

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

**B. ROLL CALL:** Azizi, Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Brehio, Brown, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Gulum, Holden, Holzman, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Longa, May, Merolla, Nicastro, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Renzi, Rossi, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Smith, Stewart, Troiano, Weinreich, Wynne, Zaman

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Cicero-** Motion to add Elections Committee under Reports of Special Committees

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ferreira**

**Agenda Approved ☺**

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

**Ferreira-** Motion to strike, on page 8 of the minutes, the 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. I got the date wrong

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lamoureux**

**Stewart-** Motion to change “agenda” to minutes

**2<sup>nd</sup> Pilkington**

**Minutes Approved ☺**

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Troiano-** Motion for the pledge

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

**F. PUBLIC FORUM:**

**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**SS-11/12-15 TAX GRANT REQUEST FOR SAILING TEAM**

Whereas, Sailing Team is a Senate recognized organization under Club Sports, and

Whereas, Sailing Team would like attend a national semi-final competition in Long Beach, CA, and

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

Whereas, Sailing Team would like money to help cover the costs of attending this competition; specifically the costs of flights, 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 \$6,000.00 from our Activities Tax to the Sailing Team’s budget within Club Sports.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Boiteau
DATE:	Wednesday, April 27th, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (7- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

**Boiteau-** Motion for immediate consideration

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

**Boiteau-** This bill is giving the sailing team \$6,000 to attend a national competition in Long Beach California.

**Representative-** I am a senior at URI Sailing Team and my name is Andrew. We are asking Student Senate to send the sailing team to the semi’s . Women’s team is already qualified for championship. Due to expenses of airfare and rental the team is asking for money from you

guys to help fund this trip. We are doing fundraising and asking alumni in letters along with hosting our annual sail-a-thon, where we get sponsored by family members and friends. We are continuing to fundraise as much as we can but we need help.

**Holden-** Questions?

**Ferreira-** How much money would this entire trip cost?

**Representative-** Process is that the women’s team is already qualified for Oregon. Co-ed is qualified for semi’s. If we qualify there, we go to Oregon at the end of the month. Total trip costs approximately \$17,000.

**Azizi-** Is it taking place this weekend?

**Representative-** Semi-finals are. We qualified 3 weeks ago out of New England and now we qualify for semi’s. We are flying out to Long Beach.

**Coates-** We have been supportive in the past of the sailing team. I would urge you all to vote in favor of this bill.

**Bill Approved** ☺

**SS-11/12-16 LOAN REQUEST FOR SAILING TEAM**

Whereas, Sailing Team is a Senate recognized organization under Club Sports, and

Whereas, Sailing Team would like attend a national semi-final competition in Long Beach, CA, 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 \$1,900.00 from our Tax Account to the Sailing Team’s budget within Club Sports 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, April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (7- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

**Boiteau-** Have a loan for the sailing team. Broke it down by giving them \$7,900, covering money for their flights. Thought we could give them a tax grant and the rest is a loan they would have to fundraise over 4 years. Have to pay back for final year. It is a good way to make sure they are keeping up with their fundraising efforts.

**Representative-** Like I said before, we appreciate it and we will pay money back. Already made steps for fundraising and are continuing to do that as much as we can right now.

**Brown-** What type of fundraising do you do throughout the year?

**Representative-** Host a Sail-A-Thon in the fall. Send out letters to family and friends, asking for support and loan of money for an in-house regatta. Ask to sponsor us and help our team for traveling and paying our coach and things along those lines. That is our major source of income in terms of fundraising at the moment. We also do an Alumni Regatta every year, which gets the alumni involved, keeps them in touch and that brings in some money. We also do an alumni banquet.

**Azizi-** Do members of the team contribute personal expenses?

**Representative-** We have club dues based on number of sailors on the team. Also, for the initial trip, sailors have been asked to pay for their own airfare. At the end of this whole process, whatever difference we have in our back account, we have to make up on our own.

**Lamoureux-** Question for finance. Did you vote for immediate consideration on this?

**Boiteau-** Talked about it on committee and then brought it to the floor.

**Bill Approved ☺**

**Boiteau-** Other than that had a pretty quiet week. Inventory system is back on track. Put a note behind the computer for it not to be unplugged so take into consideration when you're in the office.

**Holden-** Questions?

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

**SS-10/11-12 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE URI ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY AT CATEGORY A**

Whereas, The URI Anthropology Society will provide students of all fields of study the opportunity to explore all facets of the discipline of anthropology.

Whereas, The URI Anthropology Society 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 URI Anthropology Society at Category A.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Rossi
DATE:	Wednesday, April 27, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**Rossi-** Hi guys, one bill on the floor tonight. Anthropology society.

**Representative-** Hi, I am a Kristen. We have decided to sign an Anthropology Society for a source of graduate school information, field school information. I have been elected as President. As of right now, we have about 30 members and hoping to get 20 more pending senate approval.

**Holden-** Questions?

**May-** I am in anthropology course. Sat through presentations about different areas and studying different cultures. I fully back this group. I enjoy anthropology and think it would be a great addition to URI.

**Coates-** Approximately 30 members, right? How many undergrads and how many grads?

**Representative-** All are undergraduates. No graduate members.

**Bill Approved ☺**

**Rossi-** Other than that, that's all SOARC has for the week.

**Holden-** Questions?

**- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Caisse-** Bill on the floor for next week. I would like to get a recommendation from Academic. **(5-0-0)**

**Caisse-** Talk to anybody on exec. Advising booths going on. We are still getting information coming in which is good. Tomorrow is the last time we are doing the booth. Final advising booth sign-up sheet is available here. Instructions on the bottom. Two people per time slot

please. Encourage people to give advising stories when they walk by. We want both, not just bad. We want all of it. We also are going to do exam flyers, for Exam Rights. These can be found on the URI website in the University Manual. We like to put them in the academic buildings and possibly an ad in the paper. Brenden usually reads off the Academic buildings, but it is inefficient, so let's just do this quickly. That's it for now. The College Readership - a lot of the machines are broken, keep getting comments on that. Still waiting to hear back from USA Today Rep. We are going to give them an ultimatum or look into another company possibly.

**Holden-** Questions? Reminder, the advising booths count as your office hours.

**SS-10/11-17 – RESOLUTION OF OPINION ON THE CHANGED DROP PERIOD AT URI**

Whereas, the current University of Rhode Island drop period is nine 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 lack of accessible and knowledgeable advisors, and

Whereas, shortening the drop period to three weeks and placing a W on student's transcripts to denote 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 one's major, therefore be it

Resolved, the Student Senate petitions University professors to establish criteria for students to gauge their performance within three weeks, and be it further

Resolved, that the Student Senate calls on the University to resolve problems in advising before amending the drop period, and be it further

Resolved, the Student Senate calls on the Faculty Senate to address their inconsistencies in voting on matters of similar nature to the drop period, and be it further

Resolved, that the Student Senate condemns the recent passage of the amended drop period proposal of three weeks by the University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate.

SPONSOR:	Academic Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Caisse
DATE:	Wednesday, April 27, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	(5 - 0 -0 )
EXPIRATION DATE:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

**- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**SS-11/12-14 Bill Calling for the Student Senate Opinion on the Distribution of Refunds by the University**

Whereas, the URI Student Senate supports the use of HigherOne as a distributor of refunds to students, and

Whereas, the current options for the distribution of refunds was chosen by the Administration, and

Whereas, HigherOne offers additional options for the distribution of refunds to students at no additional cost to the University, and

Whereas, the current options for the distribution of refunds to students are constraining and limiting,

therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the URI Student Senate recommends that the Administration offer the additional options for the distribution of refunds to students.

SPONSOR:	Campus Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Juhr
DATE:	Wednesday, April 27, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	(5 – 0- 0 )
EXPIRATION:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**Juhr-** We have a bill on the floor tonight for the Higher One card. I hope that you read it over. Questions? There is an option for students to have the direct check, so we would like to go right to that.

**Brown-** What are the current options for the distribution of refunds?

**Juhr-** Current options are that I know right now, the University chose that all students can keep the money in the account for one month until we can take a check for them. So, the University made that the only option for URI students, so you can use it either on the card or you can wait one month to take it out.

**May-** Are you proposing other options or are you just saying there should be no refunds?

**Juhr-** I know that President Coates preferred the idea for a check. Former Chair Sinapi wrote this.

**Sharkey-** I yield my time to Sinapi.

**Sinapi-** We wrote this week before I left and it didn't get put on the floor that day. Only reason why there has been a delay. There are options for refunds at this time. You can get a Higher One account as an option or you can use your Refund Card and have it taken from that. If you want a check, you have to wait a required 20-30 days. HigherOne actually has an option for checks to be sent immediately. URI decided not to take that option. URI's reasoning for that, after talking with them, realized that what they were doing now is that they could achieve better results with our ideas, such as offering a check and not putting your bank account information online. The only information they have is the information they already have.

**Coates-** I know from personal experience that I refuse to provide my back information to HigherOne. I wait 21 days, which is actually longer than that. That's when they will send you the check. If there is an ability to just get the method of delivery you want for the refund at no additional cost, it seems like a no-brainer.

**Krauss-** You have to fill out a formal electronic transfer of funds from bank to band. You have to use your card for HigherOne or wait for the check. I would personally prefer to get the check in my hand.

**Segal-** I have a question. Is this proposing that we have a quicker option to get a direct check?

**Nicastro-** I am going to support this bill. The current HigherOne system is lacking. They instituted the system two years, I believe? Two years ago, the only time if you chose to use a HigherOne card, you could only go to one ATM at another location. If you use another ATM, not only do you get charged for that ATM, HigherOne also adds on an additional charge. If you want to transfer money out of your account, they charge you a \$75 fee. They also don't tell you that if you don't have the money transferred right away, they won't let you switch it. And will charge you a fee to switch. I know someone who has had his card hacked into two different times. I vote to support this bill.

**Lamoureux-** Should we specify in the resolve that we support checks instead of other options?

**Juhr-** Depends on what Senate prefers.

**Coates-** I think additional options speaks for itself because that is what the company offers. There were other options.

**Pishdadian-** Yield my time to Sinapi.

**Sinapi-** Chrissy has nothing to do with this bill besides help me edit it. You want to direct questions to me instead of asking her. As far as HigherOne system, I used the bank account one. Other options does seem vague, but if you go on HigherOne's website, all the options combined, we pretty much have every single one except check. There is no reason to specificity. We are meeting with Patricia Case to work with us. Brought some comments and recommendations from the Senate and will be going over that with her.

**Jones-** Two questions. What is the name of the woman who you are meeting with, again? Also, you already answered my question about what to do to prevent address mix-ups that they are worried about now in the future.

**Sinapi-** That is because the University has problem with e-campus being updated with addresses. If the University went to give a refund check to somebody, the check would sit in limbo for months until voided. And when voided, they would have to write a new check and would have to pay a fee and, the time was excessive. So they chose not to have that as an option. Unfortunately, they did not realize the 20-30 waiting day, the same problem is actually occurring now anyway. We offered them the idea and recommendation for your refunds, you have to update your address every semester, so you go on the URI website which says you can't get your check until you update your address information.

**Weinreich-** Motion to amend bill to read "URI Student Senate recommends the administration offer the additional options offered by HigherOne for the distribution to students"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Azizi**

**(0-3-0)**

**Holden-** Opening floor to discuss the amendment.

**Boiteau-** I have one question for Weinreich and right to speak after. What was the amendment?

**Weinreich-** Additional options offered by HigherOne. The issue that we seem to have for the bill is that it was not specific enough and resolve issues for the Senate and help clarify.

**Boiteau-** I think this is a very good amendment because it specifically states what we are trying to achieve. Additional options could mean another source, so saying we are satisfied with HigherOne but want additional options that they specifically offer.

**Brown-** He answered my question.

**Renzi-** I was going to say the amendment seems unnecessary to me. Third whereas says "HigherOne offers additional options." Seems pretty specific already.

**Sinapi-** The reason why that is not in there because there is always the possibility that we could work out special accommodations with HigherOne to make this current system better than the norm that they offer because every school is different. As the customer, they are more than willing to work with us and work with me.

**Holden-** Other questions regarding amendment? Voting on amendment.

**Stewart-** Division.

**Holden-** Division has been called. Aye- you are in favor of the amendment.

**Amendment Fails (9-22-0)**

**Holden-** Moving back to original bill only. Any questions for Campus?

**Juhr-** This bill was on the floor for a week, so if you wanted to change it, you should have seen me then.

**Holden-** Any other questions?

**Bill Passes** 😊

**Juhr-** My committee has a new idea for a landscaping project. Any questions, I will direct you to Matt Berger. It's his idea, and he is behind it. We hope to get that done by the end of the semester. I have a few things to look into. Caisse wants me to look into the Butterfield stairwell because it is always dirty. Sheri Davis came to our meeting tonight to talk about RIPTA Tracking System. Hopefully, the contract can get figured out so that the busses have GPS, and we can track the buses from local devices.

**- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Ferreira-** Rammies were last night. Thank you to Senator Roy for hosting and all Senators for presenting, as well as Jon Bolano for hosting. Hempfest is this Saturday, and we are having a booth from 10-4. Hopefully sunglasses will work out. I will send around a sign-up sheet. Spend an hour of your time to work the booth please; that would be great. We are working on potential survey questions to look into the culture and campus and why students don't go to other student events. Also, we are going to be working on making homecoming a bigger and better event. Not just our booth, homecoming as a whole. My committee is researching sister schools for fresh and new ideas about homecoming. Also looking to bring back midnight madness.

**Holden-** Questions?

**Brown-** Who had the best outfit at the Rammies?

**Ferreira-** I did.

**Krauss-** What was the curfew thing that the University was putting into effect?

**Ferreira-** Was that for the ballroom or in general?

**Coates-** University policy as a whole. Changes to event policy affect the entire campus, I believe.

**Holden-** Other questions?

**- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**SS-11/12-13- BILL CALLING FOR THE STUDENT SENATE'S OPINION ON GOVERNOR CHAFEE'S FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Whereas, past funding cuts to state higher education have inhibited competitive quality education at a reasonable cost, and

Whereas, the URI Student Senate appreciates and supports Governor Chafee's initiative to increase state higher education funding by ten million dollars, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate express gratitude to Governor Chafee for his initiative and support, and encourage continual progress in state higher education funding.

SPONSOR:	External Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Troiano
DATE:	Wednesday, April 27, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**Troiano-** Bill on the floor tonight to express gratitude to Senator Chafee for his allocation of funds. Any questions?

**Bill Passes** 😊

**Troiano-** Motion to reflect in the minutes that vote was unanimous

**2<sup>nd</sup> Juhr**

**Troiano-** Take a look at Opportunity RI bill on the floor for next week. Other than that, this week in committee we met with Tom Morrill, who is a big renter down in Narragansett. He has some interesting ideas, so we may be working with him as an ally on the URI-Narragansett Coalition, so that’s all we got done this week.

**SS-11/12-18– RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS OPPORTUNITY RI**

Whereas, the URI Student Senate recognizes that students must pay back student loans after graduation, and

Whereas, the need to pay back loans influences college graduates to live where job opportunities exist, and

Whereas, Rhode Island is enduring a “brain drain”, in which college graduates are choosing to leave Rhode Island due to lack of job opportunities, and

Whereas, the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program, otherwise known as Opportunity RI, would provide incentives for students to stay in Rhode Island, and

Whereas, Opportunity RI has bipartisan support among campus Democratic and Republican organizations, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to pass the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program Act of 2011 (Opportunity RI)

SPONSOR:	External Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Troiano
DATE:	Wednesday, April 27, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

**- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

*a. Chief Information Officer*

**Holzman-** RFI’s are coming along. Have been talking to the Alumni Center for contact list. Working with Kim to get a search box up to search for minutes.

*b. Director of Communications*

*c. Secretary*

**Jones-** Thank you to those students who have sent in your liaison reports. Senator Labate, thanks for the Honors Liaison Report. Senator Thomas, thank you for notifying me that you will not be meeting with your representative. All other senators, if you are planning on meeting with your colleges, please let me know and send me an email or send me your report if you have had a meeting. I realized it is the end of the semester, so if you plan on meeting next semester, let me know that as well. I know there are a lot of empty liaison positions as well, so I am not that concerned, but please email me any information you have and then Cc Chris Caisse if you can. Also, Kudos this week goes to Brittany Ferreira for putting together and putting on the Rammies. I heard it was excellent, so I think she deserves this week’s recognition. Also, Alexa Roy receives Kudos for hosting the Rammies and helping put

together the event as well! Other than that, please continue to send committee meeting reports and any other questions or suggestions, come talk to me.

*d. Treasurer*

**Segal-** Stipends can be picked up now. Besides that, I am paying the bills. Financial tip of the week. To save money, in the supermarket, do not buy brand named food. Use Netflix instead of RedBox. Pay your bills online, so you don't have to pay for postage.

*e. Vice President*

**Holden-** Good evening everyone. First of all, I will be sending around a sign-up sheet for anybody attending Senate BBQ this Sunday. Indicate if you can go and if you will be able to drive. I am also going to be asking to donate money for BBQ. Not enough money in Frosty to support the whole Senate. Give money to me or Kim from now until Sunday. Summer Senate will be voted on tonight. Please start working on what you plan on doing for First Night. You are all registered. This Sunday is also Oozeball. As representatives of student body, I ask that you tell your friends that security will be tight this year. Event will be fenced-in. I will be there. Please spread that around. Committee chairs- very few of you have let me know when you can meet next fall. Please let me know by the end of this week, very latest early next week. A lot of people are getting close with their absences. You do have an obligation to be here. I will be sending out warning emails in the next couple of days. Come talk to me if you have questions. Elections Committee- there is a resource available on the Senate website as well as the URI 101 Mentor website. Look that over. Finally, there are a couple elections tonight.

**Jones-** Where can Elections find that powerpoint presentation for Senate?

**Holden-** We felt that a lot of freshmen don't know about services provided by Senate. Stewart and I created a powerpoint as well as an outline for students to talk about services we provided such as academic, external, things like that as well as information about joining Senate.

**Brown-** Where can we see this powerpoint?

**Holden-** I will email this link on the list-serv. On the URI 101 Mentor Website and Student Senate website.

**Coates-** Any more questions?

*f. President*

**Coates-** Good evening. Congratulate Cultural Affairs Committee and Chairwoman Ferreira for Rammies last night. I had a good time. Today, I met with President Dooley regarding the drop period change. I have another meeting with the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Faculty Senate. I will have more information at next week's meeting. I am making progress on that front. I have the power to make motions in the Faculty Senate, so I can make a motion to re-consider motion. The next Faculty Senate meeting is on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, Equity Council discussions are being continued for a third meeting. Aside from that, I have SBPC meeting. I have been assigned to a subcommittee for the University.

**Jones-** What time is Faculty Senate meeting?

**Coates-** 3pm

**Lamoureux-** Is the Faculty Senate meeting open to students?

**Coates-** Open to general public.

**Holden-** Any other questions?

**Brown-** Where is it?

**Coates-** Kirk Auditorium. Cherry auditorium in Kirk.

**Sinapi-** If you want to go and want to speak, talk to the Chair of Faculty Senate. Otherwise, you won't necessarily have the option to at all, but if you ask beforehand, there is a good chance that you will be in good shape.

**Coates-** Come to the BBQ this weekend. It's going to be fun.

**- RULES AND ETHICS:**

**Lamoureux-** No report.

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Bylaws

**Stewart-** No report. Bylaws meeting tomorrow at 10am. Probably will meet in the office and try and find a room tomorrow.

Elections

**Segal-** Met today for our committee. Bill on the floor next with open election seats. We are going to put an add in for orientation for the summer. There will be a Student Senate flyer. Kim will help us work on that. It is due Friday. That is all for now.

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Nominations & Elections for Summer Senate

**Stewart-** Motion to move to nominations for finance and soarc chair

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lamoureux**

**Coates-** Just remember, we are looking for Rhode Islanders.

**Holden-** Roy, Wynne, Pishdadian, Thomas, Longa, and May are all nominated. Any other nominations?

**Berger-** I nominate Sharkey

**2<sup>nd</sup> Juhr**

**Segal-** I would like to nominate Senator Cicero

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jones**

**Azizi-** I had a question. How many people can be on it?

**Holden-** Five people on Summer Senate and three spots available. Nominations are closed.

**Juhr-** Chairwoman-elect Roy is great for the job, is here for the summer, and has a lot to do for SOARC, so I think she would be the best for the job.

**Coates-** I nominated Chairwoman-Elect Roy because the tradition is to have a third executive member and two people from general Senate. SOARC Chair has a lot of work to do on that front. We rolled out the SOARC handbook this year. We need to improve our categorization structure over the summer when no groups are around. We need to get that done this summer.

**Roy-** I am going to ask you to vote for me because there is so much to do. I have a whole drawer of organizations to go through and to make sure they are in the right categories. I will be down here all summer working on this.

**Troiano-** I worked with Senator Wynne on SOARC and I know he is a really smart guy. He gave exceptional effort on the committee. He will make a great asset to Senate.

**Segal-** I nominated Senator Wynne because he was the first person that came to my mind. He is a hardworker and has been here long enough to see how Senate works. He is from Rhode Island and would be a good asset.

**Wynne-** I have been on Senate for entire school year. I am really interested and know how the system works. I want to get more involved and haven't had been in a higher-position due to study abroad next year.

**Dobrzynski-** I seconded Pishdadian because I know she wants to get more involved in Senate and she will be around this summer taking summer classes. She takes on a lot of responsibility

with her schoolwork and she can balance everything out. This is something good for her to do and something productive to do over the summer.

**Merolla-** I nominated Pishdadian because she is an individual that is very intelligent. She likes to take on different things. She has achieved them. She has handled stressful events last minute. She wants to do great things for the Senate. We can see her potential and see her grow on Summer Senate.

**Pishdadian-** Like they said, I will be in the area. I am taking classes here, so I will be around. I have a very open schedule. It is something I care about. I am on SOARC committee so I would love to help her get some of that work done.

**Zaman-** I seconded Thomas because she has clearly shown in an interest in keeping a greater role in Senate. She ran for Rules and Ethics as well as the Elections Committee. I think she has that passion and should be given a chance.

**May-** I nominated Thomas because I felt she wanted to be more active on Senate. She has been nominated for various positions before. She says she is going to be living in Rhode Island this summer and says she would be a good candidate.

**Holden-** Thomas not present.

**May-** I also believe Longa is an eager Senator. She had the drive to join Senate and to make decisions that affect the student body.

**Coates-** I nominated Senator Longa because she is a new Senator and she is from the area. I believe with the work we will be doing without categorization, it will provide us good insight as to the structure of the organizations.

**Longa-** I am from South Kingstown. I will be in the area. I am also going to be involved with summer non-violence institute. I am also going to be closely working with Katherine Freedman about getting a meditation space set up for next semester, so I will be on campus a lot.

**Juhr-** I seconded Senator May because he is a very hardworking individual. He is in and out of the office a lot. He always has an opinion on something and I think he would make a great addition.

**May-** Thank you, Senator Juhr. I believe that I would be a good member because I am from Rhode Island. I also enjoy Senate a great amount. I look forward to spending more time working for Senate. I believe that joining Summer Senate would be a great way to do that.

**Juhr-** Sharkey is on my committee. He volunteered to check into a committee for me to do a parking services issue. He is a hardworking individual. I only have 2-3 members who attend my meeting regularly, so his help is great. I think he would be a great addition.

**Berger-** I nominated Sharkey because he lives a mile from school. He is taking summer classes at URI. He is working with a professor on a project. Looking to get more involved with good ideas.

**Sharkey-** Thank Chrissy and Matt for nominating me. I am a hard worker and very interesting in getting more involved. Would be happy to indulge my time for Summer Senate.

**Jones-** I seconded Cicero because he is a great senator who is always looking to get involved and has been nominated for several committees and is serving on one currently. I think this would be a great opportunity for him to stay in Senate during the summer, especially because I know he is quite busy during the year, so he will be able to demonstrate his skills when he has a bit more free time. Also, he has a great personality and even better sense of humor, and I think that will be greatly appreciated in the summer when it's generally quiet.

**Segal-** I nominated Cicero for several reasons. First of all, he is a pharmacy major so he will have 5 more years here. He is really excited to be on Elections and always volunteers to help.

He lives nearby and is on Elections and will be approaching in the fall. He is the only person on Elections that is a nominee for Summer Senate, so I think it will be good to have any issues dealt with over the summer.

**Cicero-** Thank you, Senator Jones and Treasurer Segal. I have a year under my belt and am looking to get more involved. As they both stated, I am a Rhode Islander. That is no problem. I am also very interested in being a part of the Summer Senate too.

**Coates-** If you are nominated, I want you to raise your hand if you have a full-time job in the summer.

**Troiano-** On behalf of Senator Thomas, I would like to say that she is on External Affairs. Shows passion and brings noticeable energy to every meeting. Demonstrated more interest in becoming involved.

**Roy-** I just want to say that I am behind Senator Cicero and Senator Sharkey. Senator Cicero is probably one of the most excited people on Senate about everything. He would be perfect for Summer Senate. For Sharkey, I think this would be perfect for his segway into getting involved with Senate. He hasn't been on any other committees, so I think this would be perfect for him to get more involved. He has a lot of personality as well.

**Boiteau-** Motion to end debate and vote.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lamoureux**

**Holden-** Congratulations, Coates, Holzman, Roy, Longa, and Cicero.

Nominations & Elections for Finance Chair

**Holden-** People that are nominated I will read off. Nominations are still open. Nominations closed.

Nominations closed for SOARC

**Holzman-** I respectfully decline my nomination.

**Boiteau-** I seconded Stewart because I think that she will do a very good job next year as Finance Chair. She has been shadowing me and has served on Finance committee in the past. Being on the committee means you have to make critical decisions and know the procedures and recall them quickly. Stewart has assisted me this year in working with the groups and recalling policies. I do think that she will do a great job next year. She is an accounting major, and I do think that she has capability to be finance chair.

**Brown-** I nominated Stewart for many reasons. When I came on to Senate, I was trying to get a concert going for Surf Club. Seeing her from the clubs point of view and being on the finance committee now, I see that she is easy to approach and easy to talk to. Approaching a finance chair can be scary for a club. Stewart was easy to approach. She went out of her way to explain to me the process and the reasons why things happen. She has been vice-chair for two years and she clearly understands the handbook and has great ideas. She unofficially won the majority of Senate's vote the first time, so I think she deserves our vote the second time around.

**Stewart-** Thank you guys for talking on my behalf. Finance Chair is a position that is to be elected by the old senate for a reason. The old Senate has still elected me and I would hope that the vote tonight goes the same. I have been on finance since the fall of 2009, which is a lot longer than the current chair. I have seen many controversial issues pan out including IFC and Panhel budgets, surf club, and groups abusing power and things you guys don't even hear about. I have been apart of the inventory process from the beginning. Last week, I went with Steve to scan items and learn the system as well as fixing the problems. Being on the by laws committee and being vice-chair has taught me about being a chairwoman and our constitution.

Some of my goals as finance chair are to have closer relations with the SOARC committee especially making sure groups know how their budgets work. I'd like to have monthly announcements to groups at president's meeting that groups attend president's meeting before opening budgets. Easing the purchase processing by having posters in the office and pre-finance meeting steps like that will make things smoother. Providing timelines and deadlines for when groups need to apply for things and processing paperwork. Using signature card process at the beginning of the year. Steve and I already started working on that and making transition smooth in the fall. I am friendly, available, and hard-working. Communication is key in working in this position, as well as consistency and abiding by the finance handbook. Never missed the meeting. Consistent with my time in the office as well. Have a list of changes for the handbook that Steve and I have already started. In the fall, it will be done and groups won't have the transition period between old finance handbook and new one. As far as anything else, Holzman already has an executive position.

**Holden-** Before Stewart continues, this is a new election for new chair position. Old senate voices and opinions cannot be heard.

**Stewart-** Being able to serve as finance chair will only enhance the cohesiveness between groups and finance committee as a whole. I am a sophomore accounting major. Having knowledge of accounting problems will be very helpful, and I will apply same principles to my position.

**May-** The finance chair is one of the most important and demanding roles. Essentially, I have been on senate for one full year officially, two years unofficially. I used to help out campus affairs and attend general meetings. I have known Holzman for two years. I have established that his knowledge is near infinite. His knowledge of senate serves him and the rest of us incredibly well. Whenever we have any questions or arguments, we turn to Holzman for the answer and he gives it to us. I feel that this thoroughness is needed in a finance chair. I have seen many of the reports that Holzman has put out. I have seen quite a few reports from him. They are incredibly organized, long, and to the point. This organization is something I look for in a finance chair.

**Roy-** There are many reasons why Holzman should be chair. First off, he has the most experience on the Senate more than anybody else here. He has extensive knowledge of all the committees. Everyone here has seen how hard Holzman works. When you have a question, he will look for the answer forever until he finds it. Next year is going to be his last year on Senate and I think we should take full advantage of his skills so that he can set us up to be great in the future. Attends all SOARC meetings and plans on attending to help SOARC's future goals, which is good because SOARC and finance work really closely. Has most experience on Senate, handbook, bylaws. Whenever anybody has a question about these, we all go to him. That is a huge part of Finance, which is going by the book. Extremely thorough. When you ask him a question, he will find the answer in every detailed way. He is extremely friendly. He will make sure groups understand the reasoning for their finances. Why they were accepted or denied. Extremely important to keep relations between organizations strong. They can't leave meetings wondering why they didn't get that money. When he answers the question, he answers it. One of the most important things.

**Holzman-** Thank you Roy and May. Just to recap, I really want to encourage the interaction between finance and student organizations. A lot of the issues that come up can be headed off simply by communicating in advanced. Some of the things that might affect them as they endeavor in a project. Plan on creating a finance guidebook. Kim has already created the finance process sheets that will become part of the handbook. The guidebook will help clarify

the contents of the finance handbook, which aren't necessarily clear or regularly questioned. I also plan to prepare committee members to be able to speak with orgs when they come in to answer questions as far as purchasing, looking for assistance, getting money for events. Additionally, I plan to review the financial benefits package system. I will be doing that in cooperation with the SOARC chair and will also be looking at providing an FBP to some level or some funding access to category "A" groups. To speak on my qualifications, this is my third year on senate. The first two years, I served on SOARC/finance and was the chair of rules and ethics. This past year, I was not able to attend finance due to class obligations. In the fall, I became CIO and that has taken the time I would normally go to finance. I have been to several Finance meetings this year to keep in the loop.

**Holden-** First, there will be no mention of the previous election. No cross-debate, talking, or whispering between any senators or non-senators at any time.

**Merolla-** What are both of the senators class schedules going to be like next year and how much do you think you can put towards senate and the position?

**Holzman-** My class schedule for the fall is not set. I plan on taking four classes. Several of these projects I have every intention to start on. In the case of the guidebook and the funding for category A's and changes to FBP, I would be planning that over the summer, so that when we get back in the fall, those changes can be immediately instituted so that student orgs are caught up with mid-year policy changes.

**Stewart-** Next semester, MWF I have class 11-2. TTH I have only one class. I have a lot of free time and I would be dedicating all that to Senate. I just wanted to say that nobody can deny how suited Holzman is for CIO. Most of the handbooks and guidebooks he has been talking about are already in the handbook. Greater contributions as CIO.

**Roy-** Yield my time to Sinapi.

**Sinapi-** First off, CIO Holzman has known the duties of the finance chair for the years I have been on senate. Not being able to attend the finance meetings has not hurt his knowledge or experience. In the office and on the floor, he has helped groups work on bills, has helped us figure things out. We weren't in finance meetings either, and we couldn't wrap our minds around nearly as well as he could. He also has the distinct position of having several exec positions this year. Despite having numerous positions, he has handled all extremely well. I know from experience. He has 2 exec positions with senate and ZBT. He has improved the way that job works. In this case, he has created a job for Senate as well. Scheduling should be easier for him next year. As far as the CIO position goes, that should have been called germane. If you want to talk about CIO position for next year, that can be done by anyone next year thanks to Holzman with the foundations. My personal views are that I have been in several organizations with Holzman. He is probably the only person I would have ever listened to. Always smart, level headed and given his honest opinion. As treasurer of ZBT, he has excelled in his role as an exec position and improved it. Always been firm and helpful in understanding that finance chair needs. In the years past, as well. As far as Senate, been on for three years. General members, Campus Affairs committee- he has been amazing. Last time we talked about he has single-handedly fixed the issue on Upper College Road. Solves problems. When issues come up, he addresses them fully. That has been a problem in the years past. In years past, we have conveyed a certain image, which is unfortunate to happen in Finance. Could have been fixed. Chair can fix it off the bat. Holzman has the ability and has the personality for that. He already has exactly what we need. He knows far too much for Senate and is one of the few people that tries to have inter-committee and inter-organizational ideas for Senate. Holzman has been saying for years, ideas for them and ways to do it. Holzman has

been talking about improving relations with SOARC and Finance, regardless of being chair for either of them. He helped write the SOARC book. He clearly has the credentials. He is over-qualified. It would be very unfortunate not to recognize his abilities as what he could do for Finance Chair.

**Brown-** Question for Holzman. Do you have any positions in the house next year for ZBT?

**Holzman-** Treasurer for Fall Semester.

**Weinreich-** Personal experience on Finance. Having been on finance, I have seen Holzman when he was there solve group issues that all the members missed or didn't exactly follow up. MSA came for money and we denied them due to mis-category. Holzman made it possible for them to receive what they deserve. I have seen him go above and beyond because of his expansive knowledge. I urge everybody to support him.

**Nicastro-** There is no denying that whoever serves as the Finance Chair will be a great fit either way. This year, I think Chairman Boiteau has done an excellent job as Finance Chair. He has groomed Senator Stewart to fill his position. She has been his right-hand. She knows her stuff cold. You don't have to be a business major, but she is and it helps. I would like to see Senate grow in a very great way, and I think Stewart will be able to do that for the next two years. I support Senator Stewart, and I think you should too.

**Weinreich-** Just a quick question, we are talking about elections for next two years?

**Holden-** Election for next year.

**Roy-** Yield time to Sinapi

**Sinapi-** Permission to ask a question and reserve right to speak afterwards. Who are the current members for Finance Committee?

**Boiteau-** Senator Stewart, Weinreich, Roy, Brown, Merolla

**Sinapi-** If you notice, everybody except Roy is new to Senate. These are new senators. Important committee that involves learning and application. Let's let them learn from the best teacher on Senate.

**Brown-** I would like to point out that the new senate members are supporting different people and I think both of them would be great teachers in different way.

**Coates-** I would like to start to say that I am puzzled by lack of discussion. I support Holzman. I believe that his experience and knowledge, his level-headedness, and his constant professionalism are things that will impact the finance committee in ways that needs to be impacted. I know that he has the background, and he was the second person I talked to. The first thing he talked to me about was senate Finances. He got me excited about it. He explained how the Senate finances worked. He had only been on Senate for a semester before that. From there, he already had a vast knowledge of the workings of Senate. This was three years ago now. I want to come out and support the CIO. I think he is the right person for the job.

**Berger-** A fantastic teacher wouldn't do all the work. They would help the student. Stewart is the student that can learn from Holzman, but I support Stewart.

**Juhr-** I served on the Finance Committee for 6 weeks-2 months. It is a lot of stuff to learn. I still don't understand everything.

**Lamoureux-** Holzman is a person that when he gets into committee, he will try everything in his power to help bring it to a new level. When he gets into Finance for the first day, he will bring the committee to a whole new level. I put my backing behind Holzman.

**Roy-** Yield time to Sinapi

**Sinapi-** Holzman has had the advantage of being groomed by the Finance position for 3 years. He has had the knowledge and the ability to handle the position all three years. That's why he hasn't been shadowing people. He already knows it. There is no learning curve. He already has

prepared to fix the issues. There was an open-ended point regarding elections. For this year, you elect the best candidate for the position. If you are worried about the year following, do not forget that people who are still here can learn more. Next year, someone who could not have been as good this year can be as good or the best. While I said Holzman was a great teacher, I was hoping you guys would realize that Holzman has already been noted to do plenty. He has done more than people in the previous position. Student Senate alumni list-serv, nobody ever thought about that. Also regarding teacher issue, a teacher can help people. The reason why you saw IFC come in and have an attitude is because they have an attitude. They have been treated poorly and expect to be treated poorly. That is an image we have cultivated. We need somebody who is willing to constantly show their willingness to help and go above and beyond.

**Holden-** Any other questions?

**Longa-** Question for Boiteau. What makes you say that Senator Stewart can be a better candidate than Holzman?

**Boiteau-** Part of the job of finance chair is also being able to deal with groups and have the one-on-one capability to explain to someone in a timely manner and making sure they can explain quickly. Throughout the year, I have literally trained Stewart to become finance chair. She has watched me from day 1. I think she is capable for the position.

**Coates-** Holzman talks about web-inars and alternate delivery methods for Senate's information to groups. A lot of times it's tough to get somebody to come in and talk to you. CIO Holzman has sat down numerous times with groups. We have to innovate. Holzman has discussed that as a priority with me. That is absolutely critical to be successful for student orgs. We have struggled with that this year.

**Holden-** There are over 40 people in this room and there are only a handful of people who have questions and comments. If you have something, please feel free to speak up.

**Lamoureux-** Motion to vote.

Opposition by Juhr.

**Juhr-** I have a question. Does CIO have a vote on this?

**Pishdadian-** I have only been on for a month. Holzman is on SOARC, and I am there. He seems to know everything about Senate and how it works.

**Brown-** Seems like everything is being repeated.

**Lamoureux-** Motion to vote.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Troiano**

**Weinreich-** Holzman has been the one who has informed of the rules and requirements of Finance.

**Brown-** Motion to vote

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nicastro**

**Segal-** Division.

**(18-9-0)**

**Holden-** Congratulations, CIO Holzman with the vote of 25-6-1. Before I move on, if you want to be added to Speaker's List, please get my attention.

**Lamoureux-** Do we open a new seat for CIO now or next week?

**Coates-** Next week. CIO is still CIO until sworn-in.

**Sinapi-** You can still open nominations up regardless.

**Coates-** At this time, I am not prepared to make a new nomination. I will wait and will be CIO-less for the summer, but I think we will survive.

Nominations & Elections for SOARC Chair

**Segal-** I seconded Roy would be great for SOARC Chair because she has a lot of ideas to implement. She hasn't been on Senate for very long but she has dedicated her time and has done anything anybody asks for her. She is the only option, and I think it is in everybody's best interest to vote everybody for SOARC chair.

**Coates-** I nominated Senator Roy because she has dedicated all her free time to the Senate. I only ever see her in the office. She has been an incredible asset. She has done and taken on any of the tasks she has been asked to. She has been the vice-chair of External and Vice-Chair of SOARC Committee, has written bills for multiple committees. I would encourage you all to vote for her.

**Roy-** Thank you Segal and Coates. I feel that I would be a great candidate for SOARC chair. I can easily remove myself from the situation to find the best solution for groups. I will be unbiased and haven't been on any other student organization. I know how to run a committee and have conducted meetings for SOARC and External. I have written bills for both committees. I have attended all Exec. meetings and have played the part of SOARC Chair a few times. I have been shadowing Ryann as well. I consider myself a people person which is an important quality. I feel that I am very easy to speak to and very approachable and very progressive. I have goals for SOARC such as solidifying Finance and SOARC relations. Have been attending Finance meetings. I plan on meeting with IFC and Panhel in order to make the Compact more specific. Have worked on category sheets to hand out to the group. We need to inform them. I plan on working with SPO to combine internet contacts as far as presidents. I also want to add a proof of teaching certification for Category S paper work, which is a skill-building group, and we need to know that those instructors are qualified to be instructing if we are paying them. I would like to require all student orgs to have a g-mail address. That is it for now.

**Boiteau-** Motion to vote

**2<sup>nd</sup> Troiano**

**Holden-** Congratulations to new SOARC Chairwoman Roy. I would like to say you all have been doing a good job so far. Please keep it up.

**Troiano-** Motion to Summer Senate

**2<sup>nd</sup> May**

## **J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **SS-11/12-11 BILL CALLING FOR APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF TAX APPORTIONMENT FOR A STUDENT RECREATION PROJECT**

Whereas, The University of Rhode Island Student Senate manages the undergraduate student activities fees, and

Whereas, the Student Senate wants to support projects that directly affect a majority of students, and

Whereas, the Student Senate Executive Committee, working with the University, has identified two projects that will greatly enhance co-curricular opportunities for the student body, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Student Senate approves the use of \$50,000 from tax apportionment to purchase and install two full size basketball courts to be built in the vicinity of Adams and Heathman residential buildings. This project is to be completed by midway through the fall semester 2011.

SPONSOR:

Executive Committee

<b>BILL HANDLER:</b>	President Coates
<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday April 27th, 2010
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Passage (9- 0- 0)
<b>EXPIRATION DATE:</b>	Upon Dispensation
<b>ACTION:</b>	Vote Tonight

**Coates-** Two basketball courts will be constructed on campus. We have more than enough funding to cover it. We spent more on Snoop Dogg than on these basketball courts that students will be able to use. Housing and Residential Life will pay to have the courts to be lighted. There will be a sign thanking Student Senate. Important marketing opportunity for Student Senate. When students use these courts and see “courtesy of Student Senate,” it will help improve our image. This would be a great upgrade to our campus.

**Caisse-** Can you please explain the stipulations you are making the University abide by?

**Coates-** Because we have two outstanding projects that have not been completed, we have stipulated that this project be completed midway through the semester. This is an immediate project and aside from that, I have already mentioned the other two. It will have some kind of sign acknowledging Senate paid for it and will have lighting.

**Lamoureux-** Are we paying for the full amount?

**Coates-** We are paying for the full cost of both courts. Light will be contributed.

**Labate-** If I can walk to Plains Roads Lot every Tuesday and Thursday, I am sure more people will be playing on the basketball courts. Outdoor basketball is a lot of fun.

**Roy-** Yield my time to Sinapi.

**Sinapi-** Few questions. Has anyone received confirmation regarding the Mackal Courts? University was going to be funding that completely, but there has been no formal declaration of that. I am concerned that this money could go to the Mackal Courts. They have been needed to be redone for quite sometime. I would like to note that outdoor volleyball courts were something that we did not have to pay for. Most people wanted basketball courts instead. If they could buy basketball courts this time, they could put money towards it this time.

**Coates-** I can confirm for you that the Mackal Courts are 1.5 times the cost of what we are offering right now. Those courts are outside of our price range. Beyond that, the Mackal Courts are being refinished. That has already been confirmed, but is not being done by the same department that has come to us with this proposal. Additionally, the funding for the volleyball courts came from additional funding they had. They are struggling to fill the new gym that has been built. Any money they spend on volleyball courts would be shifting towards that. These projects are not going to happen unless we pay for them. We have more than enough money for this project.

**Brown-** First, would it be visible from the roads so people could see it? Will basketballs be provided?

**Coates-** Yes, they will be visible from the road. No, basketballs will not be provided.

**Brown-** Most students are too lazy to walk that far to play basketball. I would rather go to Adams. Also something brand new will be used more efficiently than the basketball courts.

**Pishdadian-** I lived in Heathman last year and it was a nightmare to work near the gym. Wouldn't have to walk a mile to play basketball.

**Azizi-** First, who would pay for the maintenance after the courts are constructed?

**Coates-** Responsibility of the University.

**Azizi-** Also, would there be any referees or supervision?

**Coates-** No, just for pick-up games.

**Azizi-** Also, has the construction of the field lights began?

**Coates-** We have made advancement. I had originally said no to this project because I saw no advancement, but I have seen significant progress.

**Azizi-** Were the lights funded by us?

**Coates-** Yes.

**Nicastro-** I support President Coates on this bill. I am on the basketball courts everyday. This would be huge for the campus. There are a lot of kids that don't think Student Senate does do anything or don't understand policy or procedures. When you put lights on the intramural fields or construct basketball court, this would be a great way to show that Senate does something. Accessibility is also another issue. Mackal Courts are always packed.

**Weinreich-** I think this proposal has a lot of merit. I question the proximity of having a basketball court being built behind Adams. What department came to us?

**Coates-** HRL. Also, the idea was to put one on each side of campus. If you are looking north to south, you have one near each half-campus. The new Hillside Campus will be complete by Fall.

**Segal-** I think it is good for the community. It will bring more people outside and will help people get involved with things. I also think it will bring our name to the court. I urge you to vote.

**Sinapi-** This project seems good and has been desired. I wanted to bring up Mackal. These projects that have been doing are all good things and as long as we have access to funds, there is no reason not to. Do not let this become something we are expected to do. We are expected to pay budgets of Club Sports, which most Universities do on their own. Do not expect to pay budgets for Recreational Services, but do not make it a continued trend. Tennis courts have gone unfixed. Things like that need to be fixed. There is a trend on this University to build new things without fixing the old one. Please make sure you are focusing on motivating administration and students to help with this endeavor as far as getting these holdings fixed.

**Merolla-** I was just wondering, did they include any seating arrangements if you weren't playing or were watching somebody play?

**Coates-** No, but I can ask them about that.

**Jones-** Not sure if this is a legitimate question or not, but what are the proximity issues that might exist as far as having a basketball court near a residence hall at night when residents are trying to sleep or do homework in their rooms.

**Coates-** Lights will be on a timer which will determine what time those lights will shut off. The other concern will fall under maintenance of courts.

**Holzman-** I am going to push for this because the thing about Mackal and Tootell is that they are booked up a lot. Those courts are booked solid most of the times they are open throughout the day. This would give an open access resource to those who would want to play basketball. Proper signs that say courts close at 10 means that HRL would have the authority to go out there and shut them down.

**Berger-** I just wanted to point out the talk about whoever is going to construct the courts. One of the main problems on this campus is drainage. The more pavement we add to the campus, the more water run-off we will have. So, I was wondering what would be developed as far as drainage?

**Coates-** For the proposal to have past the master plan community, they covered drainage. I do not know that on that side of campus, there are future plans for bonding, similar to what we have at Ellery. I do not foresee that to be an issue.

**Lamoureux-** Holzman brought up a good point of these courts not being "booked"?

**Coates-** Walk-on courts for anybody to walk on anytime.

**Nicastro-** While vandalism is a problem, there is a free court on the property of ZTA and those have not been really vandalized or messed with. If you are giving something to students that they want, I do not see an issue of vandalism. I do not see it being messed with, especially if there is a timer being put on the lights.

**Coates-** Please vote in favor of this. I think it will be hugely beneficial. I would like to share with you that I did reject a proposal for another project this year because it was unreasonable. This proposal creates student activity.

**Troiano-** Motion to vote.

**2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Bill Passes ☺**

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**Caisse-** I will be harassing people downstairs for the next 30 minutes because I have 3 people on this advising sign-up list.

**Holzman-** Hillel is putting on a Holocaust Memorial Exhibit on Atrium 2.

**Maureen-** Just a reminder, register your organizations or ask people to register for First Night. I have about 38 organizations, and I am looking for more than that.

**Brown-** This weekend, there is a Northeast Regional Surfing Contest. This year, it is in Newport and Narragansett. Professional contest. \$100 entry fee. During the day any time Friday or Saturday, it would be a great thing to check out. I am competing in it.

**Holzman-** The exhibit is open until 11pm tonight and tomorrow. I believe it is open tomorrow as well. Pin "Never Forget" Stars to your clothing or your bag. There will be a film showing tomorrow. Check poster in office for more information.

**Roy-** Stephanie, Ryann, and I are going to Applebees. Everybody should join. New Senators, please go to the cookout on Sunday.

**Zaman-** For my Com 100 class, I have a public debate at 7pm in Lippitt Hall. Please support and come if you can.

**Juhr-** Where can we get pins?

**Holzman-** In exhibit.

**Longa-** Is that surf competition this Friday and Saturday?

**Brown-** Yes

**Smith-** My phone number in contact list is incorrect.

**Roy-** Yield time to Sinapi.

**Sinapi-** The Cigar should be putting in an article tomorrow or the day after about Adoption Policy. Me and another bookstore employee happen to be in the club. Article will have both problems and recommended solutions.

**May-** Motion to adjourn

**2<sup>nd</sup> Roy**

**N. ADJOURNMENT:**

**AYE:** Azizi, Berger, Blanchette, Brehio, Brown, Caisse, Cicero, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Gulum, Juhr, Knight, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Longa, May, Merolla, Nicastro, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Renzi, Rossi, Roy, Sharkey, Smith, Troiano, Weinreich, Wynne, Zaman

**NO VOTE:** Coates, Holden, Holzman, Jones, Segal