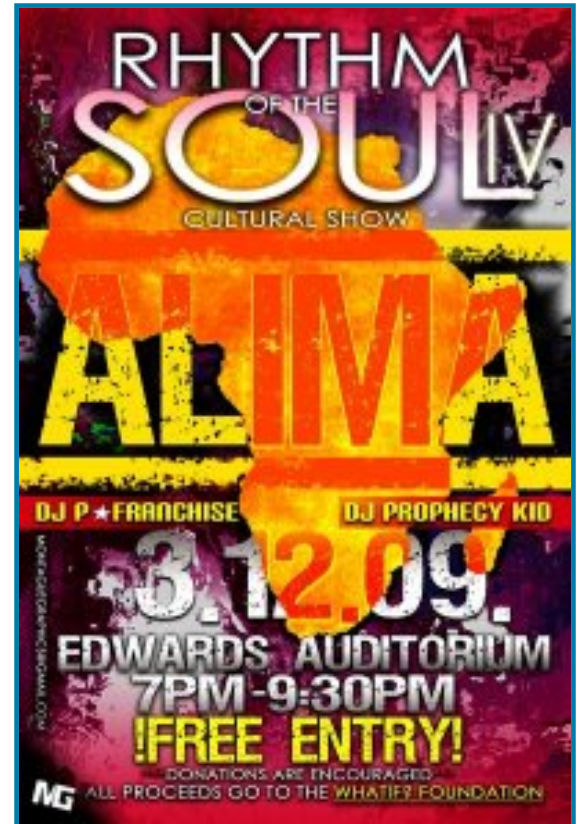
“The Rhythm of the Soul” is about cultural talents, and diversity. This event’s primary goal is to educate the student body, staff, and the public about the real meaning of dance and free will; by introducing an exciting and worthwhile way to advocate diversity in our community. Any dance or performance by Alima will send a positive message to the student body, whether it is love, family values, death, culture and tradition. Its secondary goal is to recognize or encourage the reunion of the University of Rhode Island’s groups, and bring them to the spotlight by giving them a chance to perform.

The theme for **“The Fourth Annual Rhythm of the Soul”** will be **“Uniting Under One Race.”** The message that Alima wants to present is, expression of cultures and unity.

Alima strongly believes that in order to make a difference in the world, you have to act. This thought is what made the group decide to donate all of their proceeds from this event to a national non-profit foundation, called What if? There will be \$5 donation at the door. What if? Foundation’s mission statement is to feed and educate impoverished children in Haiti, providing hope and opportunity for a brighter future. Donations will be going towards their educational program because there are so few public schools in Haiti. This Foundation provides scholarships to pay for the tuition, uniforms, and books needed for school. What Alima is trying to achieve at this years Rhythm of the Soul is sponsor up to three students to go to school. Donations of every size make a powerful impact.

“Confidence and teamwork are important to us as an organization and a family. We want to make sure that everyone, including our student body maintains a high level of confidence, and to encourage each other. We perform dances for a reason that is to show how we all are interrelated.”

Please come out and support ALIMA on March 12, 2009 in Edwards Auditorium.



All information provided by Alima’s President, Willynn Sanon