

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 pm

B. ROLL CALL: Azizi, Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Brehio, Brown, Cahill, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Davis, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Holzman, Irving, Jones, Juhr, Kessler, Knight, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Longa, Merolla, Mizejeski, Nicastro, Pezza, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Quinonez, Rossi, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Sinapi, Smith, Stewart, Thomas, Troiano, Weinreich, Wynne, Zaman

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Stewart: Motion to change special orders and elections of rules and ethics and committee chairs nominees as well

Juhr 2nd

Agenda approved ☺

Stewart: Add swear in of new exec board under special orders

Pilkington 2nd

Vote

Division

Approved

Stewart: Call for orders of the day

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Boiteau: Strike my nomination with question marks in minutes

Stewart 2nd

Minutes approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Segal: Please keep your name cards out so I know who is speaking

Stewart: Motion pledge

Boiteau 2nd

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

SS-10/11-85 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR EMA

Whereas, EMA is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, EMA would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and

Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate's custom to grant such requests, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,632.00 from our Programming Contingency to Category #130 (Programming) in the budget of EMA.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Boiteau
DATE:	Wednesday April 6, 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Boiteau: 1 bill this week and motion immediate consideration for SS-11/12-04

Boiteau: EMA

Member: Event Saturday we requested money for dance til dawn last time.

Jones: What is your event?

Member: Late night concert, this year over 37 acts. \$5 for URI \$15 for non URI

Azizi: Paying for acts?

Members: Some yes. Some are friends

Bill passes ☺

SS-11/12-01 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SAILING CLUB

Whereas, Sailing Club is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Sailing Club would like to purchase new equipment, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Sailing Club would like money to help cover the costs of the purchase, and
Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate's custom to grant
Such requests, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$4,200.00 from our Capital Improvement Contingency to
Category #400 (Capital Improvements) in the budget of Sailing Club.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau
DATE: Wednesday April 6, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-11/12 -02 LOAN REQUEST FOR SSDP

Whereas, SSDP is a Senate recognized, and
Whereas, SSDP would like a loan to purchase t-shirts for their event and,
Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate's custom to grant
such requests, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,312.50 from our Tax Account to SSDP to be repaid by the
last day of classes in the academic school year 2010 - 2011.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau
DATE: Wednesday. April 6, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-11/12-03 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SURF CLUB

Whereas, Surf Club is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Surf Club would like to purchase new equipment, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Surf Club would like money to help cover the costs of the purchase, and
Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate's custom to grant
Such requests, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$640.00 from our Capital Improvement Contingency to
Category #400 (Capital Improvements) in the budget of Surf Club.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau
 DATE: Wednesday April 6, 2010
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4- 0- 0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-11/12-04 CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR STUDENT SENATE

Whereas, Student Senate is a Senate recognized organization, and
 Whereas, Student Senate would like to help fund an event on campus, and
 Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, 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 approve the transfer of \$2,000.00 from Category #127
 (Co-Sponsorship) of Student Senate’s budget to Category #130 (Programming) in the budget
 of EMA.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau
 DATE: Wednesday. April 6, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4- 0- 0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

Coates: For same event. Dance till dawn. Cover rest of cost for event. Crunch time and have enough to cover plus more, I don’t anticipate much more. Pout on a great show every year, been running for 10 years

Boiteau: Last week the form wasn’t filled out correctly didn’t plan ahead

Segal: How much left for cosponsorship after?

Coates: \$800

Weinreich: Any other groups looking for money?

Coates: Agreed to give small amount to another org and then I’ll have some left over. Still have plenty of contingency.

Bill passes ☺

Boiteau: 2 bills for next week ask me questions or my committee. Gave money to Hillel for event they are having.

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE:

SS-11/12-05 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF VETERAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (URI VSA) AT CATEGORY R

Whereas, Veteran Student Association (URI VSA) is dedicated to helping veterans transition from military to college life and to enrich the community and the campus by uniting veteran students with each other and with other non-veteran students, and

Whereas, Veteran Student Association (URI VSA) 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 Veteran Student Association (URI VSA) at
 Category R.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Vice-Chair Roy
DATE:	Wednesday, April 6, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Rossi: 1 bill for next week. Last presidents meeting was Monday went well. SOARC chair elect is going to work on restructuring presidents meetings and hopefully meet with groups to see what will work best. Big bang is Friday so if signed up be here at 9

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Labate: A few things to talk about tonight. If you haven't been on website recently drop box is up so but stories up there, it will help with the committee meeting April 14th. This is for the poor advising situation at URI. New drop period proposal. 9 week drop period however the open is between 1 and 6, 7 and 9 you still receive w and then after 9 you need signature from dean. In favor because still have a 9 week drop period. 6 weeks is enough time for midterms and decisions. New proposal for faculty senate sometime this month. Ac standards and calendars met about making finals week more efficient. Take home things can be handed in on an agreed date cut down on wasted rooms. Cologna is scheduling meeting with college reps making student advisory counsels with each degree granting college.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Jones: Tomorrow is the big day. Those signed up meet in office between 1:15 and 1:30. If you are planning on driving, important you are still going, make sure enough drivers. Leaving 1:30 to Providence sending email tonight if you have a chance to look at bills so you'll have things to talk about at the state house. Attire is business casual no sweatpants or jeans. Excusal notes will be here after.

Wynne: Driving from Lincoln tomorrow so meet at statehouse

Coates: Park at mall usually and you can walk up front steps to get in.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Davis: Starting this week voting for Rammies more in the next week. Senate has an opportunity to vote as well so after pass back down to me. Also if you would like to present during the Rammies. Next week ASA banquet dinner \$15

Nicastro: Rammies date?

Davis: Tuesday April 26th 6pm

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

SS-10/11-86 Bill Calling for the Student Senate Opinion on the Blue Light System

Whereas, the URI Student Senate appreciates and supports the University's efforts to increase safety on campus, and

Whereas, the blue lights are a valued, depended upon, and advertised safety measure on campus, and

Whereas, over a dozen of the blue lights have been malfunctioning or nonfunctional since the beginning of the fall 2010 semester, and

Whereas, the Student Senate notified the administration in the beginning of the fall 2010 semester and expected the repairs to be made in a timely fashion, and

Whereas, the same problem occurred in the 09-10 academic year when numerous blue lights remained in disrepair until the end of summer, therefore be it

Resolved, that the maintenance of the blue lights be made a greater priority given their important role on campus.

SPONSOR: Campus Affairs Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Sinapi
 DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: (6 - 0 - 0)
 EXPIRATION: Perpetual
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

Sinapi: 2 bills to vote on

Sinapi: Blue lights all over campus main safety selling point. So many not functioning and time line takes forever to fix. Average time to fix is a year. Not good or satisfactory. No explanation has been given. Priority for us want to make priority for them.

Krauss: Has there been a case of somebody trying to use it when didn't work?

Sinapi: Problem is light isn't on so cant find it

Zaman: Says maintenance be greater priority, should we be more specific because I think we as senate need to voice concerns and make sure something good is done

Sinapi: Reason for that is because strong chance in my opinion that lights have fundamental problem. Want to make sure continued maintenance is a priority.

Bill passes 😊

SS-10/11-87 Bill Calling for the Student Senate Opinion on the Demographics of the Bias Response Team

Whereas, the URI Student Senate supports the Bias Response Team and its projected goals

Whereas, the current makeup of the Team lacks an undergraduate student's perspective, and

Whereas, this will limit the ability and effectiveness of the Bias Response Team's efforts, and

Whereas, this will ultimately delay or prevent the fulfillment of the Bias Response Team's projected goals, therefore be it

Resolved, that the URI Student Senate recommends that the Bias Response Team include an undergraduate student within its membership.

SPONSOR: Campus Affairs Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Sinapi
 DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: (6 - 0 - 0)
 EXPIRATION: Perpetual
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

Lamoureux: Brief description of what this is

Sinapi: Handles campus issues if people feel as if they have been treated unfair, they can report to bias response team. Have a good committee but should have student on it because about students need student opinion.

Jones: Who is currently on it?

Sinapi: Long list, Dan Graney is chair.

Brown: How do they get on committee?

Sinapi: Currently admin and staff, if students whoever they decided or maybe our input

Brown: 1?

Sinapi: Student perspective, the more the better

Weinreich: Putting a student on that that deals with sensitive material, should we think over more?

Coates: Comprises of university judicial board, I don't think its appropriate so I think there should be some form of input. Gives a nice filter to it. When you consider power and make up of team.

Sinapi: Sometimes students know what's best to help students, and while not universal ,fact that our opinion isn't noted is distressing. By no fault of their own. Concern is confidentiality.

Bill passes ☺

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. Chief Information Officer

Holzman: No report

b. Director of Communications

Pezza: For new senators, senate has facebook and twitter, so if on there, like us. University of Rhode Island student senate, twitter rhodysenate and invite friends.

c. Secretary

Segal: Kudos for Coates for never getting it but doing a lot of great things as President, for Tanya for saving our lives from Alexa's driving last week.

Also Hania has a kudos for Chris Knight for helping her clean up. Liaisons you're going to need you get your reports to my successor by the last Wednesday.

d. Treasurer

e. Vice President

Holden: If you want to speak again, no computers except for secretary and people with permission. For vote tonight, different color ballots and I don't want to lose track so this will make it easier. Sign up sheet for welcome day for Saturday April 9th and 16th. 10am to 1 pm. Senate tee shirts to event.

Good recruitment tool. All assigned to committee you may be reassigned depending on new chair people tonight. Exec members, let me know availability for spring and fall. Thank you for current chairmen stepping down tonight along with presidential appointees as well as rules and ethics.

Smith: Where do we get the shirts?

Casey: Borrow one if don't have one

Stewart: If new senators can't get shirt, should they dress up?

Holden: Not a big deal just for senate pride, but URI apparel is ok as well?

f. President

Coates: Welcome days, we recruited Pilkington there. Good opportunity to find freshman before first night, bring smile and energetic attitude. Went to Rainville. Strategic budget and planning meeting, hopefully info regarding budget cuts. \$3 million wasn't enough to cover all of the deficit.

Presentations by vp's of divisions. Hopefully nothing too serious. Although feel like a lot of universities wasteful spending has been cut out. Not pleasant to deal with. Friday morning meeting with field lighting committee for intramural field we set money aside for a year and a half ago. We decided to allocate \$300,000 for indoor rock wall and lights for field.

Progress has been real slow, but that's not bad for URI. Have been told field will be lit for fall which is good. Tomorrow is road to state house, come its fun. I appointed Juhr to the search committee for more URI police officers. Told about 15 finalists for 2 positions. Asked for student to be on committee. If you noticed we were supposed to have guest during public forum, interesting developments on coalition. Friday is exposures big bang, I will be there you should too. It will be fun. Don't think I've been to late night event on campus since dance til dawn my freshman year. Have a fun and safe Greek week because I know I will.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:**

Caisse: No report but it is like a funeral home in here

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bylaws

Stewart: Almost finished have to consult with SOARC about something. Bill will be on floor next week, wont have new formatting, because it will be easier to compare without that. Email with that, and one on table in office. Want you to sign a sheet saying you looked a tit in office hours, bylaws is really important and this is great way to familiarize.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Confirmation of Presidential Appointments

Director of Communications-Ashley Cordisco

Chief Information Officer-Jacob Holzman

Secretary-Tanya Jones

Treasurer-Stephanie Segal

DOC

Coates: Director of communications...Ashley Cordisco is in Italy until the end of may. New doc abroad, old DOC/best ever still here. Ask somebody to table that confirmation.

Boiteau: Motion to table DOC appointment

Merolla 2nd

Coates: I ran a job search through academic departments and based on resumes and samples, I interview. I couldn't interview in person but I did feel along with Pezza felt that this candidate and was most qualified. So instead of settling I want to appoint her. Bylaws only say I have to make appointment today. It also says their term is when old DOC resigns. So that flexibility I ran with, Pezza agreed to stay to end of year, which is good because she is doing newsletter when new school year starts, and my other nominee is confirmed she will take over.

TABLED

CIO

Coates: Nominated current CIO Jacob Holzman. Created in November after 1 failed attempt. He has been productive so far. Has started a lot of things and has been efficient. Has handled requests for information well. Help laid out rough draft for strategic plan

Congrats Holzman!

SECRETARY

Coates: For secretary Tanya Jones. She was put into external after disappearance of another member has done so well with little time to prepare. She has been an excellent contributor to exec committee. She really makes me defend my position on things and has been taking exec minutes and they might not Segal-esque but they will be ok

Jones: Thank you Coates for taking m into consideration. I have been acting chair of external. Although I enjoyed my time I am interested in secretary and I think I can gain more

experience. I was put in quick, I feel like we did well as a committee but I would like to come back on exec and gain more experience so that in future years I can come back possibly as a chair. Still have interest in external and want to remain involved and attend meetings, just to have a foot in the door there.

Sinapi: While I respect opinion and choice, I spoke with Jones to figure out why she was interested which his good and I voiced concerns to here, after being on exec with her she belongs there. But position she held for a semester, she should have done poorly with she did well. That being said, I would urge you to vote no for the appointment, where she belongs is the chair she is occupying, if she could do this well with no appointment I am excited to see what would happen with opportunities this time. Very least she'll do good, in her experience on board past semester gave her an eye opener.

Segal: Having been the past secretary I think Jones is great for the job. I think she is the type of person that will excel in anything she does, and I have seen her minutes from exec and they are great.

Coates: Don't disagree with Sinapi's assessment of Jones, she has expressed interest in secretary at beginning of semester and if that is her choice and she is qualified she deserves it

Sinapi: Previously stated, she could not only do a good but great job, for chairs want people who will do best. Based on our senate, Jones will do best by a landslide. Nobody else has that experience. I agree she wants secretary, but she belongs as external. Often the best people for a role aren't the people eager to get it. People expecting challenges. I wasn't eager for campus I was eager for SOARC, but now I'm glad I did a better job here

Jones: Thank you secretary Segal and chairman Sinapi for somewhat speaking on behalf. I agree I tried my best and succeeded at external. I would love to go back in future. Right now however, I show great interest in secretary. As Segal said I have been preparing for the role, taking exec minutes, learning responsibilities for role in prep for wanting to take on role. External is committee that I as strongly considering returning to and participating regularly, but for now I would like to have more of a structured position and after that I would love to go back and run for a chair with that experience. External did great job, I agree, I had help form my committee, was not prepared, and only there for half semester after a year participating actively on external and being secretary, I could go back with more knowledge and confidence. I would strongly encourage to vote for me for secretary. Thank you.

Juhr: Permission for 2 questions with speaking after. If you were chair of external, still on exec, why would you switch positions?

Jones: I was thrown into position of external and didn't get the experience I wanted. I feel like if I'm secretary, I'll gain knowledge and experience without being responsible for committee. Want to take structured role and experience and take on whatever Coates assigns me and run again and feel more comfortable and knowledgeable than what I think we did this year. Sinapi feels different, but that's how I feel from the position. I am grateful he feels external did well, I feel I would do a better job continuing on exec and gaining more experience and going back in future.

Sinapi: Jones doesn't give herself credit where credit is due. Rossi and Jones were in same boat and were often stressed. She continues to say she needs more experience but she has more experience than all if not most candidates tonight. I learned things if I had known beforehand would make it so much better. She's in a very good position to not look back and say wow I could have did so much more.

Coates: Jones is qualified as an exec member. I have chosen her to be secretary. This is confirmation of presidential appointments. I need 2/3 of you to vote in favor. She is qualified, wants position, should put her in.

Weinreich: 1 question and follow-up. If you do not receive sec position would you be interested in external?

Jones: I am not an elected senator. I don't think its fair to running candidate's I have spoken to them. I have experience but they are willing to take on committee. If I don't receive the

position I am not on senate. I will still be interested in external, yes. But not fair to the candidates running. Am I interested in secretary yes and Coates has confidence. That's what I have been preparing for.

Bruce: Clarification, 1/3 if want to check bylaws, somebody can check

Coates: 2/3

Coates: Took words out of my mouth, if he felt somebody was more qualified, then he would have approached them. If he feels Jones wants that, so be it.

Jones: I pretty much said everything, I understand Sinapi's reasoning, but the bottom line is Coates showed interest in me and I believe I am qualified along with him. Based on that alone, I think there shouldn't be anything else considered. I am looking forward and have confidence. Please vote aye.

Sinapi: Despite presidential appointment, we have vote, so president doesn't have all the power. 2/3 so your say is critical. Clarification, Coates doesn't approach people, people approach Coates. I would nominate her for external. As far as fairness goes, what we want is best candidate possible. Qualifications for secretary would have never been questioned. Best candidate for every position this will be your board for next year. She'll be here 2 more years. External with an extra year before possibly getting position again, or external chair who took year off and did not receive increase in skill she could have. This isn't an attack on her, I did talk her, trying to help her and you

Azizi: We all have votes, we should move on?

Jones: Although I thank Sinapi for confidence, but I believe I was qualified on being asked to step up, just because I'm qualified does not mean running candidates are not. Not to bash myself, but because I've been in role, does not mean candidates running are not just as qualified. Don't think its fair to them to say I've been chairwoman acting, is not to say they don't have potential. Urge you to vote aye for secretary.

Sinapi: Do you want potentially a good external chair or one we know is good?

Davis: When I got elected, nobody knew my capabilities, I wasn't on senate, they saw something in me to nominate me. That's in response to that.

Weinreich: Permission to ask Coates a question, any other candidates?

Coates: If she failed I will bring her back as my 2nd appointment, not obligated to answer

Davis: motion to end debate

Stewart 2nd

Congrats Jones!

Treasurer

Coates: For treasurer current secretary Steph Segal. She has been one of the most dedicated people to senate since I've been here. People don't put in as much time, has handled random tasks and excelled, planned homecoming which was incredible and award winning. Beyond that she is independent and not a business major, she does manage her own personal finances and has been learning from MacKinnon. I have confidence.

Segal: The reason I want the position as treasurer is because I see 3 parts to senate. I see the part we see every Wednesday that passes bills, debates and recognizes groups. From being secretary I have gotten great experience at learning exactly how that works. Then there is the part that deals with improving the campus and life here at the school for students, external, cultural, campus and academic. After participating on academic and campus during my time here I have gotten a feel for that. The other part I see is the financial aspect which I have never experienced. Sure you can say I can just be a member of the finance committee but I don't think I would learn the same things. The finance chair would be delegating me work such as the inventory systems and I might never get the same experience. As Coates said I'm independent and am good at leading myself. Also I am a fashion merchandise major and I want to be a buyer so this is what I plan to do with my future in the clothing area so this is not that crazy that I want this position. Also I am the only full term serving exec member returning

aside from Coates which is good because in exec we deal with some of the same issues and it is good to have somebody who experienced them with you to refer to.

Stewart: How will your personal finance experience effect you as treasurer?

Segal: I don't think they relate at all. Yes I may buy what I want with my personal finances but that has nothing to do with the job of treasurer so I don't see how it's really any of the senates business.

Sinapi: Again I respect the opinion and choice, I spoke with Segal on appointment, and after, and my thoughts, I urge you to vote no. Things pointed out, another returning exec member is Holzman and his position does what a returning exec member should do. After having Segal on my committee and being on exec with her and meetings and also speaking with her, those are the reasons I have my opinion. Urge you to follow.

Coates: Once again I would not have selected current secretary Segal if not confident if she wouldn't be one of the best. I want her on my team . I believe she gives added value to exec meetings as well as giving me great advice about everything. I didn't choose anybody else I choose her and would appreciate if the senate would confirm

Davis: From knowing Stephanie and her ability she has ability to keep her records in order, she still has money after she spends so I think that's fine.

Segal: I think I have more passion for this senate and care more about it than a lot of you realize. I think there is no reason why I shouldn't be treasurer. Sure I have not spoken a lot in meetings and exec because it is hard to type and raise my hand and speak what I'm typing all at the same time. Sure I've gotten better with it but that's part of the reason I don't want to be secretary anymore, I want to be able to take things in as they are happening.

Sinapi: Forgot to add this, she is qualified, she definitely could do it, my reasoning as far as why not, because the time I've had speaking with her and involvement on eboard and senate

Azizi: Permission to ask question, you said being on exec you have experience to be treasurer.

Segal: Yeah I think I already know what I takes to be on exec and I know what exec meetings are like. As far as my ability to be treasurer, I don't think I necessarily have an advantage over anybody but I don't think I have a disadvantage either.

Coates: I value Stephanie Segal's input on the executive committee please vote yes.

Sinapi: Remind you all I just fought for somebody to maintain a role on eboard

Davis: I think she shows great knowledge and willingness she has expressed she has been involved with so much, shows shes willing to learn more about senate and operations, you should vote for her.

Segal: I encourage you to vote aye for me, I really am ready to take on the task of treasurer and I am willing to put my all into it and do not only my job, but other things the senate needs me to do as I have done in the past.

Quinonez: How would you keep track and manage money spent on specific orgs?

Segal: That's not the job of the treasurer. The finance chair deals with the specific orgs. The treasurer pays for the specific bills of the senate organization, not of the organizations we recognize.

Sinapi: For those who don't know I wont be here, last reason to influence vote, not the one working with board or senate. I am the least likely candidate to fight, I am doing this for your best interest not mine, doesn't affect me wither way. Looking out for you.

Coates: To clarify to understand treasurer is only for senates internal finances, finance chair is for orgs, so you know what job description is. Since I will be here and there is 4 individuals that are part of the presidential team I will spend a lot of time with them, and I haven nominated her and I will be here. As I said 4 times, I wouldn't make nomination if not in best interest

Davis: Motion to end debate

Nicastro 2nd

Congrats Segal!

ROLL CALL: Azizi, Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Brown, Cahill, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Davis, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Holzman, Jones, Jühr, Knight, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Longa, Merolla, Miezejewski, Nicastro, Pezza, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Quinonez, Rossi, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Sinapi, Smith, Stewart, Thomas, Troiano, Weinreich, Wynne, Zaman

Elections for Committee Chairs

Academic Affairs-

Chris Caisse

~~Nicole Labate~~

Labate: I respectfully decline

Sinapi: Caisse is never afraid to disagree critical. I'll literally turn to him and ask why I'm wrong and he always has counter argument. At least in my role you think you have it all and you don't you're kind of screwed.

Caisse: Excited. A lot of projects and ideas to continue with and things that still need to be done. Ultimately like to see strong influence on admin. Like to see committee start to advertise. I have ideas with student opinion. I've been on campus for 2 years and learned how to debate and approach people. Been on rules and ethics for a year or year and half. Been on sr&r which is crucial for academic affairs. Rewrite handbook and manual. Can be really difficult. I've been on cbam. I enjoy working and challenging administration and would like to exchange courtesies with them.

Pilkington: Been on campus and hes more than qualified has diplomatic skills and hell be a great at the position.

Congrats Caisse!

Campus Affairs-

Chrissy Jühr

~~Hania Zaman~~

Nicole Labate

Matt Berger

Rossi: Nominate Labate

Lamoureux 2nd

Boiteau: Nominate Berger

Nicastro 2nd

Zaman: Respectfully decline

Azizi: Nominate Weinreich

Weinreich declined

Jühr

Sinapi: On my committee for what seems like forever. Also been serving cultural and finance. Always willing and ear to do tedious work. My position requires that. She has been taking minutes. She might be one of the only senators to seek me out during break and in person to find out what she could do for campus. She was always involved and willing to help out. Nobody wants to so tedious work but she did. She genuinely cares about public safety in general. Received the girl version of an eagle scout award. Has a job at dining services which is helpful already. In depth knowledge of current projects working on or been on.

Cahill: Very passionate about Chrissy becoming chairperson. When we realized we had a vice chair she stepped up. She loves being involved. She wants to be involved always on time. I think best for position.

Jühr: Truly passionate about senate love to help out whenever I can. Run booths and meet people. I volunteered for Friday, volunteered for finance, love to help out, dedicated and hard working. Sinapi said a lot of speaking points.

Labate

Lamoureux: 2nd her because been on academic with her for about a year. Ex-chairman Cologna has put her as responsible for minutes and did it well. Helped right transition binder and was very well qualified. Puts time and effort and she is very approachable and friendly and can run a committee efficiently. Works hard and pone of best candidates I could think of for position. Urge to vote for her.

Rossi: Since senator Labate was selected, I have noticed her increased involvement. Excellent job as vice chair such an asset. Put so much effort into her committee and tried to attend as many outside events as possible. Extremely approachable and respectful and professional which his important. Also would be great as chair in general and could bring great ideas

Labate: Thank you Gabe and Ryann. Very interested with internal academics on campus. Reason why I wanted to do academic somebody said to me in regards to law school devoted to work, but I was told URI didn't have good academics motivated me to join senate. I want to work internally and externally as well as externally. I am a sophomore to spend 2 more years here. I have increased involvement on senate. I have devoted so much time. My class load will be less next semester and I will devote my time. We all walk around campus everyday and people come to see campus and probably read book by cover and I want to improve it, I want to make it more unique to us, I want to add some things to quad and promote safety, I'm a quick learner. I was thrown into vice chair person when Farrow went abroad and then act as chairwoman when Cologna couldn't be here. As of now, I think I did a good job and I think that goes to show how hard of a worker I am. Sit on honors scholars committee, sat on provost student advisory committee.

Berger

Nicastro: I think he would do a good job in this position he loves trees

Boiteau: I think he has the experience to be chairman of campus. Has gone out of way with numerous issues regarding it and been an active part and should step up with chair position.

Berger: Been on senate for going on 2 years, I've sat back a lot. In next few weeks working with major to analyze campus and better master plan which is design of how campus is going to look. As landscape architecture major important to see how people more around. Includes safe and well lit areas. Working on book with another student active member of foundation. Built 3 businesses that I sold. Most time has been spent outside, but I want to do more. Slow learner at first, but I know what has to be done and I want to find out more

Ferreira: Being chair of any committee is time consuming with other involvements do you feel you have time to dedicate?

Berger: Next semester I have 3 classes, my major requires that. Definitely have time, during classes I will be studying the campus and creating the mock master plan most of my time will be for that.

Labate: My intention was for I have not been able to attend campus meeting, so I have allocated future time to follow through with leadership as chairperson and always willing to talk to people

Juhr: Not many do know me, I'm animal science major, I was a nursing major but switched back. So I had to play catch up. I have a job and I have senate where I am on 3 committees and I am still able to get everything done. Senate will be my only time consuming activity

Roy: Was going to ask if Labate has been to campus affairs meeting, and if passionate run in future. She spoke about academics in her whole speech. Should stick with that

Brown: What type of changes do you want to make to campus, how ensure happen?

Juhr: Pot holes I always text Sinapi about, I would like to work with external. Pothole by IEP on upper college. Work with administrators to see if we could do anything about parking lot by Chafee and white hall.

Labate: From what I wanted to do, I want to promote a safe and clean and campus, I would promote that. I want to make URI more unique. Hopefully utilized through Ellery pond. Also wanted to do as chair, is gather research of what other schools are doing to their campuses and that here. Work on student opinion polls, academic utilizes that, but I would like to get polls about what schools think about campus we are their representative body.

Berger: First concern is bus area stop have noticed how people get around, not effective. Designing a bus stop to make more successful. Next idea I have to work on, is bike rentals with no charge to students, bikes on campus to utilize. Promote sustainability. Wouldn't shovel a ramp because its not legal ramp. So have to fix that. make campus more accessible.

Azizi: If you live on campus and if attended meetings before?

Berger: I have, but moved off this semester. I'm on campus affairs now.

Labate: My freshman year I lived on campus, in Adams which is why I moved off, as I mentioned before but have familiarized my self with campus before

Juhr: Sophomore, lived on campus for past few years, been on campus since on senate, about 1 year as vice chair

Sinapi: Point out for Chrissy, Coates elected her to selection committee. I wont be around next year to teach how position works. My vice chair is one of the only people left with close enough knowledge to me. Can't formulate ideas on how to improve until you understand how it works. For instance campus cleanup is great however already in works. Bus stop area has sidewalks already and the waiting area is large enough. RIPTA involvement is why I got elected. Bike program used to be on campus but failed, which is why I was warned against car sharing. None of the candidates spoke to me regarding campus affairs because if they had then I would have spoke with them.

Labate: I want to say as I've stated numerous times, I have not been on campus committee. I am trying to say skills acquired during my time on senate that's what I want to execute.

Segal: I think it's safe to say to say that all of these candidates are qualified. Chrissy Juhr has had a lot of experience as vice chair, Matt Berger is clearly very passionate about this and it is what he wants to do with the rest of his life, and Nicole Labate is the only one I've gotten the privilege to work with and she is so intelligent and has such a hard work ethic. I think maybe the reason that only Juhr approached Sinapi about the position is because he is in my opinion rather unapproachable.

Stewart: Having attended campus affairs in past I don't feel Juhr have gained extra from that. Nicole is just as qualified, consider the fact that the knowledge to be gained is especially key. Vote who put in the most work and would do the best job.

Sinapi: If anybody remembers what used to get done in campus compared to now, my committee has done a lot with knowledge that each one other people expressed interest but didn't run.

Coates: Each of the 3 candidates have made significant contributions to the senate. All have been a part of critical strategic goals.

Blanchette: Chrissy Juhr has been passionate and dedicated and has dedicated a lot of her time. She already puts her time and effort in and is dedicated

Azizi: When did you attend campus affairs. And why did you feel the 2 that didn't attend will not gain experience?

Stewart: I said prior experience wouldn't be essential. I was on campus the beginning of this year first semester. At the time, there was no vice chair, Sinapi was doing everything by himself and reported to the group, the way he ran his meetings, did work himself and reported to group.

Sinapi: Kstew was on committee when I had vice chair, I took minutes and still had vice chair much of semester has been delegation. Each member of committee before people left at the end of the term, everybody was a liaison. To say somebody outside of the committee would lack. I urge you to vote for Juhr.

Brown: Don't know candidates personally, think Berger would be great, seems to have great plan, and applies to major. He loves trees we can use more

Davis: Known Juhr, been part of cultural and others, only concern is that she will stretch herself more than already, knowing she is going to have complicated schedule, working with cultural because she experienced campus. Shows dedication and will always help people out.

Thomas: If you do not get chair do you plan on being on it?

Juhr: Ofcourse I will still be on committee and senate love it. Campus is my favorite committee I'm on.

Labate: As I've said, I've only been on senate for past year, but have become more involved in academic due to class schedule, do plan to do academic, campus and external. Because I want to get more involved and make improvements

Berger: Yes

Coates: Originally stay not involved, but this is no disrespect to the other 2. I think Juhr is not getting the consideration she deserves because she is quiet. I have seen her at everything, she has found ways to get involved and is extremely knowledgeable. All 3 are qualified but I think she should get extra consideration.

Davis: Motion to end debate

Weinreich 2nd

Congrats Chrissy Juhr!

Knight: Motion for recess

Stewart 2nd

No recess

Cultural Affairs-

Brittany Ferreira

Sinapi: Involved everywhere on senate. If you haven't seen her working I'd be shocked. She is more than ready and best candidate.

Davis: When I first came on senate the first meeting with me as chair Brittany ran the meeting. Always looked to her for support and guidance. She helped me move from shades to glasses and I was able to see. Always stepped up, has great knowledge. Vice chair, 1 year. Been on senate and involved since freshman year. She does minutes and provides them. Working on transition binder for her. I know she has ability to be the chair, worked with her throughout year, had to make sure she was ready for event planning. Put together entire Rammies herself.

Ferreira: Thank you very much. I've been on cultural for 2 years, vice chair for past year. Doing shadowing of current chair and feel ready for position. I have a lot of passion and would love to be chair.

Juhr: Ferreira is an amazing vice chair and can handle position, planned Rammies and there is no reason she shouldn't be

Azizi: Today was my first day on cultural and she is really friendly open to suggestions and wants to work with everybody

Coates: Prior to former VP Prata being cultural chair we called it the arts and crafts committee. Under past 3 chair people of that committee and help from Ferreira that committee has been launched so much, recognized so much around campus. So excited to have her on committee

Congrats Ferreira!

External Affairs-

Derek Troiano

~~Matthew Berger~~

Chris Knight

Berger: Respectfully decline

Troiano

Rossi: 2nd because have worked with him for a short time and has improved since first SOARC meeting and has become big part of committee. Always has insightful comments when talking to orgs. Been attending external and has gone to coalition from what I've heard has done great, and I think he will do amazing. He is creative and respectful.

Roy: Worked with him on SOARC and on external. He has been attending external in prep of possible chairman. Knowledgeable in all areas of URI Narragansett coalition. Derek knows exactly what he is doing there, and he knows exactly what to do or say. Knows how to work for students best interest. Knows how to speak with residents and has the right qualities for the chair position.

Troiano: Thank you. Joined SOARC and wanted to get more involved. Got on rules and ethics and external. I observed they have focused mostly with Narragansett relations, but it should extend across RI. I intend to work with other schools and bring my past experiences to help. I want to pass opinion bills through senate and I believe it would be beneficial if we started opening external meetings to those off campus. I may be quiet but I am dedicated and hardworking.

Knight

Cologna: I've been on senate for 2 years and have worked with him and he is a good kid and recommend to vote for

Davis: I've known knight this past year and since I have I have noticed he has known a lot about senate and lived off campus for so long and knows so much. Involved in a lot, has great knowledge.

Knight: I thank you for your consideration and lets vote.

Sinapi: Senator Troiano has a lot of good ideas and have heard nothing but good things, he wants to work in politics later on. He came with ideas and ways to implement them and took time to put effort in.

Jones: I believe Troiano is very prepared for the role and qualified for it. He lives off campus so community relations are a strength and asset to committee. Had a meeting with me to prepare for this role.

Weinreich: Chris Knight are you on external?

Knight: Yes

Davis: I remember when Troiano was running and said he wanted to learn more about senate and I'm glad you've done so and hope you do well.

Lamoureux: How long lived off campus, and a major thing want to change?

Knight: 3 years now and living off campus another year been here a while. I want to see increase off communication with other areas aside from Narragansett

Troiano: 2 going to be 3rd, relations with the statehouse and Providence

Coates: please state 1 short term and long term goal measurable and relatively achievable.

Troiano: To encourage off campus to come to meetings

Knight: Short term to state house more than 1 time a year, long term more participation from community

Davis: Motion to end debate

Stewart 2nd

Congrats Troiano!

Brown: Motion recess

Krauss 2nd

Elections for Rules & Ethics

Hania Zaman

Chris Cicero

~~Ted Wynne~~

~~Ashley Smith~~

Rosemarie Thomas

Gabriel Lamoureux

Chelsea Longa

Brittany Dobryznski

Kyle Weinreich
Elizabeth Blanchette
Michael Merolla
Andrew Pilkington
Andrew Sharkey
Erica Pishdadian
Pat Brown
Karim Azizi

Boiteau: Nominate Brown
Stewart 2nd

Wynne declined

Jones: Nominate Azizi
Caisse 2nd
Azizi declined

Coates: Nominate Chris Knight
Knight declined

Sinapi: Nominate Azizi
Weinreich 2nd

Smith declined

Lamoureux: How many positions?
Holden: 5

Zaman

Sinapi: 2nd Zaman because she did a great article for 4loko that was gold. Took hot issue and managed to stay unbiased and do research managed to come up with something that administrators didn't. Took ethical issue and handled it flawlessly.

Coates: Nominated because she is freshman because she is wise beyond her years. Extremely involved, volunteers she clearly analyzes issue and produces intellectual decision. She might be the smartest person in the room. She will do fantastic job.

Cicero

Coates: Cicero has been around for a while, continues to impress with dedication. Has expressed interest with becoming more involved, and believe this decision

Jones: He is freshman on senate who opportunities to get more involved he seems to be unbiased and fair and that's a good quality so for somebody looking to get involved perfect position

Cicero: Almost completed full year on senate and want to get more involved I think it would be a great experience I read bylaws and I have a basic understanding. As a member I feel that I would develop in depth understanding about other areas of senate.

Thomas

Stewart: Known her since last year, philosophy and psyc major so she is good at ethics and would be a great asset because she's new

Thomas: I've been studying ethics for a while, I think it is a good time for me to come, with the new bylaw system. I want to get more involved, this is close to what I want to do.

Lamoureux

Segal: I think he would be a great addition to the committee, since he has been here has shown so much hard work and dedication. He has potential to not only on it but to possibly lead it.

Lamoureux: Started off on senate about a year ago, started on academic. Whenever a bill was brought up I would challenge and try to change it. Want to expand out more on senate and being on rules and ethics I would be able to contribute more than I am and that's what I want to do

Longa

Coates: 2nd because had opportunity to speak to her and that retreat allowed us to share views and talk about serious issues. Blown away, extremely intelligent and her perspective on life is quite unique.

Davis: She was able to bring me through the wilderness when I was scared. Been part of peace and nonviolence and has knowledge of people and think she would be great on rules and ethics and has a great interest in spreading herself on senate

Longa: Thank you. Very much interested. That's why I'm here. I would like to get involved with this committee and it would be a great way to get introduced

Dobrzynski

Stewart: Known since orientation before freshman year great way to get her involved, she's the problem solver and would be great

Knight: Don't know her particularly well, but good opportunity to make impression on rest of senate

Dobrzynski: Very diplomatic about things. I would be good candidate because have a way of looking at situations and figuring out best solution, I didn't want my 4 years of college to go by doing nothing, and don't want senate to go by without getting involved.

Weinreich

Azizi: Got to know him the first weekend at URI. Culture shock, surprised to make friends so quick and he was my first friend here. Hanging with him found him being one of the most friendly down to earth people.

Holzman: Nominated because he's well spoken individual and can look at rules and see why they exist and can apply the rules fair

Weinreich: Thank you, I would look forward to getting involved I have worked and had to be in positions similar and hope to continue and work with you.

Blanchette

Juhr: Known her for a while, tends to be quiet and shy but has a lot of potential. I would like to see her more involved and she would like to get more involved

Roy: Been working with her on SOARC and we had to deal with a lot of rules and ethics issues and complaints and I think she would be huge asset

Blanchette: Thank you both. On senate for a year now. SOARC committee seals with complaints and its a scaled down version of judicial process and would be an asset for committee

Merolla

Roy: Known him for a long time and he is an accounting major and has taken classes on ethics. Many skills including interpretation and make him valuable and has started doing job interpreting things. He was the person who pointed out majority vote not 1.3 so already doing great job

Stewart: I've had the pleasure of being nearly roommates and he is involved in a lot of orgs and takes every minute to ask about senate which is irritating but he always reads bylaws

Merolla: I'm an accounting major, throughout life shown leadership at all opportunities. My studies often include interpretation. Believe fully able to execute duties on committee and interpret and rule what senate illustrates in constitution and bylaws. Great way to get involved because only here for a year.

Pilkington

Juhr: He is very involved in senate serving on campus and academic does a lot of research and always willing to give opinion

Berger: Sat next to him many times and he always takes notes and has a comment, he always follows rules and I think he would make great member

Pilkington: Rules and ethics not be able part of rules and ethics is to resolve conflict and I take great pride in resolving conflict among my friends and even in my family. I will be impartial to making those decisions. I would be able to make sure informed decisions are carefully made

Sharkey

Sinapi: 2nd because he's my little and because I know the way he handles things with arguments he's logical. He's more caring of peoples emotions. Capable of handling rules and ethics and his involvement in ZBT as well.

Stewart: Nominated because he is brother of ZBT and part of engineering community. We know Sue and she said he's more awesome than her

Sharkey: Thank you. Want job not only for experience and involvement, ask for you to vote for me base don strict and absolute obedience and laws, each case is unique and must be held in consideration and held to bylaws. Conflict resolution is my kind of thing

Pishdadian

Pishdadian: Really want to be on rules and ethics, want to be a lawyer, medical malpractice with is ethics related. I love law. When I saw there was a rules and ethics committee I was asking people how to get on it. I am intelligent person, was taking max amount of credits and I'm very passionate about it.

Azizi

Weinreich: I've known him since beginning of semester. Great listener. He's motivate and would be an asset on any committee in any position. Unique perspective as international student. Was president of class for 2 years, which could be beneficial.

Sinapi: He has stated points and questions that were phenomenal. Its hard to put into words how impressed I am with how he blew us away. His statements exemplify what he's needed to do on rules and ethics.

Azizi: Thank you. First time nominated I rejected because e a lot of you inquired about it. Rules and ethics mean a lot to me form personal experience, truly understand how I feel when people do not follow rules and ethics. I come from family with political and law background. Constitutional changes in my country right now are being brought by people I know.

Brown

Stewart: Pleasure of working with him this semester first as group member then as member of finance. Would do a great job on rules and ethics. Asks a lot of questions.

Boiteau: Nominated because we were working with him through various issues and saw both sides and saw where we were coming from and where he was coming from and I think he would be an excellent candidate and has chairman potential.

Brown: Doing mock trial since 5th grade, I have gotten to the point where going by bylaws are important. I think I've proved myself with surf club learning finance handbook. I'm not biased at all but am very serious.

Coates: I've been sitting here assembling my first team. You're all qualified meaning I'm impressed, Sharkey is my first pick, his speech was awesome. Weinreich is already disagreed with me and gotten into debate with me and I like it. Zaman is amazing for all other meetings. Lamoureux I know he is absolutely not only professional and very serious and it is essential for the things you could be dealing with. We could remove a stipend and that could be a friend and you have to remain professional. 5th draft pick is Azizi because he has already impressed me. Longa, Pilkington and Blanchette are good too.

Zaman: Thank you Coates and Sinapi. I'm really hardworking involved dedicated and apparently smart. I have moved a lot from homes towns and countries which has given me a worldly perspective. It has helped me aid in becoming open minded and unbiased. Lastly I want to support Cicero, having worked with him on first hand basis I think he would be great asset.

Davis: For senator Sharkey, he shows great rules and ethics, today he told me about when he took my twix and Sinapi said not to tell me. But he did even though his big said not too. Also support Zaman and Cicero after working with them on projects.

Stewart: Motion to end debate

Cologna 2nd

Stewart: Motion back to approval of agenda

Lamoureux 2nd

Winners: Azizi Zaman Sharkey Lamoureux Weinreich

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Cologna: College reps if you can make ac meeting Monday, Caisse and I will be going over what you should talk to deans about.

Stewart: Yield time to Davis

Davis: Last time I had time yielded tome was a year ago. Fill out Rammies voting ballots

Pezza: If in RI this summer, my boss is looking for help specialize in luxury lifestyles brands

Coates: If over 21 come to the mews

Smith: Ask you pay attention to ivory coast in Africa and that there is a big war there and previous president is refusing to step down though there is a democratic election. Tell people they need to know what's going on.

Nicastro: This Sat at 12 first annual softball event for a student who would have been a senior here, so IFC and Lambda is hosting this event for the first time. Its a really good cause and anyone should go and show support. Its \$50 a team 12 people 6 guys 6 girls. If interested talk to me or IFC.

Ferreira: For welcome day do we have specific meeting place?

Azizi: What's welcome day about?

Holden: When accepted students come to URI and look at student orgs and get tour of academic college. Way for students accepted to get themselves oriented

Azizi: Sigma Kappa is have a pancake breakfast tomorrow night

Coates: If just got elected to exec committee meet with us at end

Jones: If going to statehouse meet at senate office between 1:15 and 1:30. New senators are welcome just talk to me beforehand.

Stewart: yield time to Davis

Davis: New senators take opportunity to embrace this experience.

Cologna: Motion to adjourn

Stewart: 2nd

N. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE: Azizi, Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Brown, Cicero, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Juhr, Labate, Lamoureux, Merolla, Miezejeski, Nicastro, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Quinonez, Rossi, Roy, Sharkey, Sinapi, Smith, Stewart, Thomas, Troiano, Weinreich Wynne, Zaman

NAY: Cologna, Davis, Knight, Krauss, Longa

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

10:41 pm