

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:32pm

B. ROLL CALL: Barrera, Blanchette, Brehio, Brown, Cahill, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Cordisco, Davis, Dionne, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Goddard, Gulum, Holden, Holzman, Jones, Juhr, Juhr, Kilduff, Knight, Koczera, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Longa, Merolla, Musali, Perez, Pickard, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Sharkey Annalisa, Smith, Stewart, Studley, Thomas, Troiano, Zaman

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Lamoureux- Motion to move unfinished business before special orders

2nd Stewart

Juhr- Motion to amend election results bill. Please strike Melanie Davis's name from list of freshman representatives

Holzman- Add bill of contingency grant about college democrats

2nd Stewart

Holzman- Just like to note that copies of that bill coming around shortly

Stewart- Are we voting on the Director of Marketing position tonight?

Coates- Yes

Stewart- Motion to vote next week on DOM bill to vote tonight

2nd Juhr

Agenda Approved ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes Approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Coates- Monday 10/17 Sig EP is hosting a concert on the Quad. Great cause to promote awareness for sexual and domestic violence. Free. Starts at 7pm. Band Viva Viva will be playing along with two other student bands.

Brown- We're sharing the same stage for Surf Club's event. Extreme Sports Caravan- free event. Happening Wednesday, rain date Tuesday. Concert will be with Badfish, Wednesday in Edwards if it rains. Look for it.

Lamoureux- Motion for pledge

2nd Stewart

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-11/12-33 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR The Good 5¢ Cigar

Whereas, The Good 5¢ Cigar is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, The Good 5¢ Cigar would like to improve their branding and distribution through consistent presentation of their paper across campus, and

Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and

Whereas, The Good 5¢ Cigar is not budgeted for this type of expense, 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 \$1258.25 from Travel Contingency to the Category # 400 (Capitol Improvements) line in the budget of The Good 5¢ Cigar, and be it further.

SPONSOR:

Finance Committee

BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
 DATE: Wednesday, October 12, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4 - 0 - 0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

Holzman- Motion to move on to SOARC committee.

2nd Merolla

Holzman- Bill calling for contingency grant request for Cigar. Would like some new boxes. I would like to amend the bill to strike the word “travel” and insert “capital improvements.”

2nd Weinreich

Holzman- Amanda, would you like to explain why?

Amanda- Went around to buildings last week and saw that there isn't consistent spot for the Cigar to be delivered. Some newspapers were outside, on the tables. Looking to get 35 black-wired newspaper racks. Will have Cigar logo on them. In a unified location for students to get the Cigar.

Brown- How much does each black-wire basket cost?

Amanda- I got 3 codes at \$30 a piece maybe. As we add more, the price per unit came down. Got three written quotes from three different distributors. When I met with Finance, handed in all three quotes.

Roy- How many quotes do you require groups to bring, Chairman Holzman?

Holzman- Three quotes.

Brown- Will locations change at all?

Amanda- No, just added locations.

Ferreira- So, each dorm is going to get one as well as each academic building?

Amanda- Every student-occupied dormitory and most academic buildings.

Coates- What is the Cigar estimate its readership level is among students?

Amanda- Collecting old ones back last spring. We were getting about 1/3 back of the newspapers we distribute.

Coates- Just to clarify, you print how many?

Amanda- Printed 32 and this semester going to print 5,000.

Coates- We have an undergrad enrollment of 14,594 students and last semester, the Cigar was returning 1/3 of their newspapers. We need to do everything we can to help improve that number, so I strongly encourage you all to vote in favor of this bill.

Brown- Why are you printing more newspapers?

Amanda- Will start printing more once readership increases.

Bill Passes ☺

Holzman- To introduce the bill regarding College Democrats. They are putting together the Student Political Boot Camp. They want \$5500 for that. Happening in late November. We will vote on that next week. The bill for IFC was not appealed.

Brown- What is the money going towards specifically?

Holzman- Covering transportation, lodging for speakers. Advertising and training supplies. Sunday lunch.

Holden- This bill is being voted on next week. All week to ask questions as well.

Pishdadian- Programming is misspelled in the bill.

Knight- It is being put on by both Democrats and Republicans, non-partisan. Not favoring any political party.

Stewart- Did those bills finish getting passed around? Make copies for everybody?

Holzman- 11 copies going around.

Stewart- Call for the Orders of the Day.

- **STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE:**


SS-11/12-36 Bill Calling for the Annual Re-Recognition of URI Student Senate Organizations

Whereas, all of the following organizations have met the requirement for recognition at their designated categories and,

Whereas, it is the duty of the student senate to recognize these student groups annually therefore be it,

Resolved, that the URI Student Senate re-recognize the following groups:

Alima International Dance Association	R	(4-0-0)
Allied Health Professionals Club	A	(4-0-0)
Anime Club	R	(4-0-0)
Anthropology Club	A	(4-0-0)
Asian Student Association (ASA)	R	(4-0-0)
Ballroom Dancing	S	(4-0-0)
Best Buddies	A	(4-0-0)
Campus Ministry International	A	(4-0-0)
Cape Verdean Student Association (CVSA)	R	(4-0-0)
Classics Society	R	(4-0-0)
College Democrats	R	(4-0-0)
College Republicans	R	(4-0-0)
Colleges Against Cancer	A	(4-0-0)
Club Sports & Intramural Sports (CSIC)	R	(4-0-0)
Cycling Club	R	(4-0-0)
Dance Company	S	(4-0-0)
Electronic Music Association	S	(4-0-0)
eXposure	S	(4-0-0)
Fashion Merchandising Society	R	(4-0-0)
Fencing Club	S	(4-0-0)
Film Collaborative	R	(4-0-0)
Gaming Club	R	(4-0-0)
Gay-Straight Alliance	R	(3-1-0)
Geology Club	A	(- -)
Ghost Hunting Team	R	(3-1-0)
Good 5 Cent Cigar	M	(4-0-0)
Habitat For Humanity	A	(4-0-0)
Humans vs. Zombies	R	(4-0-0)
Independent Scribe	S	(4-0-0)
Interfraternity Council (IFC)	M	(4-0-0)
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (Origins)	A	(4-0-0)
Korean Students Association	R	(4-0-0)
LASA	S	(4-0-0)
Marine Science Society	R	(4-0-0)
Martial Arts: Capoeira	S	(4-0-0)
Memorial Union Board of Directors	R	(3-1-0)
Model United Nations	R	(4-0-0)
Musicians Guild	R	(4-0-0)
Muslim Students Association	R	(4-0-0)
National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)	A	(4-0-0)
Native American Student Organization (NASO)	R	(4-0-0)
Nutrition Club	A	(4-0-0)
Outing Club	S	(4-0-0)
Panhellenic Council	M	(4-0-0)
Philosophers Anonymous (Philonymous)	R	(4-0-0)

PINK Women	R	(4-0-0)
Pre-Physical Therapy Club	A	(4-0-0)
Public Relations Society (PRS)	M	(4-0-0)
Psychology Club	A	(4-0-0)
Quidditch Club	R	(4-0-0)
Renaissance Yearbook	M	(4-0-0)
Sailing Club	S	(4-0-0)
Sankofa Christian Ministry	A	(3-1-0)
Schools for Schools	A	(4-0-0)
Scuba Club	S	(4-0-0)
Seekers Meditation	R	(4-0-0)
Slow Food	R	(4-0-0)
Snowboarding Club	S	(4-0-0)
Sociology Club	A	(4-0-0)
Society for the Advancement of Haitian People	R	(4-0-0)
Sports Medicine Association	A	(4-0-0)
Student Action for Sustainability (SAS)	R	(4-0-0)
Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC)	A	(4-0-0)
Students Actively Volunteering Engaging in Service	A	(4-0-0)
Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa (SAWA)	R	(4-0-0)
Student Entertainment Committee (SEC)	M	(4-0-0)
Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)	R	(4-0-0)
St. Jude's Up 'Til Dawn	A	(4-0-0)
Student Senate	M	
Student United Way	A	(4-0-0)
Students for Global Sustainability	R	(4-0-0)
Surf Club	R	(3-0-1)
Tang Soo Doo	R	(4-0-0)
Uhuru Sasa	R	(4-0-0)
URI TV Network	M	(4-0-0)
Veteran Student Association	R	(4-0-0)
Wildlife Society	R	(4-0-0)
WRIU	M	(4-0-0)

Sponsor: SOARC
 Bill Handler: Chairwoman Roy
 Date: Wednesday October 13, 2011
 Recommendation: Passage (4-0-0)
 Expiration Date: Valid until next re-recognition
 Action: Vote Next Week

Roy- Re-rec bill is on the floor. Taking discussion and questions all throughout next week.
 Recommendation on Geology Club at Category A:

(3-0-0)

I just want to mention that you will probably notice there aren't many changes but quite a few more groups. Have copies of the Category sheets. Please know of them and be informed for voting next week.

Holden- Finance and SOARC handbook in your binders.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Caisse- Just a couple things. Working on downsizing readership boxes. Working on tech advisory audit. Working on having UC Gen Ed give a quick presentation at public forum next week. Liaisons- be on the look out for emails from me.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Juhr- Safety and Lighting Walk scheduled for Tues 10/25. Everybody on Campus Affairs is expected to attend. Waiting to hear back from administrative members. There will be representatives from Safety Departments. I plan to meet downstairs near the Senate Office in front of the Atriums around 6:30pm.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Ferreira- My committee has been working on Homecoming booth. Taking a trip to pick up supplies next meeting. Anybody interest can join. Homecoming sign-up sheet will be going around to work the booth. Setting up around 9am. The booth will go until 12:30pm and we will need people to bring things back up. The meeting for the Spirit of Giving Drive was on Tuesday. Went well. Will get more of an update after the meeting tonight. Special thanks to Senator Longa for getting apples donated.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Troiano- Working on Commuter Appreciation Week. Thanks to my Committee. Did an awesome job on the sponsor letter to send out to prospective sponsors. Had to go to the final URI-Narragansett Coalition meeting last week. Agreed unanimously that committee should dissolve but couldn't take action because we didn't have quorum. Not really sure what is going to happen. That's it.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a. Chief Information Officer

Zaman- I am pretty much finished working on the style guide. Want to meet with President Coates to run it by him and present to you next week. I also have the code ready for the search box and that should be there next week on the website since Kim is not in the office. RFI from President Coates regarding the percentage of undergraduate voters versus the number of undergraduate students we have had in the past 5 years. For the last election, 2.67% voted . 4.5% voted. 2008 7.7% and 2007 5.03%. Shows that it has been declining for some reason. I also received an RFI from Chairwoman Roy about how many groups have been re-recognized each year for the past few years. Welcome the new Senators and wish you guys all luck.

Holzman- Motion to return to Finance.

2nd Stewart

b. Director of Communications

Cordisco- No Report

c. Secretary

Jones- Nothing too much this week. I am working on finding electronic voting systems to be used during Senate meetings that records the way in which we vote for each bill- aye, naye, abstention, or no vote, etc. I will be in charge of managing, starting up the software/program, so any suggestions about what I should be looking for in programs to purchase, let me know. Kudos this week goes to Chelsea Longa for getting apples donated to the homecoming tent for Cultural Affairs. Great job for this week, especially since the costs of tent went up and nobody else donated food. Welcome to the new senators!

d. Treasurer

Segal- Financial Tip- apply for scholarship. Buying some more things.

Roy- What are you buying?

Segal- Office supplies, homecoming things, etc.

Knight- Did you order chairs yet?

Brown- Have you looked into the cookies at all?

Segal- No.

e. Vice President

Holden- Hope everyone is starting to appreciate foliage. Like people have been saying about the scholarship, please see me if you need any more information. Thanks to Senator Dobrzynski for the posters that have gone up around campus. Good for advertising. Senator Zaman made an ad for the Cigar, so thank you. The due date is 10/21 again. Student Senators are more than welcome to apply. People in the back can read about how you can be eligible, ask me after the meeting. DOC Cordisco and I will be putting on a social network- Facebook and Twitter- information about the scholarships. Welcome to our new Senators. I look forward to a good year. Speak on behalf of the whole Executive committee when I say that. Committee assignments available Friday. Chairs- attendance sheets will be in your mailbox by Friday. Send them to me by the end of your meeting. I am not going to be here next week. Please don't moan or anything- I will gavel. You guys will be in good hands. Moderator will be here.

f. President

Coates- Hi, everyone. Couple things to cover. Monday 10/17, the Narragansett Town Council will be introducing ordinance at their meeting. It will suggest imposing harsher fines on houses that are rentals for disturbances. If their fines aren't already big enough, for repeat offenders houses, they will impose larger ones. Bill has not been introduced, but I expect a large sum to be the rising price.

Holzman- Amending the other ordinance?

Coates- Think they are creating a whole new ordinance just to add. External Affairs can address that. In the first week of November, Board of Governor will be voting on tuition hike. 9.5% in-state. 2.2% out-of-state as well as increase in room and board and other fees. We will be lobbying the Board of Governors quite actively to try and prevent that. This week, Vice President Holden and I investigated Election polling companies for elections in the spring. Found between 7 and 8 companies that may accommodate our need. Going to take a lot of work and investigation. Should get quotes in the next week or two. Will be asked to vote to help select finalists or finalize the contract. I vetoed the Finance bill for IFC last week. This is my second veto since I have been President. If you don't remember what the bill was, it was to provide banners for homecoming contest to give to houses to make banners. We can't do that.

Weinreich- Point of Information- it was also open to other organizations.

Coates- The banners which would have been provided to individual Greek chapters. In the compact, the recognition structure is in there. This is what it states: "The Senate may not in any way fund individual Greek chapters." If IFC wanted to make one banner for itself, or Panhel, we could have paid for it. Since they are being given to chapters to make banners, we can't do that. That is student tax paying dollars used for groups with selective membership. Needless to say, this was an oversight on the part of the Senate. I would like to remind you all that as senators, you have two responsibilities. First, understand the internal dynamics of the Senate. Second, understand the field you participate in, which is whichever committee you are assigned to. Re-evaluate your priority list. We have to do a better job as a group of fulfilling that first obligation. IFC decided not to appeal my decision, so the matter is over.

Brown- I understand why you vetoed it and I agree. I just don't understand why you didn't say anything at the meeting before it passed and left them hanging.

Coates- I am sure some of you have noticed that we have a wider systemic issue of a lack of understanding and initiative on behalf of the Senate to either ask questions or to gain the knowledge that you are supposed to gain as the representatives of the student body and fulfilling obligation to other students. I have been patient, sat down with those that are doing good job and those that need help. I have explained and instructed. At some point, I needed to let the Senate do what it was going to do. Don't expect you all to agree or understand.

Lamoureux- I was wondering if it was possible if the compact can be made for everyone to be put in the binder for the whole Senate. Last year, we said the compact was going to be changed and I didn't know what it was going to be changed to, so I never thought to look at that.

Coates- Will make it available on list-serv as well.

Segal- Not appropriate to blame the Senate. People don't always know. It's a learning experience. Not bringing it up to Senate. Once they understood the bill, it was easily understandable to discuss the bill. To prove a point, I don't think it is worth it. I think it is more worth it to teach people so this won't happen again. I feel like it is more likely that something like this will happen again. We did not discuss or go through the bill. There would have been more discussion if something were brought up at all. I think to say that the Senate is failing is not true. Everybody put in their effort but nobody knew. Nobody had seen the Compact except the three people who had helped write. I have never seen it, so I assume it is going to be different. I don't think the Senate is to blame for this whole situation.

Coates- I do not dwell on this matter, but I do want to clarify. I did not say we are failing, but in this aspect, we failed on this front. Beyond that, anyone who sat through last year's budget meeting, has heard of the compact, knows that the compact exists, and have heard about it through terms. There are 40 of you in this room, and not one person thought to ask about the compact when we were talking about funding for IFC. Whether it had been seen or not, the question was not posed. That part of the compact was not changed.

Roy- I just wanted to answer Lamoureux. I meant to send out the Compact today. Sending out Panhel, IFC, and Club Sports compacts.

Brown- I think we should get the finance handbook and everything else finished so we have a clear view about what's going on and not be hesitant. We as a senate, we're not just individuals. We are a whole. We succeed as a whole and fail as a whole.

Roy- All handbooks that we have right now are available online. Those are what we go by right now.

Ferreira- How often are the compacts changed?

Coates- Every two years.

- RULES AND ETHICS:

Lamoureux- No Report.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bylaws

Stewart- No Report.

Elections

SS-11/12-34 BILL CALLING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE FALL ELECTION RESULTS

Whereas, the Fall Elections were held as scheduled with no irregularities and no challenges filed, and

Whereas, the Elections Committee produced a final count of the valid cast ballots and no recount was requested, therefore be it

Resolved, that the URI Student Senate confirm the following results (winner in bold):

Freshman Representative (5 Seats)

Adiva Musali - 26

Emily Dionne - 22

Matt Kilduff - 21

Melanie Davis - 20

John Paul Goddard - 19

Jacob Lanoie - 18

Rachel Pires - 17

Brittany Salzillo – 14

College Of Nursing (1 Seat)

Andrea Marchetti - 2

Jennifer Bernsten – 1

College of Environmental Life Sciences(1 Seat)

Brittany Dobrzynski - 21

Zachary McGraw – 10

Cassie Purington – 8

Kelleigh Eastman – 3

College of Human Sciences and Services(1 Seat)

Abigail Farrow – 21

On Campus Representative (1Seats)

Kenneth Perez – 86

Alexandra Baccari – 76

Off Campus Representative (2Seats)

Elizabeth Kocera - 46

Annalisa Sharkey – 46

Teaira Perry – 30

Steven Guglielmo – 28

Mitchell Mello – 15

At-Large Representative (5 Seats)

~~Zahan Akbar – 143~~

Tyler Curry – 114

Linda H. Reyes – 102

Amanda Studley – 94

Jamila Her – 92

David Pickard – 81

Ethan Zawatsky – 71

Derek Murphy – 69

Carlos Tanuz – 17

(In order to conserve space, the names of those not elected have been omitted.)

SPONSOR:	Elections Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Treasurer Stephanie Segal
DATE:	Wednesday, October 12 th , 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4 – 0 – 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Annual Meeting
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Segal- The only thing I have besides the bill is that later in the meeting, there will be nominations open for internal elections to fill seats vacated after bill was already written for

regular election. Nominations will be open next week too. If they ran in the election and didn't get on, it's another way to go on.

Weinreich- Motion to move to unfinished business to not have them vote on by-laws.

Holden- This is just confirming them. Not swearing them in.

Segal- I emailed the freshman representative who was next up for a seat after the freshman resigned today.

Roy- I think it is important that we have reflected in the minutes the reason for the strikethrough of the bill.

Holden- The Senator came in today and resigned. She no longer wanted the position.

Stewart- I don't think that was the strike through she was referring to.

Segal- There was a by-laws broken in that election and the candidate disqualified, so the next candidate on the list won the position.

Zaman- Can I ask a question to Rules and Ethics regarding the Elections? There was also another by-laws violation concerning the At-Large representatives. Why has there not been a change made accordingly?

Lamoureux- I am not even sure I am allowed to discuss that on the floor.

Coates- If there was a change to be made, Rules and Ethics would have made it.

Bill Passes ☺

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Nominations and Elections for Rules & Ethics (1)

Weinreich- Are we allowed to consider new senators as nominations for Rules and Ethics?

Coates- Someone has to make a motion.

Weinreich- Motion to swear in new senators

2nd Brown

Holden- Nominations are now open.

Labate- I respectfully decline my nomination.

Brown- I respectfully decline my nomination.

Segal- I seconded Chelsea Longa because I see her as neutral and very good at looking into situations. She has a very conscientious atmosphere about her and that is needed on Rules and Ethics as you deal with sensitive situations. Remaining calm and neutral is key.

Roy- I nominated Longa because I have bounced ideas off Longa in the past and she has a way of making you looking st something from both sides and that is what you need on Rules and Ethics.

Longa- I have a very neutral way of looking at things and am really interesting in getting to know the Rules and Ethics of Senate.

Pilkington- I seconded Erica because she always is fair and balanced and I believe that she will make a great addition to Rules and Ethics.

Jones- Able to vocalize herself and has the opportunity to become more involved with Senate. Can do a great job helping Rules and Ethics with any important matters.

Pishdadian- I am interested in Rules and Ethics. I definitely want to get more involved in. Rules and Ethics is something interesting to me and it is a committee that can help me channel my skills for the Senate.

Weinreich- Senator Smith would be able to become more involved in Senate and gain a much more greater understanding and in-depth insight on Rules and Ethics.

Roy- I think Smith is soft-spoken which is a great quality for Rules and Ethics as it can be heated and too vocal. I am level-headed and seem to want to stay in the middle in most situations. The opportunity would be good for me to be more involved and see more of me. If you are in Cultural Affairs, you know that I am not quiet at all. You can see more of who I am.

Roy-Just wanted to point out we are voting on one person.

Ferreira- I just want to speak on Senator Longa’s behalf. She has a great personality for Rules and Ethics and think she would be a great addition to Rules and Ethics.

Segal- Sensitive topics arise. How would you remove personally from a situation? Question directed to all candidates?

Smith- I very rarely let emotions get involved in business decisions. I think it is unnecessary and I remain level-headed about everything. Tend to see every perspective and every side to issues.

Pishdadian- Law is what I want to do and Rules and Ethics isn’t there to have an emotional response to issues, so it is not a personal decision and is what is stated in the rules.

Longa- Being mindful and open-minded is something I am very aware of and I have a very neutral way of looking at most things in general. I am very aware of my emotions and I can judge when they are rising and I have a very good understanding of keeping myself in a neutral position.

Coates- The bylaws have some things that are implied and some things that are enumerated. Would you have a strict reading of the bylaws or more lenient?

Longa- I have a loose reading of the bylaws.

Pishdadian- I would say that I would probably say more strict view of the rules. As a general rule, it would go more with how it is currently written.

Smith- Loose.

Holden- Congratulations to Senator Longa.

Swearing in of New Senators

Holden- Congratulations to new Senators.

Nominations for unfilled Student Senate seats:

Off-campus (5)

On-campus (1)

College of Engineering (1)

University College (1)

Coates- Nominate Ethan Zawatsky for At-Large Rep.

2nd Stewart

Juhr- Nominate Robert B. for COE seat

2nd Segal

Lamoureux- You said At-Large? Don’t see an At-Large seat.

Coates- Sorry, University College.

2nd Stewart

Brown- I nominate Rob Lemeur for On-Campus

2nd Stewart

Cahill- I nominate Kyle Sutherland for COE

2nd Pilkington

Holden- Nominations re-open next week.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS-11/12-35 – Bill Calling for Amendments to the University of Rhode Island Student Senate Constitution and Bylaws Articles V and XI: Addition of Director of Marketing & Recruitment

Whereas, The Student Senate has an obligation to generate maximum participation in its decision making, and

Whereas, There have been an unacceptably low number of candidates for office and number of voters relative to the University’s total enrollment, and

Whereas, The Student Senate lacks a cohesive marketing and advertising plan, and

Whereas, The Student Senate and its constituents would benefit from the creation of a Director of Marketing & Recruitment; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate calls for the creation of a Director of Marketing & Recruitment, and be it further;

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate bylaws be amended to read as follows:

(Additions in italics)

To be added under Article V Section A Part 1 Subpart a 10

10. Nominate the appointed members of the Executive Committee according to the following procedure:

- a. At the annual meeting of each year, the newly elected President shall make one nomination of a member of the student body for each of the following executive positions: Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Communications, *Director of Marketing & Recruitment*, and Chief Information Officer

To be added under Article V. Section C

Part 5. Director of Marketing & Recruitment

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

The Director of Marketing & Recruitment (DOM) of the Senate shall have all powers necessary and proper to:

- 1. *Serve **ex officio** as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee*
- 2. *Create and manage Senate advertisements*
- 3. *Annually create or re-evaluate a comprehensive Senate Marketing Plan*
- 4. *Coordinate Senate's yearly recruitment efforts*
- 5. *Manage online election system between election cycles*

Subpart b. Eligibility

The office of Director of Marketing & Recruitment may not be held concurrently with any representative seat, nor with any other officer of the Student Senate.

Subpart c. Term

The term of the Director of Marketing & Recruitment shall begin one week after his or her confirmation by the Senate. In the case of a mid-year vacancy, the term shall begin upon confirmation.

To be added under Article XI Section H

-Executive

- a.) Chief Information Officer
- b.) *Director of Marketing & Recruitment*
- c.) Director of Communications
- d.) Secretary
- e.) Treasurer
- f.) Vice President
- g.) President

SPONSOR:
BILL HANDLER:

Executive Committee
President Coates

DATE: October 12, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: (11 -1 -0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Perpetual
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

Coates- This is to create a position called the Director of Marketing and Recruitment. The proposal you have all seen enumerates the position. The key differences is that the DOC is responsible for media relations and disseminating information about policy and making Senate decisions public as well as managing social media. Marketing position creates a marketing brand and image for the Senate. When students on campus have an issue, our goal to create this position is to have students think of us and have our image and brand present at all times. We are trying to reach our student segments, off-campus and on-campus residents, and members of the Greek system. Beyond that, we also need to focus on recruitment. 2.67% of the student body voted this year. In a school of 14,500 students, we should have more votes than that. There should be more candidates, more people participating. In order to do that, we need someone focused year round on setting up elections and making people aware that we exist. I am not talking about policy details, that is what the DOC is for. I am talking about someone year round who will pay attention to marketing. Only to making sure that the students are involved. I will take any questions.

Lamoureux- I see the differences, but can you explain why this job cannot be added to what DOC already does?

Coates- DOC already works extremely hard and puts more hours in that they are required to do. We have a lot of media contacts. I can't always be available for comment, and I am not able to handle my self. We have a newsletter and that would remain the obligation of the DOC. Policy and information falls under DOC. Some of these responsibilities fall under DOC already. I think that is too large of a job for one person to handle. I am not a marketing major, so I have not created a marketing plan. I hired both my DOC's in a professional job search, interviewed candidates. I would do the same with the DOM and I would encourage the Senate to make sure the presidents in the future do the same. I need someone who understands marketing and advertising. We have so many qualified candidates at this university. Long-term vision- this is something that will benefit the Senate. If we move to online elections, we need to make sure people know that they are online.

Caisse- Can you briefly explain why you bypassed the bylaws committee?

Coates- The by-laws state that in the special committee section, a special committee may only conduct. The bill that created this did not include creating other positions in bylaws. Only included condensing and looking for grammatical errors and clearing up any redundancies. That was what was in the charge of bylaws committee. Any other changes fall to executive committee.

Ferreira- Would this position go into effect this term?

Coates- I would not have a candidate prepared, but I would start the job search. Preferably someone with marketing experience.

Brown- Can it be besides a Junior as well?

Coates- That is not relevant to the bill and who it is going to be. Who fills the position is not relevant to whether or not we create the position.

Brown- I think this is a great idea. Before I came on Senate, didn't know it existed at all. Did not what the point of what it was. It is really easy to get involved and get our name out there and I think it is crucial that we do that. We have a lot of power and nobody really knows that

we do. Also crucial so clubs can understand that more. We should encourage this position to become a reality.

Weinreich- I would like the committee's opinion on how this changes the executive positions will change their future changes to the bylaws?

Stewart- Did not have time to talk about this as a committee. This is something that you should think about how it will impact Senate from your own personal standpoint. It is really not our job at all.

Weinreich- Will this position be stipended?

Coates- Yes, that is why it's on here. Same rate as all positions appointed by president.

Merolla- I was wondering what the interpretation of what you think the DOM is expected to do?

Cordisco- He outlined the responsibilities. I would basically be in charge of the newsletter that goes out every month, all media relations including press releases, statements, which I already handle now. Everything else would probably fall under the DOM. They wouldn't overlap is if I needed a reference or if I needed DOM to check my work if I wanted somebody to check. Sometimes, that is good just for spelling and grammar. That would be the only overlap.

Segal- There is no recommendation. Now that that's done, the reason why I am not for it is because I think it is a great position but it is a non-voting member. It is not fair that it is a nonvoting member. Everything is the same as the executive-appointed member. It gives the President too much power to have an equally amount of appointed members as elected members. I just can't be in favor without the vote. That position specifically is not different to anything that I may do. The other thing that I know that came up is that it can be looked at as a working-student. They are still hired, and are apart of Senate and have no say on Senate. Every single person has a say on the floor. Everybody has a chance to voice their opinions. I am not okay with the fact that is a non-voting member.

Coates- I wrote the bill with that in mind. When we created the CIO, that was pretty much the hottest point of debate. This person should not have a vote at all because it gave the president too much power. As president, I am not looking to get any more power. I would think it would seriously affect the dynamics of the committee. President has enough power as it is. I am asking everyone to innovate. This would be a unique position, but I don't think we should be afraid. This person would not be involved in the policy decisions. That doesn't necessarily require a vote. If the senate wants to amend the bill to make it a voting member, I just want to make it a note that the president is given an automatic number of deciding votes in the executive committee. I think of it as a professional staff position. In my absence, the DOC is asked to speak on behalf of the policies, which makes sense to make it a voting member of the committee.

Stewart- I was just wondering if any other surrounding schools have this position.

Coates- I did not know. I am sure most school have some focus year round on recruitment. Don't think we should devote man power.

Amanda Studley- I am originally from RWU. Roger Williams has a public relations chair that does this similar job. It was an excellent choice for them to put on their committee. It was an excellent idea, so I think it is great that you guys are doing this.

Weinreich- Permission to ask DOC question with right to speak after. DOC Cordisco, do you feel that if you were given a greater stipend and more time, would you be able to fill the requirements of both positions?

Cordisco- After reading about the position, I don't think that I can't handle both but I think that it is a better way of separating the responsibilities. I think that the way the world is today,

social media is a big part of what is going on today and what is happening in the future. In terms of recruitment, it is very obvious that it is something that needs to be worked on, which is not specifically a part of my responsibilities. I think this position is needed.

Weinreich- Have we budgeted for the increased cost for stipends?

Coates- We will take care of it the same way with the DOC.

Brown- I don't think the new DOM should get a vote because the student body did not elect this person, and it is ultimately who we represent. Also, I was going to say before that it does not matter what other schools do because we "think bigger" than everybody else. It is not fair to DOC Cordisco because it is not apart of her job title. Extreme more amount of responsibility. This job is crucial to Senate. Whoever is going to get hired for this needs to have focus on making sure they are planning on making this turnout a success.

Segal- All appointed positions aren't elected by the Senate. Just appointed on the floor. With the president having too much power, but at the same time, I am the person who voted against this, and I am appointed. As long as the person is being appointed for the job that they are doing, if you have your own opinion at the end of the day.

Holden- A lot of people on the speaker's list.

Krauss- I am a little green as far as bylaws goes especially provisions it makes for the future. Other than that, I think discussion is a good idea, and I am in support of this bill.

Merolla- I would like to comment on this bill because Treasurer Segal opened up interesting point. I am not exactly sure on how we could address this but I definitely agree that if you have someone with such responsibility, they need to have a sense to act on the behalf of the student body. If they are going to try and encourage students to participate on Senate, we need to give them a vote and some part of Senate like possibly amend the bill to have the same voting rights as a Senator At-Large.

Smith- I just wanted to say that I definitely agree that this is something needed. As the MCC liaison, I know there is a population that is not being targeted and is not being involved.

Cordisco- I don't have all the skills in the world. This position will have skills I don't have. As President Coates already explained, they will have skills that I don't have right now.

Jones- I think it's important to note that unlike the other appointed positions, the DOM has really no obligation in any sense to engage in the debate or be informed or help with policies and student issues. They are welcome to and have some great part in Senate, especially if they are to attend Executive and Senate meetings, but I don't think they should be able to vote on matters if their primary job is to brand the Senate image and promote the organization as a whole and what we do.

Thomas- The position includes marketing plan. Do we approve that plan or do they construct it on their own?

Coates- That is something that Senate can decide when plan is presented to them. We need more long-term plans and cohesive ideas. I think marketing strategy is something we create and constantly evaluate. I don't see why Senate wouldn't want to oversee it, but I don't know. Something we would have to look into afterwards.

Merolla- I do respectfully appreciate everyone's opinions. Motion to amend the bill whereas the position would have the same voting capabilities as Senator At-Large.

2nd Stewart

Recommendation from committee (0-10-1)

Holden- Now we are talking about the amendment of the voting position.

Weinreich- I think the voting positions discounts the voting powers of those who are elected by members on Senate.

Lamoureux- it should not be a voting position. They are going to attend to the weekly meetings.

Cahill- We all agree we don't want him to vote as an at-large representative

Weinreich- Motion to vote.

2nd Stewart

Amendment Fails ☹

Holden- Back to talking about the bill as a whole.

Holzman- When it comes to voting rights on committee, I suppose one option is to rearrange things a little bit to maintain the balance of power. The CIO, treasurer, secretary, are all integral to internal operations of the Senate. The DOC and DOM should have similar rights. They should either be both voting in committee or both not voting in committee. I would be perfectly fine with both positions employee positions, not unlike Kim. Kim as a coordinator is very necessary position. It makes sense for the DOM to be sitting in this room to communicate who we are and what we do. Whether you need to be on Executive Committee is an interesting issue.

Roy- I had spoken to President Coates about this exact issue before about different voting rights. DOC should have a vote because they should have a vote on things they are giving press releases on and have an opinion and vote on the Senate floor. DOM should not have a vote.

Lamoureux- Should we still be talking about the vote since it is shot down?

Coates- A vote on the floor was shot down. Vote on the floor in Exec. is still up in the air. Everyone agrees that it is a good idea to have this position. No consensus on voting member of Exec. position. When I created CIO, it was controversial because of the voting power it gave to the president. I caution you all and to some degree, I agree with everyone else. The president should not be administering more power. I do not think it is imperative to this position. If this is going to be the only thing we talk about, I encourage you all to make a decision to amend the bill.

Holden- Increasingly repetitive.

Holzman- I stand by my previous statement. Just because we struck an amendment and it failed, that issue can still be discussed whether another amendment takes place is open. Finally, I would like to understand the rational of having this be a constitutionally-established member of exec committee versus staff employee

Coates- Gives more accountability on the position. Senate won't have control over what employees do.

Brown- Motion to vote

Holden- Still people on the speaker's list. Motion to end debate

2nd Stewart

Division- Standing vote

20 aye to end vote

6 naye

(20-6-0)

Motion to end debate passes. Move to vote.

Bill Passes ☺

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Troiano- Can my committee meet in the office after this meeting?

Roy- Forgot to thank my committee for meeting on the holiday for re-rec. Met for two hours. Huge thank you to him because he copied all of them.

Coates- Yield my time to Ethan

Zawatsky- I am interested in running for University College seat. I am a freshman and highly involved in activities, Honors Program and Habitat for Humanity. I am also skilled in writing reports and attention to detail- hard worker. I have a lot of constituencies because I ran for At-Large in the last election. I believe I have the skills and support of the student body here to make an adequate representative.

Stewart- Bylaws meeting at 10am tomorrow.

Coates- Yesterday was Bruce's birthday. Please wish him a happy birthday. Congratulate everyone at this table for a very good meeting. That is exactly what a debate should like.

Ferreira- Just want to tell everyone that homecoming tent sign-up sheet is in the office.

Juhr- Just wanted to add something I forgot in my report. Rec Services may be back on the floor this week. Taken off the floor because we were waiting for the survey. Should be on the floor if results are finalized.

Stewart- Think this is the longest meeting we had this semester. Attitudes are quite chipper still, so it is a promising semester.

Troiano- Motion to adjourn

2nd Stewart

N. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE: Barrena, Blanchette, Brehio, Brown, Cahill, Cicero, Curry, Dionne, Gulum, Her, Koczera, Krauss, Marchetti, Musali, Perez, Pilkington, Sharkey, Sharkey Annalisa, Smith, Thomas, Troiano

NAYE: Caisse, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Holzman, Juhr, Kilduff, Knight, Labate, Lamoureux, Longa, Merolla, Pickard, Pishdadian, Roy, Stewart, Studley, Weinreich

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

Adjourned 8:28pm