

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

B. ROLL CALL: Balikov, Barrena, Blanchette, Brehio, Brown, Cahill, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Connolly, Cordisco, Dionne, Dobrzynski, Farrow, Ferreira, Jones, Juhr, Kilduff, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Lanoie, Longa, Merolla, Mullin, Murphy, Musali, Nielson, Pickard, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Reyes, Roy, Segal, Sharkey Andrew, Sharkey Annalisa, Smith A., Smith, M., Stewart, Studley, Troiano, Weinreich, Zawatsky

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Merolla- Strike bill SS-11-12.

Brown- Dash what?

Stewart- SS-11/12-58.

Farrow- Motion to immediately consider bill SS11-12/56

2nd Pilkington

Farrow- Motion to amend bill SS11-12/59, the second one.

2nd Pilkington

Holzman- That bill needs to be renumbered because they are different two different grants.

Holzman- Motion to strike bill SS11-12/58.

Farrow- Motion to add “Director of Marketing” to Reports from Executive Committees

2nd Roy

Agenda Approved ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes Approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pilkington-Motion for pledge

2nd Lamoureux

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

SS-11/12-51 Tax Grant for the Student Senate

Whereas, the Student Senate compensates its executive members, and

Whereas, the Student Senate has added a Director of Marketing, and,

Whereas, compensation for the Director of Marketing was budgeted for,

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate shall allocate \$1,250.00 from the Student Activities Tax to Category 134 (Stipends) in order to compensate the Director of Marketing according to the rules of the Senate.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Holzman
DATE:	Wednesday, January 27 th , 2012
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (3 - 2 - 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

SS-11/12-40 Approval of the Finance Handbook (Reintroduced)

Whereas, Article V, Article B, Section I, SubSection A, Part 2 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 Jacob Holzman be approved as the Finance Handbook for the 2011-2012 fiscal year as presented.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Jacob Holzman
DATE: Wednesday, January 27th, 2012
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5 - 0 - 1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Until Passage of Finance Handbook 2012-2013
ACTION: Vote This Week

SS-11/12-52 – Programming Contingency Grant Request for Uhuru Sasa Fashion Show

Whereas, Uhuru Sasa is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Uhuru Sasa would like to purchase punch passes, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Uhuru Sasa would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and
Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate’s custom to grant such requests, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$2,500.00 from our Programming Contingency to Category # 130 (Programming) line in the budget of Uhuru Sasa for the Fashion Show.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
DATE: Wednesday, January 27th, 2012
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6 - 0 - 0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-11/12-59 – Alcohol-Free Event Grant Request for Uhuru Sasa Fashion Show

Whereas, Uhuru Sasa is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Uhuru Sasa would like to host its annual Fashion Show, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Uhuru Sasa would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and
Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate’s custom to grant such requests, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,000.00 from the Substance Abuse Prevention Fund to the Category # 130 (Programming) line in the budget of Uhuru Sasa for the Fashion Show.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
DATE: Wednesday, January 27th, 2012
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6 - 0 - 0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-11/12-53 – Capital Improvement Grant for the Sailing Club

Whereas, the Sailing Club is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, a primary asset of the Sailing Club needs repair above and beyond the internal capabilities of the Sailing Club, and
Whereas, such a major and unusual repair is needed as a result of reasonable long term use, and

Whereas, the continued service of this asset has a clear and valuable role in their operations, and Whereas, such a major repair is best done by the facility that originally constructed the vessel, and Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate’s custom to grant such requests, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$2,800.00 from the Capital Improvement Contingency Fund to Category # 211 (Repairs) line in the budget of Sailing Club for the Keel Repair.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
DATE: Wednesday, January 27th, 2012
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5 - 0 - 1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-11/12-54 – Programming Contingency Grant Request for SAWA Hair Show

Whereas, SAWA is a Senate recognized organization, and Whereas, SAWA would like to host its annual Fashion Show, and Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and Whereas, Uhuru Sasa would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate’s custom to grant such requests, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$6,500.00 from the Programming Contingency to the Category # 130 (Programming) line in the budget of Uhuru Sasa for the Fashion Show.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
DATE: Wednesday, January 27th, 2012
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5 - 0 - 0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-11/12-58 – BILL CALLING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2012 FINANCE HANDBOOK BILL TO CONTAIN A SECTION ON POST PROGRAMMING INCLUSIONS

~~Whereas, every year the Finance Chair shall publish a Finance Handbook, which shall binding upon all _____ recognized student organizations, and,
Whereas, the currently Finance Handbook does not include an amendment to provide the necessary _____ instructions as to formulating a post programming inclusion,
Whereas, programming grants provided to Student Organizations would require a post evaluation _____ reviewed by a member of the finance committee
Whereas, the need to provide the committee and the Senate a measure to objectively determine funds _____ on not only prior costs but also evaluation from previous committee members, is vital
Resolved, that an amendment be constructed and approved through the finance committee for the _____ academic 2012 school year and thereafter.~~

Sponsor: _____ Finance Committee
Bill Handler: _____ Vice Chair Michael Merolla
Date: _____ Wednesday (_____)
Expiration Date: _____ Upon Validation
Action: _____ Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration Requested)

Holzman- Bills for next week. 51 is the DOM stipend. 52 and 59 are for the fashion show. 53 for the sailing club. On the floor tonight is the bill for the approval of the finance handbook.

Merolla- Motion to amend bill in section 2.

Recommendation from committee (5-0-0)

Coates- I do not think that amendment makes any sense. That is already done and handled by building managers and anybody else involved in the event, so there is no reason to add any redundant policies, so I think it should be struck.

Caisse- This bill has been tabled number of times and people have read the handbook, so I think there should be a motion to strike. Motion to strike

2nd Roy

Holzman- I yield my time to Senator Merolla.

Merolla- One of the purposes of adding this in is although this information is available, it is not filed. By putting this in, it is making sure it is something that goes through finance, is approved, and is recorded specific to our framework.

Caisse- Why not in the original proposal?

Merolla- This came up afterwards, and it is now after we all approved it.

Holzman- The event reports we get for building managers have relatively narrow scope. Don't tell us enough we want to know about the event. Those reports tend to cover matters like crowd control, etc. If the event runs perfectly, we don't know why it went perfectly. If it went poorly, we do not know why it went poorly but know what went poorly. The event might not even grab what went poorly. They might have crowd control problems. We can see how the events went so we can start building a database and manual with best practices and learn better about how to do things right and prevent them from going wrong. This will help create data that we need over time.

Roy- I am highly against this amendment. I receive these reports from Joe Berardi as you do know? I read these reports and there is plenty of information. They state why they're expectance attendance was or was not met, how many members were staffing. I think this is a matter Finance can bring up with Joe or speak with him afterwards. I do not think it should be added to what our Finance committee has to be responsible for.

Coates- Do not think it is an appropriate measure to be included in the handbook. We can change the practice as it is, but I do not think it should be included because that means we will have to enforce it by the book. I do not think it is at all appropriate.

Caisse- If this is such a hot topic, I would suggest the handbook as a whole right now as an amendment and look at this change down the line.

Brown- Question for Chairman Holzman. What you think lacks in the reports that is really needed in the new report you are looking for?

Holzman- They are lacking "how." Sometimes, there is the "why" in there. Many times, there are "whys" as to how things went poorly or successfully, but they can't catch all of them because the building manager is only seeing that event when it is happening. They are not seeing advertising around campus, planning that went into it. They receive only a small snapshot. These evaluation forms would be more broad and talk about things that come after the event. It is not to say that the event reports are not valuable or useful, but they do not contain all the information that we want and we want to catch the rest of that. Part of the matter to amend on the floor tonight because the sooner we start this record, the sooner we can get it put together. As we go forward, this will prevent us from giving excessive amounts of money to events that have had issues in the past. We can make a more informed decision in the future based on our experiences.

Kilduff- I was going to say the exact same thing. I do not understand the full scope of this and how the senate's responsibility is to gain this extra information. We have the finance handbook as it is, and I think we should vote on the handbook now and the amendment when we learn about it.

Merolla- One of the intents and purposes in having this amendment is in that we would be requiring information that we would use from the senate as well. It is somewhat difficult what the finance committee was thinking before and after the event when giving money, so when we make decisions in the future and now, we can make decisions more objectively. I think as a person that ran a really large

event on campus, there are a lot of questions you have as you are going and a lot of problems you run into and there are things I wish I saw that I wish were mapped out to me, so in that sense, I think it would be a good resource to have. I also do not think it is right to judge the attendance numbers or anything like that because those are strict factors to deal with. As far as knowing how much we gave them.

Weinreich- I think this measure is pretty valuable. I do not have access to the reports given by SPO, and I think we need this because there are times how successful this event was in the past and the group coming before us may not know because they may be younger. The information that this will give us will be valuable, allow us to judge better events in the past, better allocate student activities tax dollars. I do not see any reason why this amendment should not be approved, and why we are concerned about a little extra paperwork to make sure every event is run successfully. I think this could be very beneficial.

Coates- Was SPO informed of the proposal?

Holzman- Yes, and they were very positive about it.

Coates- As I said before, I can tell you they already believe we have too many rules and have too much going on and adding another step is not going to be favorable for us. This was sprung on in such a short period of time. I am not saying we can't do this eventually, but we should not make this amendment on the floor without giving senate enough notice.

Caisse- I will echo my remarks. I do not understand this problem, and I do not think we can understand the scope of this right now, so I move to limit debate.

2nd Roy

Merolla- One thing I want to say is the amendment does not hold any consequences until it is resolved. As long as they talk to committee. We need to have groups evaluate events, and we want to make sure it is on paper.

Juhr- Question for Senator Weinreich. Are the current reports not allowed to be shared?

Weinreich- I don't know.

Roy-Anybody can see them. They can ask me or Joe Berardi.

Ferreira- What is the problem with filing building manager and SPO reports for groups to see? And isn't there an accurate number we give for each event?

Holzman- There is but I do not have that specific number, but it is available to my committee, and I make sure to have that record available to my committee. The form is not about what we gave them last year.

Stewart- It sounds like there is a lot of miscommunication on organizations amongst all of the people involved in the decision, so we should forego talking about this any longer. Motion to vote on proposed amendment.

2nd Farrow

Abstention from Chairman Holzman

Motion passed

Holzman- Any questions about the finance handbook?

Weinreich- This handbook handles \$2.2 million and this handbook will matter deeply to every group on campus.

Caisse- If those people that did read it are not sufficient, is Senator Weinreich suggesting we can table this so we can read it next week?

Weinreich- No.

Dobrzynski- I made some notes. In the first part, in the previous handbook, it introduced Kim as the coordinator, the SOARC chair, and the person that works in the student accounts office. In the new handbook, none of them are announced. Is there any way to put names and contacts for students to contact. I think they should be mentioned in the beginning. It's easier for people to know who they have to go see when they address people.

Holzman- Good point. We struck the names because when the handbook is written is different from when people transitions to those positions. Kim does not transition annually or Lori. When organizations are recognized, they get a memo with that contact information with it. Additionally, at

the president's meeting, the new chairs (SOARC and Finance) are introduced to the organization's presidents.

Lamoureux- I had to recently take the quiz, as you know, and I just found a disconnect from the handbook to the quiz, more or less when you read through it, there are more specific questions and answers in the quizzes than in the handbook.

Holzman- I tried very hard to lay this out better. When I made the quiz, I tried to get the questions to be in the same order that they are addressed in the handbook, but I am definitely in favor of reviewing the quiz and trying to improve it. I am all for improving the quiz.

Dobrzynski- How do you plan to evaluate reading the handbook?

Holzman- I instituted a quiz on Sakai where treasurers and presidents can add themselves and take the quiz. It is 10 questions and all on material taken directly out of the handbook, and we tried to pick the 10-14 most critical points. If I did not incur a lot of hate mail as a result of doing it, it would be longer. We tried to pick the points that are most conflicted with students, so that we can see students have at least read the book and know the important rules. I left it open ended in the finance handbook so that if a future chair decides there is a better way to do it, that is fine.

Coates- I had to express some reservation over the addition of allowing Category "A" groups to pursue contingency grants. Have you rethought that?

Holzman- I am not sure which discussion. For information for the senate as a whole, as you may have found out, we are now allowing category "A" organizations to get programming contingency as contingency to put on events. We thought this was appropriate because, while we cannot hand over student activities tax to charities, these charitable events are often student programming. We think it is reasonable to spend money on student programming, even if those programming events happen to generate revenue for charities. Some of our organizations tend to already do that. It will be at the responsibility of the finance committee and the finance chair.

Coates- This is a huge reversal in policy for us. Ever since I have been here, we did not give money to academic organizations or specifically charity-driven organizations. My reservations come because I am not sure of proficiency in the bureaucratic oversight that this requires. I am not certain that the Senate can be as consistent as it may need to be in allowing something like this. I think we have seen with the regulations we have already have in place that we have not necessarily been consistent in our actions. I am actually against that part of the handbook. I just do not believe that we could walk the line that we would need to. On the academic front, we also need to make sure that things the university should be paying as part of the tuition you are paying, are received. I do not want students coming in asking us to send them to conferences, equipment for classrooms, etc. That is not what we are here for. We are promoting student activities. I am not comfortable with it.

Krauss- Referring back to your reservations, is it more of a question of lack of ability or experience as a floodgate situation with groups who have been denied in the past that would come to us with requests?

Coates- The Senate needs to have the willpower to say no in the same situations every time. I think the way it is set up right now is that the current system we use is that we have a clear-cut definition that is sometimes questions as well.

Lamoureux- What do you see as a plan to oversee how they use their money?

Holzman- I understand President Coates's concern. I am almost in support of you. They would not have access to travel contingency, traveling requests, or anything like that. With programming, it is a lot clearer and is easy to say by looking at an event and distinguish the event.

Kilduff- Have there been any instances previously where organizations have had trouble with programming?

Holzman- Our category "A" organizations are always struggling because they are not getting support from us or their department. There has been a lot of turnover in this category of organizations. They do not want to be recognized because there is no tangible benefit. They do not get a budget and do not ask for contingency. Some have asked to discontinue their relationship with the Senate. This is an attempt to bring more organizations under our umbrella and bring more organizations to campus.

Weinreich- Category "A"s have also tried to switch categories and SOARC committee has been looking into that. The design of category "A" was that money could not be funneled in. This might help

keep the matter under control, if and only if we have confidence in events to make sure the money is not going in the wrong places. If anybody has a doubt that this will not work or that we do not have the oversight, they should change it.

Holzman- This covers both the philanthropic and academic organizations. The reason we do not give them a budget is because it could be easily argued that their "recruitment" line could be recruiting students into the major, which is not our job. If it is programming money, there are people who may want to be a part of the program who are not necessarily in the major.

Pishdadian- Is there any way you are going to be able to distinguish?

Holzman- We did not draw that line in the handbook. We did say money for student programming. For better or worse, it is the way this kind of thing has to be written. As the chair of the committee, some test questions can be formed to determine whether or not this committee has the discretion to determine this.

Coates- I can already start to think of ways to get around this. I think we are opening ourselves up to conflicts.

Brown- I feel that what it is opened up, it may get pushed and pushed as we go down the line. If we get one person one thing, it will get too far.

Merolla- I would just like to say from my experience on Finance, you always see groups that try to push the limits. If a group is trying to have a programming event that meets their standards in the mission statement and is a programming event for all students, that is what we are here for.

Weinreich- Purely philanthropic organizations are purely philanthropic, so the way we categorize things for the most part will take care of this. As long as they are not eligible for capital improvements and keep an eye on it, I am okay with it with an informed decision about what is actually written in the book.

Coates- As far as academic organizations, their lack of success is the result of Academic Affairs for a number of years. It never even occurred to me that I should be helping connect organizations to their department. It is something that we have tried to correct.

Holzman- Vote how you feel about this. Nobody has actually moved to strike.

Farrow- Motion to add category "A" that are not eligible

2nd Roy

Coates- Add category "A" that are not eligible for programming contingency, is what I believe Senator Farrow just stated.

Recommendation (2-3-0)

Holzman- I would rather strike Category "A"'s as not eligible for capital improvements and would rather just say only eligible for "R", "M," and "S"

Weinreich- May we pass the current amendment as it stands and in the interest of thoroughness, allow organizations to read through all of this. Category "A"'s are not eligible for program contingency.

Roy- Move to vote on current amendment.

2nd Kilduff

Amendment Fails

Holzman- Move to amend part 4, section 3 grants to read "grants are made available to Category R, M, and S for their respective purposes." And to strike second sentence regarding capital improvements.

2nd Roy

Brown- Motion to vote.

Abstension from Chairman Holzman

Bill Passes ☺

Segal- The tax grant bill that is vote for next week- if stipends are coming out this week, then shouldn't that be immediately considered?

Holzman- It does not need to be because there is enough money in the stipend line.

Bruce- Just wanted to let the finance chair know that he has two reps here.

Coates- Just moves one part of the stipend money to one account from another.

Holzman- I am asking for immediate consideration for capital improvement grant from the sailing club.

Sailing Club Rep- We have two main boats on the sail that needs to be considered. The boat has been run into the ground a few too many times. We have old boats as it is. One of the keels which is the way at the bottom.

Roy- Motion to immediately consider.

2nd Studley

Jones- Are they affiliated with Club Sports?

Holzman- No. There is a Sailing Team which is affiliated with Club Sports. They are not. This is not a result of something being pinned on one person. This is from years and years of hard use by a bunch of college students in the very shallow pond. If this were deeper water, this would not happen. If the sailors were professional, this would still happen.

Bill Passes ☺

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

SS-11/12-55 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF MAKE IT BRIGHT AT CATEGORY A

Whereas, Make It Bright is an organization which will support the children of San Mauricio through service projects, and

Whereas, Make It Bright meets the requirements for recognition at category A, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes Make It Bright at Category A.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Roy
DATE:	Wednesday, January 25, 2012
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Roy- Hello, everyone. There is a bill on the floor that is vote next week. It is “Make It Bright.” I have never seen a group so excited about getting student senate recognized. They were really excited. Even if they are not taking our money, they were still excited about being recognized. Over the break, I have been checking my email and responding to emails and have also been working on a “database”, creating a survey that is going out to all faculty and staff asking if you would like to be an advisor of a student organization. I am going to compile these into a book and have as a resource for students who are looking for an advisor. I think it would be a great help because students feel bad about asking faculty about being advisors because they are too busy or are unsure. This would give a complete list of people who are interested. I will bring in that survey next week. I have to figure out how I am going to set it up.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Caisse- Be on the lookout for resolutions for Second Grade Option and Free Printing. I will be speaking with college liaisons individually. To touch briefly on what Coates said, I tasked two people on my committee to make connections with Category “A” groups about problems they are having and to help them contact their individual departments. I met with USA Today over break and will look to expand readership. I will be meeting with the Office of Internships and Experiential Education to talk about credit for student organizations. I would encourage students who have problems with a professor or department to resolve that issue on their own before there are any big problems caused. I have students researching first and then talking to me. The advising steering committee released a report asking about recommendations to the university which may result in a bill. We will see what my committee has to say about it. Faculty Senate is tomorrow night at 3:30pm.

Weinreich- Where does the executive credits currently stand?

Caisse- It was brought to me and SOARC by another organization, but it is in the early stages.

Cicero- When and where are committee meetings?

Caisse- An email will be going out tonight to my committee. I will make sure Casey sends an email confirming that.

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Juhr- Campus Affairs meetings are on Tuesdays at 5:30pm in Room 314. Yesterday, our committee was working on contacting schools within New England to find out information about a student union and would like to compare ourselves to other universities. A Safety and Lighting Walk is being planned and would like it to be planned before spring break. We are also going to have a preliminary walk to find out preliminary areas. We also are talking about the Map project to have a campus map reoriented to fit how campus is really structured. We would also like to have a campus map posted up on a bulletin board somewhere on campus. A Hertz internship is officially made. There are students who are being trained who get driving credits and credits from the College of Business. It is pretty cool.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Ferreira- I have some pretty exciting news. The new LGBTQ Center director was chosen. Annie Russell was chosen. She is a great person and deserves the job. Cultural Affairs is going to be holding an Ace of Cakes competition. Let other organizations know. We are trying to announce it at the next President's meeting. Should happen around mid-February. The MCC is hosting a TV station about multiculturalism. Also, Cultural is meeting Mondays at 1pm in Room 301.

Caisse- You should invite the new director to come speak.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Troiano- I have been attending the forums on higher education accessibility and affordability. There were 23 testimonies from students and faculty. I am confident that it had a positive impact on the current condition. There will be one more February 17th on Wednesday and overlaps exactly with the general senate meeting time. There is no identifiable timetable for this status until 2016. As far as committee work, we are going to continue preparing for the trip to the statehouse, which is imminent. We are going to try and get more signatures. The new committee time is going to be Monday at 5:30. Don't have a room yet.

Brown- How many signatures do we have?

Troiano- 1400 estimated right now.

Farrow- Motion to move back to approval of agenda.

2nd Caisse

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a. Chief Information Officer

b. Director of Communications

Cordisco- Not too much from me. The newsletter is coming out by Friday. I am fixing some things up. Be on the look out for that.

c. Director of Marketing

Mullin- I have been doing a lot of work in the marketing plan. It currently stands at 8 pages. I need feedback from as many Senators as possible. If I could just send out a brief survey to anybody who would be willing, to gain a better understanding of the goings on of Senate. It will be an email. I met with the executive committee last night and talked about meeting certain benchmarks each week regarding elections.

c. Secretary

Jones- Not much for tonight. Kudos may be given out next week for the increased participation I have seen tonight. We are not off to a slow start coming back from the break, and that's great to see, so Kudos may be in order for next week. Give me suggestions! Please get committee minutes to me since committees are meeting this week. I will be checking.

Roy- Can the committee minutes be made available online?

Coates- It may start to happen as we progress through the semester.

d. Treasurer

Segal- I have the W-2's for exec. Stipends will be out next Tuesday.

e. ***Vice President***

Holden- As Treasurer Segal just talked about, formal is coming up. Tickets are going to be \$45 now. That is the final price. I still need committee meeting times from Academic and a set SOARC one. If the chair people have lost committee attendance, let me know. If there are people who cannot make meeting times, do not just go to another committee without telling me. Let me know. Going back to formal, formal will be from 7-11pm on February 17th. Money due to Kim by February 8th. Warning letters will be coming in the mail on Friday. Signing is in mandatory when doing your office hour. If you missed your committee meeting this week, I understand it is the first week of class. Please see me about that. At the end of the meeting, I need to see Senator Dobrzynski, Bruce, CIO Zaman. I have all the paperwork for the scholarship application.

Roy- Since you brought it up, my committee meeting is Mondays at 3pm.

f. ***President***

Coates- Good evening, everybody. Welcome back. I want to congratulate all for a good debate earlier. Last night we had a public hearing on campus on house special commission on higher education affordability and accessibility. I testified there as well as Senator Dobrzynski. Some of my testimonies regarded cost-saving measures discussed in their initial committee. I only have 9 weeks left as president. Start getting ready to run for re-election. Very few people have talked about interest in Executive positions. I met with the DOM today and also met with the Chief Diversity Officer search committee. We are making good progress but I cannot disclose details because it is confidential. We will be learning more about that in the next month. Other than that, we are going to have to plan some booths for Student Rights and Responsibility Committee to solicit suggestions from the student body about changes they would like to see as far as conduct policy. February 15th at CCRI is another opportunity for anyone to give input to the same commission to testify and give input. Anyone interested in going, great opportunity to talk to state representatives directly regarding college affordability.

Segal- What time on February 15th?

Coates- 6:30-8pm.

Labate- Being that it is on a Wednesday night, is that an excused absence?

Coates- We'll check on that.

Dobrzynski- I thought it was on the Newport campus at CCRI.

Coates- We will send out more information in the email.

Sharkey- Point of information, being held in CCRI Newport campus.

- RULES AND ETHICS:

Lamoureux- No report.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bylaws

Stewart- No report

Elections Committee

SS-11/12 - 56 BILL CALLING FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY AND ELECTION OF ACADEMIC COLLEGE AND AT-LARGE SEATS FOR THE 2012-2013 LEGISLATIVE TERM

Whereas, the URI Student Senate is required to hold annual elections during the spring semester to fill all the seats, and

Whereas, the Senate has restrictions on when the elections may be held due to scheduling and the requirements of the bylaws, therefore be it

Resolved, that an election shall be held according to the following schedule:

Declaration Period: Monday, 1/30/12@ 8:30am to Friday 2/10/12 @ 1pm

Polls Open: Wednesday, 2/15/12 9am-5pm

Polls Open: Thursday, 2/16/12 9am- 5pm

And be it further

Resolved, the following seats will be put up for election:

- President/Vice-President, the top two candidate sets to run off in a general election
- One (1) Seat for the College of Arts and Sciences
- One (1) Seat for the College of Pharmacy
- One (1) Seat for the College of Engineering
- One (1) Seat for the College of Nursing
- One (1) Seat for the College of Business
- One (1) Seat for the College of Human Sciences and Services
- One (1) Seat for the College of Environmental and Life Sciences
- One (1) Seat for University College
- Twelve (12) seats At-Large Representative

And be it finally

Resolved, that the elections shall conclude upon validation of the results by legislation.

Sponsor:	Elections Committee
Bill Handler:	Chairman Michael Merolla
Date:	Wednesday, January 25 th , 2012
Recommendation:	Passage (5 – 0 – 0)
Expiration Date:	Upon Validation
Action:	Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration Requested)

SS-11/12 – 57 BILL CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY AND ELECTION OF THE ON-CAMPUS AND OFF-CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2012-2013 LEGISLATIVE TERM

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Whereas, the Senate has restrictions on when the election may be held due to scheduling and the requirements of the bylaws, and therefore be it

Resolved that an election shall be held according to the following schedule:

- Declaration Period: 2/20/12 – 3/2/12 by 1pm on Friday, March 2nd.
- Polls open: 3/7/12 from 9AM – 5PM
- Polls open: 3/8/12 from 9AM – 5PM

and be it further

Resolved, that the following seats will be put up for election:

- President/Vice President ticket
- 11 Off Campus Representatives
- 9 On Campus Representatives

and be it further

Resolved, that the election shall conclude upon validation of the results by legislation.

SPONSOR:	Elections Committee
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BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Michael Merolla
DATE:	Wednesday, January 25 th , 2012
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5 – 0 – 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Validation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Merolla- We have a bill for immediate consideration calling for the primary for Vice President/President, and At-Large and College seats. Any questions?

Juhr- Are we supposed to be immediately considering this bill?

Holden- Was approved earlier in the meeting.

Bill Passes ☺

Merolla- We are preparing very hard for that. This is going to be very big this year. There should be a sign-up sheet going around. If you are not running, I would hope you would sign up on this sheet. If you are a senior, you should be on here as well. Next week, the other bill for the second elections for other seats will be on the floor. One of the other changes you should know about is that we want to make sure we count everything as precisely as we can. We are expecting a lot more participation. The DOM has been doing an amazing job. More on that to come. The results from this election will be posted on Monday instead of Friday. If you are in a large lecture class, please stand up when all these times are for the declaration period. Let them know what is going on. We are going to have flyers out soon.

Holden- Also students who are studying abroad or won't be here next semester that can run in elections.

Segal- Double check in the bylaws about when you can post the results.

Juhr- Since I am already on elections committee, should I fill out my time?

Merolla- No.

Farrow- Please sign up. This is a big election.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Roy- Who wants to be SOARC Chair?

Maureen- Just a reminder. Rainville applications are now available and are due by Friday February 10th.

Juhr- Reminder, I have sent emails to campus committee emails. Please check your email.

Holzman- If you are interested in Finance chair or the committee and you want to hop on, come talk to me.

Troiano- Next forum on Wednesday 2/14 from 6-8:30pm on Newport campus.

Holden- Chairmen, please give me your office hours and committee times.

Bruce- At some point, you will have a new ceiling.

Troiano- Motion to adjourn

2nd Lamoureux

N. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE: Barrena, Blanchette, Brehio, Brown, Cahill, Caisse, Cicero, Connolly, Dionne, Dobrzynski, Farrow, Ferreira, Goddard, Holzman, Juhr, Kilduff, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Lanoie, Longa, Merolla, Mullin, Murphy, Musali, Nielson, Pickard, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Reyes, Roy, Sharkey Andrew, Sharkey Annalisa, Smith A., Smith M., Stewart, Studley, Troiano, Weinreich, Zawatsky

NO VOTE: Coates, Cordisco, Holden, Jones, Mullin, Segal, Zaman