

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 pm

B. ROLL CALL: Blanchette, Brown, Cahill, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Cordisco, Ferreira, Gulum, Holden, Holzman, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Longa, Merolla, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Smith, Stewart, Weinreich, Zaman

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Roy: Motion to add bill SS-11/12-35 to new business

Lamoureux 2nd

Agenda approved! ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes approved! ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Segal: I'm playing secretary for the first time in 7 months so talk loud so I can hear you because I'm not used to this

Juhr: Motion for the pledge

Roy 2nd

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-11/12-26 Tax Grant for the Purpose of Hiring a Inventorying Employee

Whereas, the Student Senate has obligated itself to maintaining an inventory of its assets, and

Whereas, the Student Senate and its organizations has acquisitioned an extensive quantity of assets, and,

Whereas, it has been determined that cataloging existing assets in a timely fashion is not within the Finance Committees ability,

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate shall allocate \$400 from the Student Activities Tax to Category 131 (Worker), and be it further,

Resolved, that the Finance Chair shall be empowered to hire a student of the University of Rhode Island for the purpose of conducting the inventorying of existing assets, and be it further

Resolved, that the hired student shall be paid \$8 per hour.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Holzman
DATE:	Wednesday, October 5, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4 - 0 - 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Vote Tonight

Holzman: Tax grant for inventory employee, \$400

Bill approved! ☺

Abstain: Holzman

SS-11/12-27 Tax Grant for the Homecoming Fireworks

Whereas, fireworks have become a part of the Homecoming festivities, and

Whereas, Homecoming builds school spirit and community on campus, and,

Whereas, the Alumni Center, which normally underwrites this expense, has suffered unusual losses, and

Whereas, the Student Senate wishes to continue this tradition in light of the situation,
Therefore, be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate shall allocate \$7,400.00 from the Student Activities Tax to Category 807 (Homecoming) for the purpose of facilitating the fireworks.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
DATE: Wednesday, October 5, 2011
RECOMMENDATION: Passage(4 - 0 - 0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Holzman: Fireworks for homecoming
Sharkey: How long will they last?
Holzman: Directing that to cultural
Ferreira: About 20 minutes
Brown: What day?
Holzman: Friday of homecoming at 9:30 pm
Zaman: Is there a way to ensure we get recognition for contribution?
Holzman: Directing to cultural
Ferreira: We can say from us but as far as it goes nobody will ask, but alumni association will be appreciative.
Brown: Where are they going to be?
Ferreira: The football field
Bill passed! ☺

SS-11/12-29 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR Interfraternity Council

Whereas, Interfraternity Council is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Interfraternity Council would like to host programming for the campus community, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Interfraternity Council 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 \$1,250.00 from the Programming Contingency to the Category # 807 (Homecoming) line in the budget of Interfraternity Council

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
DATE: Wednesday, October 5, 2011
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5 - 0 - 0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Holzman: Banner competition, asking for \$1250.
Member: Annual banner contest but this year extending to 9 organizations to participate and the winner gets add in cigar. Displayed on field during homecoming game.
Brown: Can clubs still join in on it?
Member: We had to wait for approval first and then we’ll send out email and the first 9 to respond will get banners.

Sharkey: How would we get in contact if would like to?

Member: I'll send out email

Roy: If you want to talk to me after about getting word to organizations, I can help

Bill passes! ☺

SS-11/12-30 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Whereas, Students for Sensible Drug Policy is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, Students for Sensible Drug Policy would like to participate in the national conference for their organization, and

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

Whereas, Students for Sensible Drug Policy 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 \$675.00 from Travel Contingency to the Category # 700 (Travel) line in the budget of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, and be it further,

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$600.00 from Travel Contingency to the Category #236 (Conference Registration) line in the budget of Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Holzman
DATE:	Wednesday, October 5, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5 - 0 - 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Holzman: National conference

Roy: For group, what exactly are you doing at the conference?

Member: We will be sitting in on meetings with lawyers and people around the world talking about drug policy reforms, lobbying and other activities

Cicero: Where?

Member: LA, largest hotel in LA

Roy: This money is only for travel and conference registration?

Holzman: Yes, hotel and conference and airfare

Weinreich: Only half the cost

Stewart: Also their conference fee was \$200 a student and they applied early for a scholarship and already went out of way to defer the cost.

Bill passes! ☺

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 expence, 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 5, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4 - 0 - 0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

Holzman: Contingency for Cigar, capital improvements to buy new newspaper racks, sit on floor till next week. Meeting for tomorrow nigh is canceled and rescheduled 8pm Thursday October the 11th.

Cicero: Replacing racks or putting new ones in?

Holzman: Putting where weren't previously and wont be in NY Times and Pro Jo boxes

Brown: Other areas that they are getting them or just areas from before?

Stewart: I think the girl said right now there are only 5 places where they have them, but trying to make it more places around campus

Coates: Encourage you to write questions and ask Cigar representative next week.

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

Roy: Rerec taken over life. If anybody comes looking for me, I added 10 extra office hours this week. Last 5 hours are 7-9 Thursday night and 10:30 to 12 Friday. Highest turnout in rerec paperwork turned in on time. However there are many stragglers. Trying to get signatures for paperwork is turning into a bit of a chore. If want to talk to me can. Email me.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Caisse: Working on a couple things. Tech purchase proposal for advisory committee. Collecting and reviewing minutes from faculty senate. Also monitoring rep for UC Gen Ed committee. Seeing how freshman get through university college. Lot of changes taking part of. Meeting with committee tomorrow. Trying to have their chair come and talk to us. Trying to get student feedback.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Juhr: Safety and lighting walk being finalized. Sending out email tomorrow morning about that. Broken handicap button in Chaffee that will be fixed. Last semester working on map project to be put in different areas, one recently went up by Keaney but wasn't our doing, so we'll find out who did so they can help us. Keep eye out for broken lights

Caisse: Behind university club and fine arts commuter parking lot there is a taped up emergency call box that says out of order.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Ferreira: Diversity event last night. Less people than expected. Diversity services of URI will wait until Spring because 1 participant. Try to make it more of event in Spring. Smith is comparing prices for homecoming. Cicero is working on holiday stuff. Longa is working on Veterans Day committee. Meeting talking about diversity events going on.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Labate: Troiano is at what is possibly the last Narragansett coalition meeting. Been working very hard putting together commuter appreciation week. Working with Katrina, on Monday she came to meeting to talk about ideas and funding. Troiano contacted party vision for fun inflatables for the week. More to come. Also he has been working with finance for funding. Student life is helping fund as well. Dobrzynski and I were going to local businesses to see if they will help out or set up booths. Went to emporium and tried to get things donated. This week contacted police officer to come and talk about off campus living and orange sticker.

Coates: Yield Bruce time

Bruce: Talk about vendors with me

Merolla: Ask to keep in mind URI dining. Ask for donations, usually have a lot and try to get rid of stuff.

Brown: Fraternities and sororities can probably help too

Labate: Trying to get off campus businesses to appeal to off campus population but those are also good ideas

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. Chief Information Officer

Zaman: Working on style guide for senate. Received RFI today concerning elections.

Weinreich: Style Guide?

Zaman: More of a standard format

b. Director of Communications

Cordisco: working on newsletter for October so suggestions or things to put in email me

c. Secretary

d. Treasurer

Segal: Financial tip inspired from my roommate, use coupons they save you a lot of money. Aside from that, just buying things.

Roy: What are you buying?

Segal: We're getting new office chairs, office supplies, and other things we need.

e. Vice President

Holden: People asking about scholarship. Deadline is October 21st at 1 pm.

Applications in office and online. If eligible must be at least junior. CIO

Zaman is working on cigar ad. Dobrzynski made nice poster for campus.

Cordisco and I will be social networking it and hopefully URI listserv. If

have questions come talk to me. Sign in for office hours. When I say are

there questions or comments I don't see your hand unless you raise hand.

Have hand up when I'm asking not when move to vote. Tardiness I've been

lenient but cant be if your not here when the gavel bangs you're getting half

absence. New senate orientation is Tuesday at 5 in one of the atriums.

Chairmen are required to attend. Other people more than welcome to attend.

Holzman will be helping with mock senate meeting. Thanks to Roy for

working hard on rerec, she has been putting in long hours. Help the new

senators next week. If they have their laptop open or on phone or talk out of

order teach them proper ways. They are our future leaders.

Ferreira: Next Tuesday at 5?

Holden: Yes

Roy: If you want us to tell you if we can't, do you want to know right now?

Holden: Email

Juhr: Meeting in the senate office?

Holden: In general vicinity

f. President

Coates: Good evening everybody. Added bill to agenda under new business it is a bylaws change. I expect you to ask questions. I will email you what I sent to exec committee. Please read. Associate VP of diversity equity and community search committee will be meeting with RI Board of Governors and a lot of other meetings to go to in addition to senate. Expect at least 2 of those meetings to include fiscal year 13 budget and tuition increases. Spent time working on strategic plan, advances with online voting. Asked to serve on board of trustees on social media experiment. It has CEOs and noble prize winners. I don't know if I am going to do it, kind of weird. Expect Dooley to join us for a senate meeting in the next few weeks. Start talking to people and pick brains about what they want to know that he will be able to answer and you can ask. I don't expect silence. Opportunity for senate to receive a lot info.

Juhr: For bill next week will new senators vote on that?

Coates: No that's why I rushed to add to agenda. I wanted it this week for that reason. Didn't want new people to vote on bylaws change they don't understand

Roy: Mentioned Dooley, are we going to his house again?

Coates: Admin assistant mentioned and may do it again, last year it was end of Oct, I believe we would

Longa: When is meeting with VP equality and search committee, and can we go?

Coates: I think its closed, I requested several members put on it and weren't, I'm 1 of 2 students. Don't believe its open ironic because for VP of community

Longa: Can you ask?

Coates: Yes

Brown: What are benefits of director of marketing and recruitment?

Coates: Prefer to answer next week. But RFIs involve past election turnout compared to students here, think its necessary

Holzman: Yield time to Bruce

Bruce: When there's search like this, if selection committee has to remain confidential there will be open public forums to ask questions to candidates.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:**

Lamoureux: A few things coming in. If you file a complaint, consult bylaws to make sure right format

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bylaws

Stewart: Had good meeting last week and talked about setting goals, meeting tomorrow at 10am if anything let me know.

Weinreich: Involved in bylaws change by Coates?

Stewart: No

Weinreich: Look forward to your committees thoughts on that.
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 5th, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4 -0 -0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Annual Meeting
ACTION: Vote Next Week

Segal: Bill on floor for next week calling for the confirmation of the newly elected senators. It is vote next week. I need a recommendation from my committee. 4-0-0 Aside from that thank you to my committee for spending a lot of time planning and counting ballots and to Kim for helping us make sure everything was in order.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Nominations for Rules & Ethics (1)

Roy: Longa
Segal 2nd

Segal: Labate
Weinreich 2nd

Jones: Pishdadian
Pilkington 2nd

Weinreich: Brown
Merolla 2nd

Roy: Smith
Weinreich 2nd

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Roy: Reflected in minutes committee meeting Monday at 4:30

Holden: Holzman has been working for rerec as well, thank you

Brown: For PR for student senate library at night put cookies and say thanks to student senate

Jones: Kim wanted me to remind you guys she wont be here next week so if you have questions for her ask before

Coates: Over last week number 1 pieces of advice is read instructions. That will put you ahead if you can read instructions. So if you get something read instructions.

Holden: I have legos I can testify

Roy: That means rerec paperwork

Weinreich: The answer to question 7 is not false.

Smith: Wondering if possible for another thing instead of Applebees a potluck or something.

Holzman: Finance meeting next week will be 530 but room 354 Wednesday.

Cicero: Motion to adjourn
Lamoureux 2nd

N. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE: Blanchette, Brehio, Brown, Cahill, Cicero, Ferreira, Gulum, Juhr, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Longa, Merolla, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Roy, Smith, Stewart, Thomas

NAY: Holzman, Knight, Sharkey, Weinreich

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

7:18 pm