

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

B. ROLL CALL: Balikov, Blanchette, Brehio, Caisse, Coates, Connolly, Cordisco, Dionne, Dobrzynski, Farrow, Ferreira, Goddard, Gulum, Her, Jones, Juhr, Kilduff, Kiercjack, Knight, Koczera, Krauss, Lamoureux, Lanoie, Longa, Murphy, Musali, Nielson, Perez, Pickard, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Reyes, Roy, Segal, Sharkey Annalisa, Smith, Smith M., Stewart, Studley, Thomas, Troiano, Weinreich, Zaman, Zawatsky

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Knight- Motion to add nominations for Director of Marketing and Recruitment under special orders and include Scott M. and Rob

2nd Lamoureux

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lamoureux- Motion for pledge

2nd Krauss

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-11/12-40 BILL CALLING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE HANDBOOK

Whereas, Article V, Article B, Section I, SubSection A, Part 2 states that every year the Finance Chair shall publish a Finance Handbook which shall binding upon all recognized student organizations, and,

Whereas, the Finance Handbook to be effective must be approved by the Student Senate, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Finance Handbook submitted by Jacob Holzman be approved as the Finance Handbook for the 2011-2012 fiscal year as presented.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Jacob Holzman
DATE:	Wednesday, November 30 th , 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5 - 0 - 1)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Until Passage of Finance Handbook 2012-2013
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Holzman- Gave money to Musician’s Guild and LASA money for an event they are holding tonight. Bill number 40 on the approval of the finance handbook on the floor tonight.

Segal- The abstention was from you, right?

Roy- State a few of the major changes.

Holzman- Category A are not eligible to come for program contingency, so they can put on events that are for student programming. The committee has approved each of those. Re-formatted, so it is easier for people to read. Received positive feedback from my committee and some other student organizations as well.

1 abstention from Holzman

Bill Approved ☺

Stewart- Was the finance handbook going to be presented at the president’s meeting?

Holzman- Yes, with copies for everybody

- **STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE**

SS-11/12-48 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF URI AIRSOFT CLUB AT CATEGORY R

Whereas, URI Airsoft Club will seek to promote the awareness/enjoyment of the sport airsoft on the University of Rhode Island campus. The organization shall seek to promote attendance and participation at local events both of its own development as well as those of other local private entities.

Whereas, URI Airsoft Club meets the requirements for recognition at category R, and

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

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes URI Airsoft Club at Category R.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Roy
DATE:	Wednesday, November 30, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-11/12-49 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF WE ARE ALIVE AT CATEGORY A

Whereas, We Are Alive will uniquely benefit the URI Community because it will offer support to those in need of help. It will also help try and raise money to donate to the organization that inspired this group, To Write Love On Her Arms. To Write Love On Her Arms is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping those who are dealing with depression, self-harm, addiction, and suicide. This organization is here to show that everyone's story is important and to give people a place and others to go to if they just need to be heard. It is here to encourage others to tell their story because we are all alive.

Whereas, We Are Alive meets the requirements for recognition at Category A, and

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

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes We Are Alive at Category A.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Roy
DATE:	Wednesday, November 30, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-11/12-50 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF HILLEL: THE JEWISH STUDENT ORGANIZATION AT CATEGORY R

Whereas, Hillel: The Jewish Student Organization is an organization which provides Jewish students and students interested in Judaism opportunities to learn about Judaism and issues affecting Jewish people, observe Jewish holidays and traditions, participate in tikkun olam and tzedakah (social justice work), and build friendships through shared experience

Whereas, Hillel: Jewish Student Organization meets the requirements for recognition at category R, and

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

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes Hillel: Jewish Student Organization at Category R.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Roy
DATE:	Wednesday, November 30, 2011

RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

Roy- Airsoft Club coming in for recognition at “R.”

Knight- I am the President of the Airsoft Club. We are setting up the club as an awareness of airsoft. Trying to get people together to play together on campus.

Knight- Included basic safety guidelines in our constitution that members will have to follow. They are more strict than guidelines established by other establishments.

Stewart- How often do you guys meet?

Knight- We have met twice so far. It’s up in the air about when we will meet next.

Juhr- How many members?

Knight- Around 12 or 13 members.

Abstentions from Knight, Lamoureux, Krauss

Bill Passes ☺

Roy- The next group we have is We Are Alive. I have them at category “A” because they are basically a philanthropy group.

Rep- My name is Samantha. The group is going to be an awareness group for suicide prevention, and we don’t really have a club for that. We have talked with a few people, and we are trying to put a bunch of fundraisers together.

Roy- This is a really important group. Did some research, and we have nothing like this on campus.

Caisse- What is your association with the national campaign?

Rep- I have emailed people in other organizations and have been told that I should attend a committee meeting of their own, but right now, it would just be fundraising.

Stewart- Meetings yet?

Rep- I have meet with a couple of people, but it is not finalized yet, so I do know a few people but not all of my members.

Bill Passes ☺

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Caisse- The UC Gen Ed forum was two weeks ago, so thank you to those who came. Thanks to committee for going. We are working on some projects. We are going to be contacting academic clubs and departments and work with SOARC about dept relationships and funding issues, working second grade option proposal, working on higher ed report and things like online education standards. We have senators looking into free academic printing. Some departments offer free printing for certain majors. We are also researching how the university defines academic honesty. I assigned one of my members to look at the university manual here and other universities to compare and contrast. Gearing up for the exam season, so be on the lookout for flyers about exam rights and other problems that arise this time of year.

Holden- Flyers passed around next week?

Caisse- Not sure yet. Going to revise it and make it more attractive. Might make a big poster, similar to that of the petition, but I will let you know.

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Juhr- The blue light on the quad was out and I sent a work order to be put in, but it was fixed. I also sent an email asking facilities where to go to have a new blue light put in the commuter lot that Senator Thomas had concerns about for the commuter lot behind the emporium. I am waiting for a response on that. The stop signs over there near Parking Services are now in.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Ferreira- This Monday 12/5 from 5-7pm in the ballroom is the Spirit of Giving that will be having their promotional reception. There is going to be prizes and raffles and refreshments. Also, President Coates had forwarded me a research and results project that grad students were working on to enhance

campus community, so we will be looking into that. They did a survey at the end, so we might send out our own to see what type of results we can get.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Troiano-Working on Licht report with my committee and have started thinking about transportation to the statehouse. The petition has not come out yet and should not be out until next week, because the person that is working on it is on vacation. Congratulations to Molly Smith as the new off-campus liaison. Could my committee please meet after the meeting down in the senate office?

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. Chief Information Officer

Zaman- I just wanted to remind everyone that today is 11/30 which is the last day of the month and I have not gotten everybody's liaison report. I will be making the style guide available online, and I will be sending it out to you. Whenever you write any senate documents, please refer to the style guide.

Caisse- Do you have a list of liaison reports you should be getting?

Zaman- Yes, down in my office.

b. Director of Communications

Cordisco- Newsletter went out. URI Alumni Relations is putting out a promotional YouTube video, and they would like anyone on senate to be part of it. It will be Friday at 2pm in the Alumni Relations office. If you guys are interested, please sign up. It will be a lot of fun and would be a good way to get our image out there.

Holden- It is basically a promotional stuff for the university. It will be on YouTube.

c. Secretary

Jones- Not much going on this week. Looking into the electronic online voting for campus-wide elections for President Coates. He had asked me to contact a couple voting system providers to see what other clients they may have as far as Universities and other colleges. I will be contacting the representative for our voting on bills during our general meetings sometime this week.

d. Treasurer

Segal- Stipends are in. New chairs are in the senate office. I will be inventorying the senate office over break so they can re-do the ceiling in the office, so I will probably be doing that tomorrow. Basketball game on Sunday versus Maine at 2pm in the afternoon. If you sign up, make sure you go so you can get a ticket. Lastly, my financial tip- hope you shopped black Friday!

Pilkington- Did you get pepper sprayed?

Segal- No, shopped at my work.

Reyes- The basketball game is at 2pm.

e. Vice President

Holden-Just a couple things. Secret snowmen are next week. Assignments are in your mailboxes. After the meeting ends next week, you can go up to your snowman and let them know you had them and give them your gift. Please make sure if you did sign up to participate that you do because nobody wants to be left out. The holiday cards are due on Friday. Envelope on my desk if you can just put the cards in there and seal them, I would appreciate it. I bought holiday cards, but if any of them say "Christmas" on them by accident, I can exchange them for you to make it more politically correct. My scholarship committee-please email your availability so we can meet regarding scholarships. We have nominations for the elections committee tonight. Basically, you are not eligible to be on elections if you plan on running for senate next year. As of right now, I have seniors who are eligible- Chairwoman Roy, Senator Merolla, President Coates, DOC Cordisco, Farrow, Smith, Knight, and Murphy as well as members of the Rules and Ethics Committee. The office is going to be closed after next Friday. Please take anything you need with you. Executive Committee- please empty out anything in your desk.

Segal- If your binders are there, you can leave them there if you want, but if you could just take them home. Easier if you can just take it for a week.

f. President

Coates- Good evening, everybody. Not much to report this week. Hope everybody had a good Thanksgiving break. I have worked on the RFP for online voting. We have actually already received

some feedback from other schools about what they have as far as online voting. We found a few more companies we did not already know about, so things are getting bigger. I am looking forward to having some feedback as soon as possible. I have two companies that keep contacting me non-stop. Had to get a lot of stuff ironed out with the University, which is not all clear yet. Other than that, every meeting for every other committee happens to be next week, so I will be busy. Board of Governors, Student Advisory Council, SBPC, and other things regarding senate projects.

- RULES AND ETHICS:

Lamoureux- No report.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bylaws

Stewart- We are meeting tomorrow. We reviewed our document and have to do a final review, and it looks really good, so please look forward to that after break.

Weinreich- Will you have a revised version of the bylaws before winter break?

Stewart- Probably not.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS

Nominations of Elections Committee

Segal- Is there anybody else graduating but not coming back?

Holden- Chairwoman Jühr is also not returning

Stewart- Nominate Senator Merolla

2nd Pilkington

Coates- I nominate DOC Cordisco

2nd Roy

Segal- I would like to nominate President Coates

2nd Pickard

Zaman- I would like to nominate Chairwoman Roy

2nd Weinreich

Segal- I nominate Senator Farrow

2nd Stewart

Stewart- I nominate Chairwoman Jühr

2nd Pilkington

Coates- I nominate Senator Murphy

Murphy- I respectfully decline

Segal- I nominate Senator Knight

Knight- I respectfully decline

Holden- Nominations re-open next week.

Lamoureux- How many do we need?

Holden- 5

Nominations for Director of Marketing and Recruitment

Coates- Interviewed and narrowed down interview candidates for Director of Marketing position.

Weinreich- Do we have any access to their resume and qualifications?

Coates- I have not traditionally done that and do not plan on providing that.

Caisse- I think Q&A with the candidate would be sufficient.

Segal- Nominations is kind of the wrong word. It is an appointed position but has to be approved by the Senate.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Bruce- The ceiling is starting on the 12/13. It is important to help the treasurer and Kim box up. It is important to take out any items you have. Ceiling is going to get taken down and put up new piping and ceilings. We will have access after ceiling is complete. Kim is going to move down to my complex for her last four days there. We will be announcing at the President's meeting, so all the student groups know to get their things out of the office as well. Any questions see me.

Maureen- Rainville Award nominations is coming up. Any one you feel should be nominated, please do so online on the Rainville website.

Caisse- Kim has graciously put a link for online academic complaints on the senate webpage. My boss was telling everybody exams start on the 6th, so please check your exam calendar.

Roy- Last president's meeting of the semester next week in the Alumni Center.

Farrow- St. Jude's Up 'Til Dawn has raised over \$22,000 so far.

Segal- Nobody signed up for the basketball game. We are going to open the tickets to other student orgs. I'll have Chairwoman Roy send out an email. Let me know if you would like to attend.

Zaman- I am selling all you can eat breakfast tickets to Applebee's for tour guiding, so please let me know if you are interested.

Bruce- I appreciate your co-sponsorship for the NFL player's speech on Monday. It was well-attended and an excellent program, so thank you.

Weinreich- Motion to adjourn

N. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE: Balikov, Barrena, Blanchette, Brehio, Caisse, Connolly, Dionne, DObrzynski, Farrow, Ferreira, Goddard, Gulum, Her, Jühr, Kilduff, Kiercjack, Knight, Koczera, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Lanoie, Longa, Murphy, Musali, Perez, Pickard, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Reyes, Roy, Sharkey Annalisa, Smith, Smith M., Stewart, Thomas, Troiano, Weinreich, Zawatsky

NAYE: Holzman

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

Adjourned: 7:11pm