

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:36 pm

B. ROLL CALL: Acevedo, Ajasa, Berger, Blaise, Blanchette, Boiteau, Cahill, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Cologne, Cowen, Curry, Dallinga, Dlhopsky, Farrow, Flynn, Fox, Gulum, Holden, Javett, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Labate, MacKinnon, McCormack, Messineo, Pezza, Pilkington, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Sinapi, K Stewart, B Stewart, Troiano, Walsh, Wynne, Zaman

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Agenda approved ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes Approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rosati: Cards in mailbox, Tuesday afternoon MCC is having gathering for everybody. Tomorrow is cultural affairs multicultural fair. Gingerbread competition. January 31st to February 5th Martin Luther King Jr celebration week

Cologne: Motion pledge

B Stewart 2nd

Coates: MCC looking for journal entries about how community service impacted life. Ejournal. I will participate, need other students as well. Sending email.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

Juelia Simon

Simon: Travel opportunity to help other people. Went to Ecuador. 2 weeks of volunteering and then adventure tour. Can get academic credit. Brochures with contact information.

Holden: How much?

Simon: Depends on the country...about \$3000.

Messineo: Does amount of credits you take affect how many hours of service?

Simon: You keep a journal there and depending on how many credits you do you can use your journal to write a paper.

Acevedo: How long can you stay?

Simon: Depending on where you go, there is service and different activity packages. Main part is 4 weeks. But you can add to it.

Acevedo: Max credit?

Simon: What I heard was 6, but I'm sure you can do it different if you do independent study

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Boiteau: 2 bills for next week. Contingency. Sent budget paperwork timeline is by my desk.

SS-10/11-43 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SSDP

Whereas, SSDP is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, SSDP would like to hold a programming event on campus, and

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

Whereas, SSDP 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 \$4,412.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) in the budget of SSDP.

SPONSOR:

Finance Committee

BILL HANDLER:

Chairman Boiteau

DATE:

Wednesday, December 1st, 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

Passage (5- 0- 0)

EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-10/11-44 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SEC

Whereas, SEC is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, SEC would like travel to an annual conference, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, SEC would like money to help cover the costs of the trip, 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 \$1,452.00 from our Travel Contingency to Category #700 (Travel) in the budget of SEC.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau
DATE: Wednesday, December 1st, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Messineo: Korean student association

Member: Campus has lack of diversity. Want more diversity. With this provide more opportunity of what is happening. Think big we do. KSA had meeting last week. Diverse group want to provide to URI

B Stewart: Vote was 7-1-0, why no?

Messineo: I believe Rodrigues

Rodrigues: My concern was because ASA is similar, same kind of common interest, can merge, I have no problem, but raised concern

Boiteau: How many members?

Member: 20, expect to get more. Anybody interested can join

Sharkey: Dooley came up with partnership within university, 20 Korean study abroad students this year, getting them involved?

Member: Yes have helped them, interested in organization

K Stewart: We have ASA but vote for them because feel like ASA is that organized as have been in past shouldn’t hold them back

Holden: What events do you plan to hold in URI community?

Member: Show in ballroom. One of our members had idea for event.

Bill passes ☺

Sharkey abstain

Messineo: 2 bills on floor for next week. Muslim student association and Quidditch. Questions come ask me or my committee. Last pres meeting of calendar year is Monday 7pm alumni center.

Coates: There will be dessert, come with us. And about bill for next week, Quidditch club, planning to be a club sport?

Messineo: You have to be club first, sure they would love to be, but there are questions about value of it as sport.

Coates: Well aware it has to be club first

Curry: How is going to work?

Messineo: Have a bunch of member like humans v. zombies. Place on quad, no space on field. Tournaments. Teams are 7 people and have different names for players.

Cowen: How play Quidditch without broomsticks

Messineo: Run with broom between legs? They’ll be here next week. I don’t really like Harry Potter so ask them.

Rodrigues: Wait till next week.

Pezza: u-tube it, and video on barstool. See how it’s done

SS-10/11-42 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of Korean Student Association at Category R

Whereas, Korean Student Association will provide students with an opportunity to increase their participation in programs rooted in Korean culture and customs, and

Whereas, Korean Student 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 Korean Student Association at category R.

SPONSOR: SOARC
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Messineo
DATE: Wednesday December 1, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passed (7-1-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION: Vote Tonight

SS-10/11-45 – Bill Calling for the Muslim Student Association at Category R

Whereas, Muslim Student Association will provide students with an opportunity to increase their participation in programs rooted in Muslim traditions, culture and customs, and

Whereas, Muslim Student 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 Muslim Student Association at category R.

SPONSOR: SOARC
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Messineo
DATE: Wednesday December 1, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passed (6 - 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-10/11-46 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of the Quidditch Club at Category R

Whereas, the Quidditch Club will provide students with an athletic opportunity as well as offering students a network to other universities through game competition, and

Whereas, Quidditch 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 Quidditch Club at category R.

SPONSOR: SOARC
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Messineo
DATE: Wednesday December 1, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passed (5- 0 -1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION: Vote Next Week

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Cologna: Appointed Pilkington as main contact for college readership program. Trying to get USA today thing solved. Got email from USA today, today. Academic standards and calendars meeting is Friday at 12pm. About drop period. Monday was provost student advisory counsel meeting

Labate: Monday talked about Dooleys plan for university for future. Went over 4 important things, 21st century 24/7 learning environment, enhance tech. So students can always learn. More experiential learning. Globalize URI. January studying in different country. Increasing university research profile. Build community.

Cologna: That's all. Looking to start hitting syllabus skeleton and course materials hard next semester.

Boiteau: Exam rights campaign again?

Cologna: Sure we can figure that out and make it happen

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

B Stewart: December 7th Narragansett coalition session. Proposal that only 4 unrelated people can live in house. We are obviously opposed. Going around to realtors and see what they think. Working quickly to get written statements from realtors.

Coates: Obviously think its ridiculous to put that restriction, most rentals are college students, but summer residents as well. Lobby Narragansett town counsel to not make this measure. On another note, we were invited to another coalition I haven't told him about yet. Coalition with not cranky town residents, involves Narragansett, South Kingstown, police, campus police and university officials. If we like that coalition better.

B Stewart: I agree ridiculous proposal need to get word out make everybody aware.

Coates: Know we put emphasis on coalition in past, but I felt that relationship with South Kingston is pretty awful, always focused on Narragansett. But plenty students live in South Kingstown.

B Stewart: Moving on, Roy and Wynne contacted town manager of town Kingston, monthly traffic meeting the 16th, well be on agenda so good news. Anything you have for that let me know.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Davis: Reminder is cultural fair tomorrow, gingerbread comp. Sign up sheet to participate in it. Holiday toy drive is still going on, try to donate and encourage others. Committee still working on projects had meeting with groups for project Pangea. Meeting with brown for mass calendar for campus.

Dallinga: Anywhere for toy drive for people off campus

Rosati: We have a box in all building on campus.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Sinapi: Survey sent out letting hertz know cars. Ford escape, and either 2 Mazda 3 and Ford fusion or 3 Mazda 3s.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. Chief Information Officer

Holzman: No report

b. Director of Communications

Pezza: Working on enewsletter so if you have idea how to put newsletter in email let me know. Or if have anything to include. T-shirts are here.

c. Secretary

Segal: Kudos is for Nicole for being the only one who went to the meeting with the provost yesterday. I've been getting committee minutes, so that's really good. I have gotten 4 of the expected liaison and college rep reports, that's a 40% success rate.

d. Treasurer

MacKinnon: My name is Bill so I'm technically paying me's

e. Vice President

Prata: Formal is January 29th Saturday. \$45 or \$90 a couple. Bought from Kim in office. When pay Kim will ask if interested in bus. Extra \$15 a person for bus.

Moffitt couldn't be here but note. Ski trip booked sat February 26th. Bus 4:30 am leave by 5. \$74.95 a person. Bus and lift ticket. Leave mountain at 4:30 pm. Need minimum 42 people. Max is 55. rentals is \$25. If under 18, need minor consent form. Secret snowman due next week.

B Stewart: \$60 per person is \$120 a couple if you both take bus?

f. President

Coates: Hope you enjoyed break. Met Tuesday with strategic budget and planning learned stuff about auxiliaries and enterprises. Part of budget with specific department and services. Ex: dining services. Ex enterprise: Alton Jones. They are running surplus. About \$7 million. New gym for Roger Williams complex.

Counsel members when talked about auxiliaries talked about textbooks. And emergence of ebooks and how will impact money generated to bookstore.

Discussed idea of general investment fund. Productive meeting, will provide senate with written report with summer till now. Gen ed system changing, meeting to talk about changes. Writing editorial this weekend wishing people luck on exams. Last month our website had 101% increase in traffic, really awesome. Trying to find a way to keep people interested. Kim is posting results, so Thursday should have survey results. Thinking putting up a URI v PC poll who will win. We were responsible for distributing tickets, sold out in 1 hr and 15 minutes. Unfortunately some people complained we messed up, athletics messed up and said tickets were going on sale at 11 when I sent a message that 10. 134 tickets, 34 to mob and first come first serve for 150. Master calendar, new meeting with brown December 14th. I have been invited. Free. Need to find staff to support it. Have had same calendar for too long. Student section of URI homepage is now accessed downstairs, so we will have better access.

Messineo: About basketball tickets part of issue was with box office that we can discuss later. It wasn't good at beginning. But don't be concerned, it wasn't our fault.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:**

Caisse: No report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bylaws

Holden: Suggestions for bylaws. Worked on job descriptions past week. Considering doing one all inclusive bill for all changes in bill.

Coates: Highly encourage all senators go through bylaws and make suggestions.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Confirmation of Rosemarie Thomas for College of Arts & Science Liaison

Coates: She came to me and was interested in arts and sciences position. Had large internal election, would cost too much to do another election.

Thomas: Wanted to get involved in senate and would like to have the opportunity to help communicate with the college and be part of this position.

Cologna: no obligation to attend senate/ac meetings, but she has and has given input from college so vote for her

K Stewart: Do you intend to run in spring

Thomas: Yeah

K Stewart: Cool

Curry: Do you currently have relationship with dean?

Thomas: Don't know him yet, but look forward to talking to him and meeting with him.

Coates: Congratulations you are now the college of arts and sciences rep!

Elections of Elections Committee members

Boiteau: Decline nomination

Rosati: Decline nomination

Cologna: Decline nomination

Messineo: Decline nomination but not respectfully

Nominations closed

Rodrigues

Rossi: Seconded because he was elections chair in fall, has experience and free time. He really expressed a lot of interest

Coates: Nominated because last time he was hard on himself when he graded himself but I know he spent a lot of time reflecting on how he did and came up with a lot of ideas and I don't think he did bad. So encourage to vote for him

Rodrigues: My schedule has Monday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday off. So I have open availability. Served on it twice in fall. Couple of ideas. Like electronic voting. Something new would like to do and get it done this election, make it digitally enhanced in a way that videos and pictures of candidates can be on site, so people know.

MacKinnon

Rodrigues: He is great for the job. A senior and has patience to count ballots I think hopefully. And good head on shoulders.

Pezza: I think he is outgoing at booths and had no problem to get people to vote, rocks paper scissors. We need somebody not afraid to talk to people on elections

MacKinnon: I also have Monday Wednesday and Friday off so I'll have free time and then I'll be gone and this ties into why I ran for bylaws I don't do a lot as treasurer so it will be a last thing.

Prata

Cologna: Gianna does a great job and I think she would do a great job on elections

MacKinnon: Nominated for same reason as Cologna. She is not here to give statement

Dallinga

Boiteau: He could do a really good job and give an opportunity to step up

Dallinga: I'd like to help out as much as possible. Don't know much about it, but I feel that I can help and I wish I had Monday, Wednesday and Friday off.

Blaise

Dallinga: Few times I talked to her I think shed be good and do good job

Curry: Always dedicated, and she is new and a good way to get feet wet, don't want to jump into like bylaws, but this would be a good way to get acquainted.

Blaise: Another way to get involved and get to know people

Pezza

MacKinnon: Has done fantastic job in position, translate well to ballot counting

Rodrigues: You were awesome delivering elections add, great for fall elections, great again. Think she could communicate with other people well about elections and voting

Pezza: My last year, would like to get involved, fairly new, like to get as much involved before I leave, probably have to do ads anyway.

Davis

Cologna: Very capable dedicated, good addition

Boiteau: Puts 100% effort into everything, he would do good job getting people to vote.

K Stewart: Blaise, not returning?

Blaise: Are returning

K Stewart: Then you cant be on elections committee, right? Cool

Coates: If she plans to stay around don't vote for her. Davis is busy so I was going to say not to vote for him either.

Curry: Dallinga, what year are you?

Dallinga: Senior

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Rodrigues: Happy world aids day

Juhr: Next Wednesday and Thursday in ballroom, is holiday mini mall, my sister is selling jewelry so I'm trying to help he rout and spread the word

Messineo: Ummmm come back to me

Ajasa: This Saturday in ballroom event 6-1130 \$12 single \$20 couple

Maureen: Rainville is due Friday, so nominate before then. Can't be here next week so good luck on finals

Gulum: Tour guides selling t-shirts to help support children for those of you that like children. They say celebrate big we do.

Rosati: Brandford wanted to thank Messineo for attending MCC meeting. Gingerbread house tomorrow 7pm in gallery.

Walsh: FIJI is doing habitat fundraiser selling wristbands \$2 each.

Messineo: Bone marrow drive, today maybe tomorrow or next week. URI employee needs bone marrow from donors so having drive for it. If you can't donate, donate funds. Senator Holden talked about burning turkey if you insert a lemon and orange inside before hand it wont burn

Cologna: Point of information is used to clarify question, not to state something. Also exam rights, not allowed to have exams within last 5 days of classes. So starting Friday no exams.2 exams per day

Segal: Can it be a paper?

Pezza: Final exam or any exam?

Cologna: A lot of professors don't give finals and give them the last 5 days instead

Fox: What date?

Cologna: last 5 days, this Friday

Fox: Is that class days, or very last 5 days

Cologna: Last 5 days

Juhr: So if test in class last 5 days can petition?

Cologna: Yes, but notify professor first

Coates: Results...Pezza, MacKinnon, Prata, Rodrigues, Dallinga

Stewart: Motion to adjourn

Rossi 2nd

N. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE: Acevedo, Ajasa, Berger, Blaise, Blanchette, Boiteau, Caisse, Cicero, Curry, Dallinga, Dlhopsky, Farrow, Fox, Gulum, Holden, Javett, Jones, Juhr, Labate, may, McCormack, Messineo, Nicastro, Pilkington, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Sharkey, K Stewart, B Stewart, Troiano, Walsh, Wynne, Zaman

NAY: Cologna, Knight, Rodrigues

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

8:02 pm