

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

B. ROLL CALL: Blanchette, Brehio, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Dionne, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Goddard, Her, Jones, Juhr, Kilduff, Koczera, Krauss, Lamoureux, Marchetti, Merolla, Musali, Perez, Pickard, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Smith, Stewart, Wynne

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ferreira- Motion to strike “nomination of unfilled student senate seats” from the agenda

2nd Lamoureux

Stewart- Motion to change bill to SS-11/12-37 for College Democrats

2nd Roy

Ferreira- Motion to change bill to SS-11/12-37 to say “host” instead of “hot”

2nd Roy

Dobrzynski- Motion to amend bill SS-11/12-XX to “38”

2nd Roy

Agenda Approved ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Juhr- Motion to strike one of my names from the roll call. My name is in their twice

2nd Pilkington

Pilkington- I was put in as “aye” instead of “naye”. I “nayed” adjournment.

Minutes Approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marchetti- We are having a pink week to raise money for breast cancer education awareness.

Fundraiser at Applebees at 9pm. Wednesday, we are having a Yogurt Eating concert. We collect the pink lids. 1-2pm on the Quad. If you want to participate, I don’t know what the prize is yet. \$3.00. Find any of the girls from my sorority. Having a volleyball tournament behind our house. \$30.00 per team and 6 players per team.

Sharkey- Are there any rules for the yogurt-eating concert?

Marchetti- Not that I know of.

Coates- I was nominated on behalf of the Student Senate for homecoming king. You have until Friday at 3pm to vote by soda can tabs. I do not like losing. Please get soda can tabs in the union from 10-3pm.

Stewart- Motion for pledge

2nd Lamoureux

Cicero- I am collecting canned tabs for my fraternity. If anybody has can tabs you don’t want to give to Coates, give to me please.

Stewart- Abigail Farrow is in the running for homecoming queen, so you should all divide your tabs evenly.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:****- FINANCE COMMITTEE:****SS-11/12-36- CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR College Democrats**

Whereas, College Democrats is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, College Democrats would like to hot programming for the campus community, and

Whereas, this request is within their mission statement to do so, and

Whereas, college Democrats would like the money to help cover the cost of the event, and

Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is Senate’s custom to grant such requests, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$5502.02 from the Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the Budget of College Democrats.

Sponsor:

Finance Committee

Bill Handler: Chairman Holzman
Date: Wednesday October 19, 2011
Recommendation: Passage (5-0-0)
Expiration Date: Upon Dispensation
Action: Vote Tonight

Roy- Motion to move ahead to SOARC

Merolla- I have his report.

Stewart- Motion to move to Special Orders to swear in new Senators

2nd Lamoureux

Merolla- Went through the changes in the handbook. Tonight, we have bill from College Democrats for Contingency Grant. It is for a political boot camp.

Representative- I am Scott Andrews, and I am president of College Democrats. President of College Republicans could not make it tonight but was at the finance meeting last night to symbolize bipartisanship for the event. It is about the skills necessary to create change in the political process. It is not about politics. It is much about a skill conference. It is a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday event. I have some schedules here to give you guys an idea of what is going to be happening. We have finances broken down since we are asking for a considerable amount of money. It is all going towards legitimate expenses. The event is Friday, November 18th. Former Presidential Candidate Howard Dean coming to speak. Saturday and Sunday we are having keynote speeches. Vice President Bob Weygand is coming to speak. Potential that Governor Carcieri is a possibility. We have mostly trainings on messaging, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, skills that I am sure you as an organization use. If you have any questions, I will be happy to explain what that money is going towards. Event costs \$16,600. Asking Senate for \$5,000 to cover travel expenses, lunch to be catered by Dining Services, and advertising and printing supplies. Those are the major costs that Student Senate is being asked to cover.

Stewart- I have never seen a group come to finance as prepared as they came. If you see this packet going around, it is such a well-planned event. I suggest we all attend.

Jones- When is the event?

Representative- November 18-20. Friday is a keynote speech. Saturday and Sunday are all day trainings.

Ferreira- Who can attend this event?

Representative- Everyone. Open to all students at no charge.

Jones- Is there registration?

Representative- We have some printed registration forms. Part of our matching grant is based on registration. Hopefully, \$5,000 will be matched by an outside funder for \$5,000 contingent that we get "x" amount of people to attend.

Smith- What type of advertising are you doing to notify student body?

Representative- Hopefully we can get the money to print flyers and posters. Have facebook event created. Word of mouth is how we have done so far. We already have 100 people registered for the event. We are reaching out to student groups and orgs.

Roy- Make sure you get the correct permissions for advertising. That needs to go through SPO. Your flyers will be taken down if you have not received permission.

Representative- We have CBLS 100 to have the Howard Dean speech. Saturday and Sunday is another venue which holds 230 people. Registration will be open to closer to 400. You are registering for the whole event, not the specific day. We are counting on having 230 people at a time to be there.

Bill Passes ☺

Merolla- Nothing else for this evening.


- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE
SS-11/12-37 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	(3-0-0)
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 19, 2011
 Recommendation: Passage (4-0-0)
 Expiration Date: Valid until next re-recognition
 Action: Vote Tonight

Roy- This is the re-recognition bill. We have 80 student orgs getting re-recognized. I wish the RFI was here. I asked how many have been re-recognized in the past few years to see if this is a record. I move to amend the Film Collaborative category to an "A" from Category "R."

2nd Pilkington

Roy- Has a recommendation of (3-0-0).

Stewart- Is three people quorum on your committee?

Roy- Yes, I have a five person committee.

Amendment Passes

Roy- Move for the Student Association for the Advancement of Haitian people to be changed to the "Student Society for the Advancement of Haitian People"

2nd Pilkington

(2-0-0) not quorum

Amendment made (by vote on the floor)

Roy- The only changes are eXposure. eXposure was category "R" but we are changing them to "S" so we can give them budget line for instruction. Public Relations Society is being changed to a Category "M" from a Category "S" because they are a service to the whole committee of URI. They help with marketing for student orgs. Sankofa Christian Ministry is being switched to an "A." They meet and study the bible. They have no need for a budget. They could get bibles from the library. They all have their own copies probably or get them from the library. Student Athletic Advisory Council was a category "R" and now a Category "A."

Jones- Is the Student Athletic Advisory Council aware of their changes in budget? Are they going to be receiving funding from Athletics?

Roy- We reached out to them and notified them about the changes but we have not heard back, and they are not here tonight, so I am assuming they are all set.

Bill Passes ☺

Stewart- In the past, didn't we vote on each group individually?

Roy- I asked about it, and we decided to go as a group this time. Any questions or problems, we could have gone by each one individually.

Coates- I believe we have gone line by line if there has been an issue if a group has come to contest their category change.

Roy- In other news, I have assigned my committee to work on getting organization exec members credits for classes. We are going to be working on that. Working on a welcome letter for new groups coming to the president's meeting. Kim Bolton had put up everything on the website. We will have weekly bills on the floor for groups that want to get recognized right away. Make sure you that if you are in an organization, that they are getting permission for their flyers from SPO. I just got an email today from custodial services because they are upset. President's meeting is first week of November. University-wide calendar is going to be attending. Anne Gregson will be there from Risk Management and talking to potentially risky groups about management. Rebecca Murray will be there to talk about orientation leaders because they are interested in looking for orientation leaders.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Caisse- Good job with moderating, Stephanie. We met right before this meeting. Working on USA Today about the boxes. Communication is slow. Provost Advisory Council meeting last night. Talked about the health studies major, global studies minor, and gen. ed. Presentation. We are also working on college liaison packets that we had an idea for. We will use them to put information in a monthly packet form for each liaison to present to their dean. We also had an idea to put a Sakai tab on everyone's website for their classes. It would be a tab inclusive of everything in your major, so you have direct connection to your advisor, class syllabi, roster, etc. Other than that, that's it.

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Juhr- Hey, everybody. Next Tuesday 10/25 at 6:30pm is Safety and Lighting Walk. We will be walking around campus for 2 ½ hours for campus lights and the zones. Campus Affairs needs to attend. See me if there is an issue. I have a list of other administrative people who are attending. That's it for Safety and Lighting. I am waiting for a response from Jodie Hawkins regarding Recreational Services survey that went out. Until we have a response from students, the bill is still tabled. Many of you have requested a stop sign to be put out in front of Parking Services. It needs to be voted on by the South Kingstown Town Council before it is put up. Otherwise, Parking Services would have put one up already.

Roy- Is the stop sign at the four-way intersection?

Juhr- Yes.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Ferreira- Homecoming is this Saturday. If you signed up, make sure you are there for the time you signed up for. If you haven't signed up and can volunteer, I would appreciate it. We went on a shopping trip and got all the supplies for caramel apples. We are also planning on making some caramel apples to go. Our tent should be all set. The LGBTQ Director interviews started last week. They are going on this week into the next few weeks. It is pretty much an open forum for the candidates and the students. Anybody can go and ask questions. The Diversity Fund Committee is working on proposal for political boot camp, the bill we just voted on. The Spirit of Giving meeting was last week and went well. Make sure you go to homecoming. That's it for me.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

SS-11/12-38 Resolution on Proposed Tuition Increases

- Whereas: the Student Senate recognizes the decrease of funds allocated from the State to the University
- Whereas: the Student Senate recognizes the University’s need to compensate for this disparity through tuition increases
- Whereas: tuition increases of this nature have occurred every year for the past decade
- Whereas: there is no correlation between this increase in tuition and an increase in academic resources and opportunities; therefore, be it
- Resolved: The Student Senate does not support this increase in tuition or the lack of support from the state.

SPONSOR: External Affairs Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Troiano
 DATE: Wednesday October 19, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Indefinite
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

Dobrzynski- Commuter Appreciation Week is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are setting up a booth for commuters to come and write their email addresses so that we can possibly have an off-campus newsletter that we can have for everybody. It can count as an office hour probably, have to check with Casey. If you have a free hour this week, please help out. In the process of looking for an off-campus liaison. Someone who can attend the Town Council meetings. I attended the Narragansett Town Council meeting because they were supposed to be addressing more fines for weekly offenders, but they did not discuss that. It was returned to council to be discovered further. We will be looking into that. There is a bill on the floor in response to tuition increases.

Coates- I have a good feeling that the Commuter Housing Fair can count as an office hour. It is actually in the bylaws that if any of you were elected to be an off-campus rep, you have to get a meeting together of all the off-campus reps and elect the off-campus liaison. We did that last semester and the person who was elected has since left.

Cordisco- Is the sign-up sheet going to stay in the office?

Dobrzynski- Yes.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
 - a. *Chief Information Officer*
 - b. *Director of Communications*
 - c. *Secretary*

Jones- Hi, everyone. Not much for tonight. I don’t have Kudos tonight unfortunately. Any suggestions for Kudos for Senators making some extraordinary efforts, let me know. One thing I am working on still that I may have mentioned last week is the electronic voting systems for recording votes that are made for bills, resolutions, etc. in the Senate chambers. I am looking for software and programs right now. I have found some clickers with basic features with buttons for “aye, naye, and no vote” capabilities and data-storing capabilities. Any other suggestions about what to look for, please let me know. Will be getting quotes for the programs.

Merolla- I was wondering what would be the direct benefits of using that system.

Jones- This type of software will allow us to record the ways in which votes are made in the chambers by certain Senators. It will record specifically the way certain Senators vote on bills and issues, so that the public and voters can view their voting trends and have the opportunity to see how candidates and current Senators who represent the student body feel on certain issues.

Krauss- Sounds like a lot of uploading to collect data. Do you know whose job responsibility that will fall under?

Coates- It is probably going to fall under responsibilities of secretary. The secretary is the only person who is allowed to have a laptop open. Those votes will be recorded. We will have a system in place by the time we launch it. Going forward, this is one of those things that when we get online elections, most of those systems offer an ability to have candidate profiles. This could automatically get linked to your candidate profile. People who vote for you can see how you will vote on particular issues and legislation. It sounds more complicated than it is. The idea is accountability. There are a number of parliamentary procedures we cannot utilize. We have no system for the role-calling so this will allow us to utilize Rules of Order.

Goddard- Each of us will get a personalized one?

Jones- I am guessing so, at this point, but I am not sure yet. I am still trying to see how I am going to pass them out and record who has which clicker, but I have not thought about that part of the program yet. Right now, concerned with finding the software that best fits Senate process.

Merolla- Do you see these used in committee meetings as well?

Coates- As of right now, the goal is to utilize them in the general senate meeting and see how far we can take them. I have been in classes that they are personally registering the clickers. This is not going to change the rules of the meeting but it is a way to be more efficient of keeping records of what happens in the meeting.

Weinreich- I apologize for coming in late. Are you planning contingency grants for clickers that are lost?

Jones- I am not sure yet. I am working on how I am going to be monitoring clickers at meeting. I'll let you know. These are all great ideas to think about, so please come talk to me while I'm in the process of looking.

d. Treasurer

Segal- Financial tip is to apply for the Senate scholarship. It is due this Friday. I have been working with Chairwoman Ferreira a lot, but she has been putting so much work into this with coordinating homecoming, so I think she should be recognized for that.

e. Vice President

Segal- New senator orientation is on 11/2 for internal elections. Final committee list will be up Friday at 4pm. Attendance sheets will be in chairmen mailboxes. Any new senators or current chairs that have comments questions or concerns, please talk to him. Scholarships due on Friday.

Juhr- Can you repeat the date for the new senator orientation?

Segal- 11/2

f. President

Coates- This week, I worked primarily on my requirements for the DOM position, so I can start the hiring search. I have actually had three or four people email me already for the position. I am going to get this out by Friday and hopefully by Monday or Tuesday, I will have responses. Senator Merolla has been kind in reaching out to the business school. I am putting together a "Job Wanted" add. I am not limiting my search to marketing majors. I will take anybody that applies into account. Prior professional experience is highly encouraged but not required. Resume, work samples will be viewed. I will cut down the number of candidates for finalists similar to what I did for the DOC position. From there, I will make a nomination, hopefully no later than the second week of November. I want to give a good week and a half for candidates to submit their resume. If you know anybody who may be interested, please tell them about it. Also, next week I have the Chief Diversity Officer or Vice President to the Vice President for Community, Equity, and Diversity- search committee will be meeting. Equity Council has a meeting next week. SBPC is not that far off in meeting time. I have not been notified for the Board of Governors Student Advisory Council meeting, so I will be looking into that. I wanted to take the time to thank the SOARC committee for their hard work with re-recognition. This is the first year we have gone digital and Chairwoman Roy handled it amazingly. Her committee worked extremely hard as well. Keep up the good work everybody. Supposedly, we will be finding out soon if there will be more state appropriations than what we thought due to the tuition increase.

- RULES AND ETHICS:

Lamoureux- No report.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bylaws

Stewart- Andrew, can you meet with bylaws in the morning?

Pilkington- Yes

Stewart- Ok. No report.

Elections

Segal- There were nominations for the unfilled senate seats on the floor today. We read in the bylaws that it has to take place five weeks after the freshman elections and it has only been three weeks. We have to wait next week where nominations will be re-opened. Next week is just nominations and the week after is voting. Aside from that, we don't have anything. One more senator to be sworn in from regular elections.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Nominations for unfilled Student Senate seats:

Off-campus (5)

On-campus (1)

Robert Lemeur

College of Engineering (1)

Robert Balikov

Kyle Sutherland

University College (1)

Ethan Zawatsky

Swearing in of New Senator

Freshman Representative – Jacob Lanoie

College of Human Science & Services—Abigail Farrow

Stewart- Call for the Orders of the Day.

Stewart- Motion to move back to General Discussion and Open Forum

2nd Weinreich

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Roy- I would like to yield my time to the young man in the back.

Lanoie- Have not been sworn in.

Stewart- Motion to move back to swearing in of new senators

2nd Pilkington

Bruce- I want to congratulate all the new senators. I look forward to working with you

Dobrzynski- I just wanted to say to all the new senators in the room that didn't sign up for this event- Commuter Appreciation week. Mews Tavern and Midas is giving us a bunch of incentives for this event, another reason to come out.

Pilkington- SMAC Club meeting in Room 301 in the Union. Please attend!

Coates- Wish Chris Knight a belated Happy Birthday if you see him!

Krauss- Who is running the yogurt-eating competition?

Jones- Good job moderating, Treasurer Segal! My ears were in heaven with no gaveling. Calmest my heart rate has been this whole semester during a senate meeting.

AYE: Blanchette, Brehio, Caisse, Cicero, Dionne, Dobrzynski, Farrow, Ferreira, Goddard, Her, Juhr, Kilduff, Koczera, Krauss, Lamoureux, Lanoie, Longa, Marchetti, Merolla, Musali, Perez, Pickard, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Roy, Sharkey, Smith, Stewart, Wynne

NAYE: Weinreich

NO VOTE: Coates, Cordisco, Jones

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:32pm