

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 pm

**B. ROLL CALL:** Berger, Blaise, Blanchette, Boiteau, Cahill, Caisse, Coates, Curry, Dallinga, Davis, Farrow, Ferreira, Fox, Hathaway, Holden, Holzman, Javett, Jones, Juhr, Knight Labate, Lamoureux, MacKinnon, May, McCormack, Messineo, Moffitt, Nicastro, Pilkington, Prata, Reilly, Renzi, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Sinapi, K Stewart, B Stewart, Troiano, Walsh

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Boiteau:** Amend SS-10/11-37, Men's hockey, last resolve should be 2015 2016

**K Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**May:** Amend section 1, bylaws add John Renzi, was nominated does not appear

**K Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Lamoureux:** SS-10/11-28 amend it to say Asian students Association instead of Geology Club

**Rossi 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Agenda approved! ☺**

**D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Minutes approved! ☺**

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Boiteau:** Motion pledge

**K Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**F. PUBLIC FORUM:**

**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**Boiteau:** 2 bills on floor this week. 1<sup>st</sup> tax grant request for senate.

**MacKinnon:** Approved new exec member, they get stipended, So this will cover Holzman until April.

**Boiteau:** Taking \$1500 from general activated tax to stipend account

**Bill approved ☺**

**Boiteau:** Outing club. Motion to come back

**Rossi 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Boiteau:** Contingency for SAWA for next week and club sports loan. Talked about upcoming changes to finance handbook, and budgets for next year.

**Boiteau:** Outing club is here

**Member:** Requesting money for new gear. Tent for 6 people. Members from other organizations can use too. We only have 1 tent. This would be for other groups could use as well. And it will sleep more of our members. 5 head lamps. Many new members don't have. When camping they are safer. Gear trying to purchase is geared to new members. Things that go around sleeping bag for extra warmth. Harnesses for climbing, many members don't have climbing gear.

**May:** When do you meet?

**Member:** Tuesday 5:30 room 360

**Dallinga:** How many members?

**Member:** 20-30 at meetings, 50-100 members. It depends

**K Stewart:** This new equipment is some of the first things we inventory. Older people know they come a lot but we're keeping track now.

**Boiteau:** Mentioning letting other groups use tent, but if it comes back damaged the group has to pay for it.

**Member:** We have every member and group fill out sheets about damaged equipment.

**Bill passes ☺**

**Holden:** Motion back to external

B Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>

**SS-10/11-32 TAX GRANT REQUEST FOR STUDENT SENATE**

Whereas, Student Senate is a Senate recognized organization, and  
Whereas, Student Senate would like to pay its newly elected Chief Information for the time period  
November 2010-April 2011, and  
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and  
Whereas, Student Senate would like to transfer the funding from its Activities Tax account, 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 \$1,500.00 from our Activities Tax to Category #134 (Stipends  
Expense) in the budget of Student Senate.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau  
DATE: Wednesday November 10, 2010  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4- 0- 0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

**SS-10/11-33 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR OUTING CLUB**

Whereas, Outing Club is a Senate recognized organization, and  
Whereas, Outing Club would like to purchase new equipment, and  
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and  
Whereas, Outing Club would like money to help cover the costs of the purchase, 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 \$594.60 from our Capital Improvement Contingency to  
Category #400 (Capital Improvements) in the budget of Outing Club.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau  
DATE: Wednesday November 10, 2010  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4- 0- 0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

**SS-10/11-36 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SAWA**

Whereas, SAWA is a Senate recognized organization, and  
Whereas, SAWA would like to hold a programming event on campus, and  
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and  
Whereas, SAWA 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 \$630.62 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130  
(Programming) in the budget of SAWA.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau  
DATE: Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5- 0- 1)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

**SS-10/11-37 LOAN REQUEST FOR MEN’S HOCKEY**

Whereas, Men’s Hockey is a Senate recognized organization under Club Sports, and  
Whereas, Men’s Hockey would like to reduce their deficit to zero 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 \$31,597.37 from our Tax Account to Club Sports on behalf of Men’s Hockey to be repaid by the last day of classes in the academic school year 2014-2015.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau  
 DATE: Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6- 0- 1)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

**SS-10/11-38 LOAN REQUEST FOR WOMEN’S HOCKEY**

Whereas, Women’s Hockey is a Senate recognized organization under Club Sports, and  
Whereas, Women’s Hockey would like to reduce their deficit to zero 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 \$12,090.09 from our Tax Account to Club Sports on behalf of Women’s Hockey to be repaid by the last day of classes in the academic school year 2013-2014.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau  
 DATE: Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6- 0- 1)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

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

**Messineo:** NSBE? ASA?

**Member:** Inclusive organization with diversity. Promotes awareness and appreciation in Asian community. Organized social events. Mission statement enhancing encouraging student involvement. Networking with other student organizations. Include many kinds of relations, political, cultural, social, community.

**May:** How many members?

**Member:** 30 or so

**Sharkey:** Where do you meet?

**Member:** Mondays 7pm 308 union

**MacKinnon:** Around for a while, what happened with rerec?

**Member:** Checked mailbox but I guess it got lost in pile, brought in as soon as could

**Fox:** Last 3 weeks, bill has been on but haven’t shown up, not at top of your priority list?

**Member:** Some how got lost , apologize for inconvenience

**Member:** New E-board members, so adjusting, were getting mail more currently

**Bill passes** ☺

**Messineo:** NSBE

**Member:** Been on campus for a long time. Accept everybody, don't have to be engineer or black. Goal is to group everybody together and raise GPAs. Have done a number of events. Had Halloween party, successful, no problems. Recently working on penny wars. Trying to work with more people. Trying to get a whole bunch of organizations together to raise money for charity. Another program within that people feel they got an easy A in, write it down so people know what to take. During September, theme was swag. First week was library, then professional, social, networking.

**Sharkey:** Current relationship with our cultural affairs chair?

**Member:** I know him on a personal level, so we have a relationship.

**Bill passes** 😊

**Messineo:** Scuba? Allied health professionals?

**Member:** Club is allied health professionals. Enrich other students mind about health knowledge, URI community. Including but not limited to health care fields. Having podiatrist next week and give talk about options with that career field. Hopefully work with health services and hold booths.

**Jones:** What is the name of podiatrist?

**Member:** Dr King

**Bill passes** 😊

**Messineo:** Weight lifting?

**Member:** Trying to get started, try to get group of friends together in friendly atmosphere in gym. Weight room now people feel overpowered so they don't go. Our group of friends are united in starting a good solid group. Current have 15-20 members who have same goals as we do. Speakers about nutrition and weight lifting and fitness. Running, cardio. Get more people involved, times in Ryan center to work out as group, would be great. Weight lifting contest yesterday with sports group. Get involved with that fundraiser for new gym.

**Holden:** How are you going to advertise for group?

**Member:** Sign up table in front of weight room, if have gym time, have sign up sheet so people who see were there

**Juhr:** When do you meet?

**Member:** Haven't figured out yet, 3 to 4 times a week. It wouldn't be necessary to be there every time.

**Reilly:** When rent out room, other people allowed in?

**Member:** When people see us they can join

**Boiteau:** Possibly closing gym for club?

**Member:** Open to everyone, but we would have a time

**Sharkey:** Groups not recognized by senate how you benefit? Weekly meeting with minutes what would you discuss.

**Member:** Speakers, about nutrition and something for new people to join. Workout regiments, personal training, we have background in weight training. Giving people splits to work out, and better themselves

**Rosati:** A lot of people don't know how to lift properly? Will you teach?

**Member:** Yeah in weekly meetings. I work at gym at home, working on getting personal training degree.

**Fox:** What sets you apart as club, then just people meeting in gym

**Member:** Unified group, main group of 15 to 20 to start and then people can join wherever they want

**Sharkey:** He is working on getting certified to work, but where does liability fall if somebody gets hurt?

**Coates:** Good question, I was going to find out ion my 48 hours to veto

**Messineo:** We talked about it in meeting, referred them to safety and risk management

**Coates:** Yield time

**Bruce:** All happening in university responsible area. Has staff, as long as it's there liability that is covering, if of campus that's different

Renzi abstained

Bill passes ☺

Messineo: Unless new club shows up were done. 2 bills on floor next week, previously recognized organizations that just handed in this week. Presidents meeting was 2 weeks ago. Went well. Next one will be December 6<sup>th</sup> in alumni center. Working on same projects as usual. Student organization handbook, directory. Thank you committee.

Motion Table bill till next week unless they come back.

Rossi 2<sup>nd</sup>

**SS-10/11-25– Bill Calling for the Recognition of NSBE at Category A**

**Whereas**, NSBE will provide students with an opportunity to increase their participation in programs rooted in the fields of engineering and engineering technology and

**Whereas**, NSBE meets the requirement for recognition at category A, and

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

**Resolved**, that Student Senate recognizes NSBE at category A.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Messineo  
DATE: Wednesday November 10, 2010  
RECOMMENDATION: Passed (4-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

**SS-10/11-26 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of URI Scuba Club at Category S**

**Whereas**, URI Scuba Club will provide training and continuing education in self-contained underwater breathing apparatuses and recreational open sea diving, and

**Whereas**, URI Scuba Club meets the requirement for recognition at category S, and

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

**Resolved**, that Student Senate recognizes URI Scuba Club at category S.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Messineo  
DATE: Wednesday November 10, 2010  
RECOMMENDATION: Passed (4-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

**SS-10/11-28– Bill Calling for the Recognition of Asian Students Association at Category R**

**Whereas**, Asian Students Association will increase the University’s awareness of Asian topics in the world and provide students an opportunity to become involved in projects involving Asian art, food, religion and culture, and

**Whereas**, Asian Students Association meets the requirement for recognition at category R, and

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

**Resolved**, that Student Senate recognizes Geology Club at category R.

SPONSOR: SOARC

BILL HANDLER: Chairman Messineo  
 DATE: Wednesday November 10, 2010  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passed (4-0-0)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

**SS-10/11-29 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of Allied Health Professionals at Category A**

**Whereas**, Allied Health Professionals will provide students with knowledge and information about personal health and hygiene as well as information and learning opportunities for those interested in potential employment in a medical field, and

**Whereas**, Allied Health Professionals meets the requirement for recognition at category A, and

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

**Resolved**, that Student Senate recognizes Allied Health Professionals at category A.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Messineo  
 DATE: Wednesday November 10, 2010  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passed (10-0-0)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

**SS-10/11-30 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of Weightlifting Club at Category R**

**Whereas**, Weightlifting Club will provide a common forum for students interested in learning about using weightlifting as a form of stress relief and improving their personal health and fitness, and

**Whereas**, Weightlifting Club meets the requirement for recognition at category R, and

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

**Resolved**, that Student Senate recognizes Weightlifting Club at category R.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Messineo  
 DATE: Wednesday November 10, 2010  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passed (4-0-0)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

**SS-10/11-39– Bill Calling for the Recognition of Sports Medicine Association at Category A**

**Whereas**, Sports Medicine Association benefit the URI community by bringing together medical professionals and students for informative presentations, and

**Whereas**, Sports Medicine Association meets the requirement for recognition at category A, and

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

**Resolved**, that Student Senate recognizes Sports Medicine Association at category A.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
 BILL HANDLER: Vice chair Rossi  
 DATE: Wednesday November 10, 2010  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passed (10-0-0)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

**SS-10/11-40– Bill Calling for the Re-Recognition of Electronic Music Association at Category S**

**Whereas**, Electronic Music Association will educate, inform and teach the population of URI about electronic music, and

**Whereas**, Electronic Music Association meets the requirement for re-recognition at category S, and

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

**Resolved**, that Student Senate re-recognizes Electronic Music Association at category S.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
 BILL HANDLER: Vice chair Rossi  
 DATE: Wednesday November 10, 2010  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passed (10-0-0)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Farrow:** Bill on floor questions?

**Coates:** So everybody knows survey online, is about 80% in favor of keeping drop period, will be reflected in bill.

**Sharkey:** Did you get the percent you wanted or no?

**Coates:** Not yet

**Sinapi:** 83.4% in favor as of now

**Reilly:** How many people have taken?

**Sinapi:** 549

**Bill passes ☺**

**Farrow:** To go along with that Brenden met with provost office and chair of academic standards and calendars, still working on final proposal. No date set for next meeting. Important for us to get 70% of student body so survey is accurate. Doing a booth in union on Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 4pm. Pass around sign up sheet. Computers present you'll be with it and watching people, nothing will happen to computer, try and get everybody who walks by to take it. Academic this week woman came from university college gen ed committee talked about 4 credit committee talk to academic or Gene about that. Handling CELS academic complaint still. Working on support. Casey and others are working to finish syllabus skeleton. Met with provost last night and met with meeting about drop period.

**Messineo:** Motion back to finance

**Rosati:** If more questions about gen ed program can also talk to Rossi

**Farrow 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SS-10/11-34 – Resolution of Opinion on Changing of the Drop Period at URI**

**Whereas**, the current University of Rhode Island drop period is 9 weeks long, and

**Whereas**, this length allows students to accurately evaluate their performance in class, and

**Whereas**, the current advising system is ineffective in regards to navigating a major and a lack of accessible advisers, and

**Whereas**, shortening the drop period and placing a W on student's transcripts, denoting a withdrawal, will adversely affect students in ways including but not limited to: potential for financial aid loss, inability to gauge performance in a class, tarnishing of a student's transcript, and complicate and create further confusion regarding advising and navigation of ones' major; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Student Senate’s official position is that Academic Standards and Calendars Committee of the Faculty Senate keep the current length of the drop period at 9 weeks from the start of the semester, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Student Senate would like for Faculty Senate to address the obvious problems in advising regarding the various majors offered at The University of Rhode Island.

SPONSOR: Academic Affairs Committee  
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Cologne  
 DATE: Wednesday November 10, 2010  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passed ( 9 - 0 - 0 )  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Perpetual  
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

**- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**B Stewart:** Working on different projects. Roy and Wynne are setting up meeting with South Kingstown town manager to get light fixed. Don’t go to coalition meeting. Want to do pancake breakfast off campus, team up with police or fire department. Hopefully before break, if not beginning of February. Also ideas for road to state house. Maybe give out bracelets with senate on them. Economic analysis. Someone to come in and analyze town of Narragansett and what URI students impact on it. Company that can help us.  
**Bruce:** Research office has gathered that data before for starting point  
**B Stewart:** Somebody did that 6 or 7 years ago

**- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Davis:** Today was supposed to be multicultural fair, it got postponed until after Thanksgiving. Toy drive boxes got passed to dorms. If you live in one look for box. Looking for more organizations to assist. Project Pangea, major fundraiser for Ellery pond, selling CD and proceeds will go towards pond. Auditions December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. If anybody is interested in participating come to auditions. Me and senator Curry have meeting with MCC presidents. Master calendar so everybody knows events going on. Also November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup> AIDs awareness week. Pass around sign up sheet if you would like submit services and form there well let you know if we have enough people to take part.

**- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Sinapi:** Next week discuss campus safety with effects that took place over past month. Few questions on parking while have around. Also issues with turning campus maps. 4 loko, spoke about that today, he said URI only source of info was media. They have no reports or studies, just opinions. Nobody knows for sure doing what they say. They’re just afraid. Same thing happened with electronic cigarettes. As of now this isn’t the same, but same pattern. Also other schools don’t place ban until studies completed but instead educate. One of main concerns is amount of caffeine. It might be the same as Starbucks but not for sure. This is compared to grain alcohol in handbook. And open containers of alcohol, where 4 lokos are prepackaged. Finding out process administration took with ban, and speed. New October 7<sup>th</sup> but didn’t notify until much later.  
**Lamoureux:** Is campus going to do anything about lack of cameras for vandalism?  
**Sinapi:** Supposed to meet Monday and go over that. Talk about that next week  
**Sinapi:** In reference to last weeks discussion and rising costs, Ryan Center had loss of a lot of money. Bookstore has had excess of funds 2008. Since then has fallen. For 2011, capital improvements they are expecting to rise. Risen over 200%

**- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

*a. Chief Information Officer*

**Holzman:** No report

**b. Director of Communications**

**Prata:** Pezza says t-shirts have been ordered. Still need some money. After meeting. Also sign up sheet for basketball tickets brown game. Sam will pick out of hate if too many people.

**c. Secretary**

**Segal:** Kudos goes to nobody this week because I haven't really noticed anything going on, and nobody gave me any tips to who did kudos worthy things. Also good job with committee minutes, everybody has been getting those to me which is good. Also I still am missing liaison reports from last month, I've gotten one since I complained last week. I don't mean to come off as mean or anything because I'm really not, but at the same time it's in the bylaws that I get these and it is really important so I can further do my job. I still need a few people to fill in liaison positions as well. I know a couple of you have meetings this week, so just get those to me ASAP. Aside from that, that's all.

**Curry:** I have a meeting coming up.

**Segal:** That's fine then, but the problem is people who I know should have had meetings and haven't gotten their reports in.

**Coates:** If your committee is not meeting or has not met yet, give her a heads up and find out when it is going to be, if you haven't been contacted let me know

**Juhr:** I told Kim and she emailed but they still haven't gotten back

**d. Treasurer**

**MacKinnon:** "Before I paid bills, this week I paid my respects, Thursday so should you."

**e. Vice President**

**Prata:** Scholarship applications due Friday by 2pm. If still working on, leave it in my mailbox, there is a folder. I cleaned it out there is labeled spots. Separate applications for both. Working on formal. Meeting with Amalfis. If we cant do laser tag this month, then spring. Also want to try to go to local one, and support local business. Passing out form for secret snowman next week. Basically \$20 or less, secret person. Last meeting before winter break.

**May:** Anything on ski trip?

**Prata:** Haven't started planning.

**Lamoureux:** Paintball?

**Prata:** Not this month but eventually.

**Moffit:** Have done ski trip before have info

**f. President**

**Coates:** Thanking veterans in country and on campus. Thank them. No board of governors this month. More difficult time schedule meeting than we do. JCAP didn't meet again. Announcements courtesy of athletics and MacKinnon. Next summer tennis courts will be finished. URI will be hosting women's basketball tournament 2012. Very exciting. Strategic budget and planning counsel will meet the 23<sup>rd</sup>. d-day. I want to be prepared to here they will be moving forward with increase in tuition. \$800 instate and \$600andsoemthing for out of state. Preparing letter with B Stewart, Holzman and Pezza. Talking to Pro Jo and stuff. May have heard of proposed \$6000 pound rate hike for students in England at their universities and took to streets and protest. First no violence then burnt stuff. Hopefully that won't happen here. Get serious as student government about fighting tuition hikes, governor elect make him understand we won't tolerate lack of state support.

**MacKinnon:** When does Chafee take office?

**Coates:** January

**Nicastro:** Plan of action on not taking this, or just letting us know so we can come together with idea how to handle

**Coates:** With resources we have and connecting to our peers we really should let press know and with bond issue you see public opinion not on our side. Need to start on grassroots level. Work with former senate members who hold prominent state positions

- **RULES AND ETHICS:**

**Caisse:** No report

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Nominations and elections of the Bylaws Committee

- Casey Holden
- Steven Cahill
- Kayla Flynn
- Ted Wynne
- Suzanne Sharkey
- Stephanie Segal
- Nicole Labate
- Jacob Holzman
- Bill MacKinnon
- Brenden Cologna
- Philip Nicastro
- Kristen Stewart
- Anthony Sinapi

**Nominations:**

**Renzi** respectfully decline

**Cahill** respectfully decline

**Sinapi** respectfully decline

**Labate** respectfully decline

**Coates** nominates **Curry**

**B Stewart** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Holden**

**Rodrigues:** Well respected and could understand bylaws, what to change what to add.

**Coates:** Nominated because been here for fair amount of time, one of most impressive young senators I have met. Dedicated, confident he read bylaws and good knowledge of what committees are working on.

**Holden:** I think I would be a good member of committee of reasons, most important, a lot of what we hear is people reading bylaws but its what you can do with bylaws. See if they still apply to bylaws. I look forward to working on it.

**Flynn**

**Coates:** She has unique perspective on things fascinates me was in Japan. Showed interest in senate. Faculty senate committee showed interest in rules and ethics and in bylaws. Good to have new senator

**Curry:** Nominated because she is new and shows she takes it seriously. Good addition, said in last rules and ethics speech she read bylaws. Good for new senator.

### **Wynne**

**Rodrigues:** He tried for rules and ethics would be great addition. New senators perspective.

**Holden:** New member of senate, one of first things I liked about him for committee. Very active, lots of ideas. Asks hypothetical questions. His ideas could be useful.

### **Sharkey**

**Rodrigues:** Been here for a while, took brief leave of absence, understand bylaws well, depth of knowledge

**Roy:** She is defiantly intelligent, very obvious. Experienced. Not afraid to voice opinion. Knows a lot.

**Sharkey:** Got on senate for wrong reasons, but am glad for what it gave me. My last year I want to give something back. Author of treasurer element of local sorority from 2 years ago. Templated all documents and constitution. Also delegate for Panhel, revised entire constitution, probably shouldn't have. Written constitutions for sfmac. 1 year of experience and heart in right place

### **Segal**

**Rossi:** She is really interested in committee. Been on senate over a year, has experience dedicated, types minutes good. Think she would bring good work ethic.

**Segal:** I think I should be on bylaws for several reasons. 1) The bill is written so that 2 exec members can be on the committee. I think being secretary, bylaws appropriately goes into what I do, I see all committee minutes and what is going on and I by typing minutes I see what needs to be changed and altered. 2) I have experience with bylaws, last year I was the representative for my pledge class for my sororities bylaws committee. And thirdly, contrary to popular belief, I know the bylaws very well. Having said that, I have a copy of the bylaws, which I went through and highlighted all the parts that either needs to be amended because they are not being followed and are unnecessary, and the parts that are plain just not being followed and need to be enforced. Either way I know the bylaws very well and am very confident in my ability to help out with the bylaws committee and get them revised, as they should be!

### **Holzman**

**Curry:** Very experienced, I look up to him for example. Great vision to committee. Very active. He knows bylaws inside and out.

**Rodrigues:** Knows a lot about bylaws. He is perfect because CIO, knows what bylaws need to be changed, he has passion. Has what it takes and take on challenge. Understand bylaws in different way.

**Holzman:** Been here long time, gone through rule and ethics, seen bylaws from that point of view as well. Also written Hillel bylaws. Took bylaws and started cutting a lot of things out. Looking forward to it, its something last time had bylaws committee, dissolved right before I got on. Been a while. Always looked interesting.

### **MacKinnon**

**Boiteau:** Bylaws created to making wording changes. We are in con law class and he has acquired skills to rephrase.

**Walsh:** Seen him go through bylaws. Last year had committee in fraternity, he did it on his own. Lot of good suggestions for nationals.

**MacKinnon:** Primary reason wanted to be on bylaws, I don't do much in senate office. Exec position, but I don't live up to potential. If I had one of the positions, I could do what I want. I have experience, headed committee for fraternity and actively participated in changing national bylaws. Bill called for certain areas to be adjusted. Liaisons are important part of how we operate. Make sure bylaws will hold liaisons accountable and how they are structured. Strategic plan mentioned, like to see fulfilled, grammar issues, almost had a heart attack reading Jorge's papers.

**Cologna**

**Holden:** Academic chair, really into distributing work evenly, sees potential in all, recognized bylaws and implements them. Go back to bylaws and referring to them. Follows bylaws strictly

**B Stewart:** Nominated because he was going to speak. He is dedicated. Excellent presence to bylaws committee. Working hard on academic. Why I nominated him.

**Nicastro**

**Dallinga:** Known for a few years, hard working. New senator. Get job done

**Nicastro:** New here, can't say I've read all the bylaws or know them, but works to advantage, committee needs new ideas from new people. I would be great asset. Hard working. Senior year of high school, helped revamp system. Want to see that once I leave, view senate as way to fix university, I want it to be perfect when I leave. By being on bylaws help senate run right way.

**K Stewart**

**Rossi:** Really dedicated, served on most committees. Extremely committed, knows a lot about bylaws and finance

**May:** Expressed interest. She has drive and attitude necessary. Gave up rules and ethics for bylaws.

**K Stewart:** Would love to be on it. Pointed out flaws in committee meetings in bylaws. Find them riveting and find me reading them before I fall asleep and I'm awesome

**Curry**

**Boiteau:** Looking at most members are old senators, she is new

**Coates:** Her commitment to senate since she has been on has been impressive. No body else from her senate age group is nominated.

**Curry:** Thank you, I can't say I'm the most knowledgeable to bylaws but I am very dedicated when delegated a task give 110%. If on committee I will know bylaws. Won't disappoint. I am journalism communications major so for grammar errors I'm knowledgeable. Can contribute.

**Sinapi:** Point, nobody needs to know bylaws back to front if on, you will be going through them on committee. Those who get on, remind me I have binders of errors and lacking areas.

**Rosati:** What do you find to be biggest problem with bylaws?

**Curry:** Grammatical.

**K Stewart:** Readability, organization.

**Nicastro:** 2 big issues besides grammatical, organization. More understandable, shorter version

**MacKinnon:** Job description of secretary and DOC

**Holzman:** Some changes to secretary and my job description.

**Segal:** The biggest thing is defiantly my job description, the CIO and the DOC. But aside from that, they can be made shorter by eliminating unnecessary sections. For example in the DOC's job description there is a whole conflict of interest section that isn't necessary because there a conflict of interest section above for appointed officers, DOC, secretary, treasurer and CIO.

**Sharkey:** Table of contents outline of what is included, agree with Holzman and voting practices.

**Holden:** We have bylaws, identify ourselves with, perceive to community. Grammatical errors, wish to perceive yourself that way. When I ran for senate minimum GPA was 2.5, bylaws says 2.0

**Coates:** 1 brief suggestion guideline for how CIO would produce documents

**Holden:** Go to meeting get approval of people on committee, go to general senate and CIO would document so CIO would produce to change.

**Sharkey:** Template

**Segal:** Not specifically, but generally the CIO would write a document in the form of a bill and get it approved by the senate and if majority approves, then it becomes a document.

**Holzman:** Drafted and 30 day comment period people can review provide feedback and be revised

**MacKinnon:** Introduce documents as bills and vote on it

**Nicastro:** Every senator should get copy of documents and it can be taken form there

**K Stewart:** Don't understand the question well, but what everybody else says.

**Curry:** Asking how CIO would make his document a new bylaw? Suggestion would be to model way how it does in American government, floor, subcommittee, bylaws committee, time to discuss and question. If needed discuss with rules and ethics.

**Coates:** Few brief thoughts, every single member of exec is qualified, but when you vote and put down 5 names, if more than 1 person from fall, reconsider, might not have capacity to understand things necessary.

**Cahill:** A lot of senators bylaws committee rules and ethics

**Coates:** Something for bylaws to take up. Will not exist rules and ethics. Not voting body

**Messineo:** Motion to vote/rock out

**Holzman:** When considering who is on, put 4 experienced on and 1 new member, not trying to come up with ideas. 1 new person good for more out of box solution, but problem identification, is bigger concern.

**Winners: Sharkey, Holden, Holzman, MacKinnon, K Stewart**

## **J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **K. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:**

**Bruce:** Nominations open for Rainville, most are already aware. 4 categories. Go on website, and find out info, think about groups and senate members. Diverse group.

**Davis:** Yield time

Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, diversity event, called not another diversity event. There is a lot of diversity events but people don't get to reflect. Very informal, DJ, raffles, asking for support from senate. A lot of you are involved with other things. Panel of students on stage, trying to spark conversation amongst each other. Meeting tomorrow 2pm 1<sup>st</sup> floor lounge Weldin. Trying to make it fun and effective. Ask that senate able to support in anyway possible. Leave my contact info. Get good turnout.

**Prata:** Organization or on own?

In a few organizations, but didn't want to give it to one org, so trying to get as many cosponsors as possible. Hopefully an annual event students want to go to.

**Holzman:** Retract statement about lobbying for smaller but more frequent increases. After talking to senator May, I realized we shouldn't be, we should lobby for nothing but state to stabilize and increase support for URI. If we aid we don't mind a little a year, then statehouse would just increase 2.5% every year till they pay nothing, it's extreme but agree its reasonable to only lobby on dollar for dollar value. \$64 million did this year won't do same in 5 years.

**Boiteau:** Yield time

Interested so listening in on meeting

**MacKinnon:** Really mean it when I say you should thank people who are veterans

**K Stewart:** To help secretary Segal, had first liaison committee meeting, it was awesome so recommend you all do it. Faculty on mine were interesting and had good ideas.

**Messineo:** I wasn't here last week, missed election day triumph, congrats on you all on voting yes question 2 and voting no on question 1 and saving money.

**Holzman:** ZBT and WOWW date auction tomorrow night I'm getting auctioned off proceeds benefit women's center. Raises own money to operate. 3 full time positions and grad student. Come on down, Disney themed.

**Segal:** Also thank you for the people who came to our philanthropy event, we raised almost \$1,000.

**Knight:** Investing in electronic clickers for voting

**Curry:** Did we send emails to resident advisors so RAs don't throw away toy drive boxes

**Davis:** all RAs have been notified won't throw out boxes, were going around to put up flyers as well.

**Curry:** Donate stuff

**MacKinnon:** Next week IFC and Panhel philanthropy week, goes towards habitat for humanity. Penny wars, larger than penny goes against

**Segal:** Speaking of philanthropy week, Monday for are you smarter than IFC/Panhel, I'll be in that so go and see how smart I am.

**Prata:** Interested in ski trip?

**Moffitt:** Can take it over, have done it a billion times, I'm an instructor. Anybody have suggestions where to go? Program I go through is usually about \$70. Bus and lift ticket and can pay more for rentals or lessons

**MacKinnon:** Until Coates is done reading from finance handbook

**B Stewart:** Motion to adjourn

**Rossi:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**M. ADJOURNMENT:**

**AYE:** Berger, Blaise, Blanchette, Boiteau, Cahill, Caisse, Curry, Dallinga, Davis, Farrow, Ferreira, Fox, Hathaway, Holden, Javett, Jones, Jühr, Labate, Lamoureux, May, McCormack, Messineo, Moffitt, Nicastro, Pilkington, Reilly, Renzi, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Sharkey, Sinapi, K Stewart, B Stewart, Troiano, Walsh

**NAY:** Knight

**NO VOTE:** Coates, Holzman, MacKinnon, Segal

**8:30 pm**