

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 pm

B. ROLL CALL: Berger, Boiteau, Cahill, Caisse, Coates, Cologna, Curry, Davis, Dlhopsky, Farrow, Ferreira, Holden, Holzman, Javett, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, Pezza, Prata, Renzi, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Segal, Sinapi, K Stewart, B Stewart

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

K Stewart: Motion change under bill for senate accounts in order to issue stipends to your group
Agenda approved ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Rodrigues: Page 5 where says 98% motion to change to 90%

Minutes approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rodrigues: Motion pledge

Messineo 2nd

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

Christopher Little - Moderate Party Candidate

Little: Running in moderate party for attorney general. Rhode Island lawyer 24 years. Complex litigation, individuals and businesses. Involved with non profits. President of save the bay. South Kingston land trust. Been involved 15 years. Different capacities of university as well. Also healthcare, large part of attorney general job. South county hospital. Why I'm running and why it matters. Purpose of moderate party is build on people disaffected from both parties. Interested in finding people.

Economy is number 1 education is 2 ethics is 3 and environment is 4. Attorney general represents you when blue cross wants to raise your prices or prescription isn't paid for. Serves as environmental advocate. Basically whole array of issues that affect at local and state level or RI life. Affordability of life in RI. My positions are aligned with that of moderate. Attorney general is supposed to be there for you for utilities. Were here to answer questions.

Rodrigues: Permission to ask 4 questions. A little more about you? What is your position on current federal health bill? Would you go forward or leave as planned?

Little: Separate role as lawyer from state. As lawyer at this point I would not support filing a suit. Could be more significant issues. Premature. Second form research from legal analysis authority to adopt bill. As we get closer in time I would.

Rodrigues: Gay rights and marriage. Mass had it and CT NH and VT. Question is what is your support?

Little: Answer is yes but as attorney general, job is to enforce laws of state, and don't pick and chose. I support it, but attorney general has to follow law. So if married in another state I would seek to enforce rights.

Rodrigues: Wind farms of block island, for or against?

Little: Particular project when it came about, instead of open request, they choose one company and they said how much they want. Giving them sum of money and power they are generating is 3x power available. Going to be absorbed by rate payers oppose particular proposal because cost is excessive.

Rodrigues: Thoughts of current attorney general?

Little: Has done some good things, agree with his current opposition to wind farm. Opposition to l and g facility good job with relationships with police. But he failed with Medicare.

Messineo: Stance on independent campus police forces? More independent or no? and stance on arming of campus police forces?

Little: Campus police officers should be subject to same things as other police. Also same rights and responsibility. Seen recently significant question at RISD campus, somebody beaten by people that were police. Took a while to get uncovered. When you deal with places like Providence they need to integrate. It terms of arming, major issue. Stepping into policy area of university, assuming police is properly trained and managed. I wouldn't have a problem but as a policy, I if on campus would have so reservations.

Cologna: Yield time

Cigar reporter: Said forming goals are economy and environment? Which is most important?

Little: Current state of RI economy is 1. Shouldn't be surprise. Education is number 2.

Cigar reporter: 2nd question you're running for moderate party, what is difference from that and independent

Little: Moderate has legal status and needed signatures. Moderate is accorded same legal rights as political party. Benefits and additional obligations. Reason for running moderate instead of independent is independent is 1 and done. It's alternative to 2 parties in state.

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-10/11-12 BILL CALLING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE HANDBOOK

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

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

Resolved, that the Finance Handbook submitted by Steven Boiteau be approved as the Finance Handbook for the 10-11 fiscal year with the following changes included;

III. OPERATING MONEY

A. YOUR GROUP'S BUDGET

1. Senate Accounts – After paragraph three (3) include:

In order to issue stipends your group the following information must be provided to both the accounts office and the finance chair before stipends will be paid to your group:

- List of all stipend positions,*
- Name of the person in each position,*
- Dollar amount that each position receives per pay period,*
- Job description of that position.*

E. YOUR 900 BUDGET LINE – After paragraph two (2) include:

Groups that are no-longer recognized under Student Senate will still have their 900 account funds kept within the Student Senate accounting system for two fiscal years and will not be allowed to access the funds until re-recognition. If the group is not re-recognized within two fiscal years the remaining funds in the group's 900 account will be transferred into the general activities tax.

V. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

C. INVENTORY – After previous existing language in paragraph three (3) include:

In the event that your group is no-longer recognized by Student Senate the assets of your group continue to be property of the Student Senate and not property of the individuals of the group.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Boiteau
DATE:	Wednesday, September 15 th , 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Until Passage of Finance Handbook 11-12
ACTION:	Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

Boiteau: Motion for immediate consideration

K Stewart 2nd

Boiteau: Annual finance handbook bill so we can draft it for upcoming school year. 3 changes. 1st is stipends issue from past. People have come and tried to change group stipends. Hopefully effectively go forward in future. Group recognized has been gray area in past.

Cologna: Anything about inventory system?

Boiteau: Talked to individuals about it but no because still in process of going about it so maybe in Fall.

Curry: If no longer recognized, reiterate?

Boiteau: If not rerecognized funds still remain, but funds will still stay in account if not rerecognized in 2 years it goes into tax. Same with assets.

Coates: Smart individual might get a group going a huge event then get derecognized on purpose. Try and prevent that.

Bill passes ☺

SS-10/11-13 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR OUTING CLUB

Whereas, Outing Club is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, Outing Club would like to purchase punch passes, and

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

Whereas, Outing Club would like money to help cover the costs of the punch passes, 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 \$1,200.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Outing Club.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Boiteau
DATE:	Wednesday, September 15 th , 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Boiteau: Other bill on floor next week, ask me questions in office. Also K Stewart is vice chair ☺ in process of hiring computer tech should be done this week or next committee meetings Monday at 5

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Messineo: Important dates. Rerecognition paperwork due October 7th. First Thursday in October. Tell everybody. We do not tolerate late paperwork. Presidents meeting 1st of October. Spamming groups mailboxes in office. Make sure your group if you are in one that contact info is updated in office. A lot of emails returned or to wrong people. Also student organization fair is the 22nd next Wednesday. Working with Sam this week to put link on facebook and twitter. Organizations can register online or in SPO office. Jorge booked elections booth we will be there. Also changes in student organization handbook. At first presidents meeting flash drives we gave out had a lot of information. Close to Holzman’s heart. Possibly making changes and giving them out. Last presidents meeting was Monday. First one. About 150 people there. Most groups were represented, those who weren’t will get nasty email. Breakout sessions afterward estimated 84 people went and survey results from those who attended seeing if we will continue voluntary ones monthly. Thank you to everyone who helped out with presidents meetings I brought presents.

Holden: When will groups find out if rerecognized?

Messineo: Usually a few weeks after the 7th. Make sure paperwork is turned in before the 7th.
Coates: Want to congratulate for all the good SOARC work.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Cologna: My committee worked on syllabus skeleton. Ideas from everybody so I can make a fake course so professors will know what it should look like. Stuff we're looking for. Passing around. We were going to try and get rent textbooks but already doing that next semester. Pro Jo all over the place just got figures today so were going to make a bill to have that back next week. Provost is having a meeting Monday 5:30 you can accompany my committee if you want. Provost reviews state of academic committee. Good way to meet provost. Ideas pilot is online course evaluation we tried. Huge PR campaign to push it and save money. Faculty did not get response rate wanted so probably wont go forward. I'm not okay with it so brainstorming on how to go forward. College reps I need reports by last Monday of month. Introduce yourself with dean see how things are and get back to me.

Cahill: Professors have to give syllabuses right?

Cologna: Yes

Holden: When is provost meeting?

Cologna: I think 27th

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

B Stewart: Hearing coming up October 6th from what I heard around 3pm at Roger Williams but well let you know for sure. My committee it's mandatory. More about that in next few weeks. Collecting stats from past year from police, the summer and last week. So any incidents you heard or people you know contact me. Coalition meeting coming up next week and in October, don't know what date yet but here at URI. Hopefully you can come. Thursday coming up. People from town, students will be there. Also Sam and I working on press release for orange sticker

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Davis: Upcoming events. Today NESBE presented a pool party. Tomorrow dance party in ballroom. Friday Hillel. Sunday Sigma Chi has Sunday night football atrium 1. Set up meeting with MCC and organizations presentation. To see how student senate could help them and their views of campus and cultural life. Diversity week October 4-8. Senate is doing something Tuesday the 5th 6pm atrium 1. In progress started discussing cultural affair. Week long event, event each day. Cultural affairs needs members so if anybody would like to join we would appreciate it. Meetings Wednesdays at 3:30.

Coates: For diversity week event, first time senate ever did something. So really would ask as many as possible please attend.

Messineo: Would you care if I attended your meeting at MCC?

Davis: Sure, after meeting well talk.

Pezza: Can you send me stuff to put on facebook and twitter?

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Sinapi: Need ideas. Went over things for campus map in meeting. Nice list. Big map. Placed around campus at locations we'll figure out. If you want them too. Email what should go on and where should go.

Holzman: Have you seen big map on board by Ranger?

Sinapi: No

Cologna: Cement jobs by sidewalks. Do you know what it is?

Bruce: Asphalt ramps?

Cologna: No it's cement.

Holzman: They are so they can hold down recycling trash.

Sinapi: They switched bus routes so have to switch all those parking and traffic patterns, let me know problems. Plains lot is too filled. Blue lights, 2 out already. Car sharing on 21st. Need to find out laws on vote net. I cant research voting rights properly without lawyer so if anybody knows.

Messineo: Roads by emporium, not campus property? Anything campus can do to fix apron of driveway. I'm 2 minutes away from fixing it with a jackhammer myself.

Sinapi: We can call and complain and if car gets damaged they have to fix it.

Cologna: Opinionated bill could be good for that.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a. *Director of Communications*

Pezza: Anything for facebook and twitter would be great. If you want to poll or be more interactive let me know. As far as t-shirts, busy week so ideas for this week let me know.

K Stewart: How many followers?

Pezza: 500 and something.

b. *Secretary*

Segal: Kudos is for Sam for making beautiful elections posters for our booth.

c. *Treasurer*

MacKinnon: No haikus today I paid some bills and I'm eager to pay some more

d. *Vice President*

Prata: Sorry bout date mix up for retreat. Now the 26th. Defiantly doing high ropes.

Hopefully more people can attend. Waivers ahead of time. Put in my mail box.

Meet in office 10:30. Committee attendance isn't always highest. However

committee chairs have attendance forms and are handing them to me every week.

They can excuse you if you have a reason. Allowed 2 excused absences and 1

unexcused. Count from last April. So if you are going to miss senate and need

excused absence need to fill out a form in office, or if you don't get to and have

reason send me email or text that's fine. I won't argue as long as it's written.

Talked to Coates permission to do this. Women's round table event. Female leaders

at alumni center. Anybody can go Wednesday night. I can't go but if one of you

can. You'll get excused absence. Oct 6th 7pm.

MacKinnon: Is there a men's round table?

Prata: I don't know Coates might get an email.

e. *President*

Coates: This morning met with JCAP reviewing for some task forces set up to

achieve academic strategic plan. Cologna and committee aiding me. Tomorrow

joint strategic budget and planning committee where president Dooley will be

revealing 2012 budget. Report back next week with that, hopefully provide you a

copy. Going to something. Student advisory counsel. Recruitment. As of now,

declaration closes next Friday. Talk to organizations you're part of, talk to friends

tell them to run and make campus a better place. Another thing website update.

Haven't done much in a year. Planning on sitting down with people during day this

month or mid October and talk about what needs to be updated. Interested tell me

what days available. Another thing business school wants to spearhead for smart

phone stuff at URI. Looking for students to participate in focus groups for input.

Students with or without smart phones. People who fall in both groups. Talk with

friends make announcements. General student involvement get people excited

about life here. Beneficial to access ecampus from phone. Contact me or Kim for

more info on that. Check out honors colloquium. I'll send email on listserv, another

one soon. I attended this week it was fantastic. November this year chemistry

building question on ballot. Have been contacted to advertise and support. I believe

in next week or 2 bill on floor supporting. Also senators help staff voting registration drive. DOC Pezza in charge. Important project. Chemistry Supports 60% majors and 40% student population on campus.

Rodrigues: What's a smart phone?

Coates: Web applications ex: blackberry, iphone, droid

Holden: Where is building to be built on campus?

Coates: Not sure but probably by new pharmacy building across from CBLs.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:**

Holzman: No report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Elections Committee

Rodrigues: Today we had a booth next to Kid Cudi ticket sales. It went great and people have been signing up that for last second filling out of booths a lot of people doing it. No hours left open. Brace yourself for senate meeting next week. Monday Hope, Tuesday union and Wednesday student organization fair. Hopefully not raining out. Declaration adds out thanks Sam they're gorgeous. In paper this week and next. 95% done 5% left. I'm going to help campus out with elections and RI election law. There is website from secretary of state office. Side note talking about question 2 relation to elections and campaigning volunteering and helping is very great. Great experience urge people to do it. I did it and a little volunteering you learn so much about what they do. Also great resume builder. Not for just PSC majors, other help out too. And now consider minors in PSC. I worked on David Segal's campaign sadly not great turnout whole another issue.

MacKinnon: If manning a booth, we have a standard procedure sitting and waiting for people, stand in front you seem more approachable. Favorite tactic of mine is to walk up to somebody and rock paper scissor them. And if you win you talk to them. If you lose they still usually ask.

Bruce: As creative as that is you can't wander from booth, so standing by booth is fine, play game is fine, but cant wander.

MacKinnon: In reference don't stand more than 5 feet away.

Bruce: Play a game with treasurer and well see how it goes.

Coates: Monday it would be great if more people can show up. Chris Knight in panda suit on quad.

Rodrigues: camera involved.

K Stewart: Good job Chris Knight wasn't signed up but harassed kid Cudi crowd.

Messineo: Jorge make sure you or Kim send out list of what people sign up for.

Holden: Not sure if there was one today sheet with available positions open and how many. I had rough number in head but wasn't sure.

Cologna: If you're in large lecture class get up in front of class and preach about senate

Rodrigues: Me Sam Steph and K Stew stuffed mailboxes at union express to get word out

Holzman: Shouldn't use harass in front of Bruce.

B Stewart: Facebook event? Send out messages and stuff.

Pezza: There is a link on facebook about it.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Maureen: Reminder organization fair is 22nd go online and register for that. First night was great. Presidents meeting Monday night was great.

Rodrigues: Applebees at 9 I will go and miss season finale of 2 shows.

Sinapi: Spoke to campus police officer arming them, investigation about allowing or not still not released.

Coates: I don't know if everybody saw Pro Jo article front page. URI students in Narragansett try and be on best behavior this weekend. I will be on a ride along with Dooley. Stay safe.

Pezza: Helpful if you go on facebook and post join senate kind of thing.

K Stewart: If anybody hasn't notice loitering sweatshirt in office. Kim wants it gone so if not donate to somebody who will casually wear it. Yield my time to back.

Interested in joining senate.

Messineo: 2 things. Forgot to mention SOARC Monday 3pm. Gained services of 1 senator who is awesome and nameless. Actually 2:30. Meet in senate office and well pick room. The more people come the more Jorge has to type. I'm the oldest senator here, I know we talked about recruitment, getting hit hard by graduation so we need to recruit I don't care how you do it but tell them they can make a difference and if they want a voice groups can have somebody run. Encourage them to run.

Rodrigues: Motion to adjourn

Messineo 2nd

N. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE: Berger, Boiteau, Cahill, Caisse, Cologne, Curry, Davis, Dlhopsky, Farrow, Ferreira, Holden, Javett, Jones, Juh, Knight, Long, Messineo, Renzi, Rosati, Rossi, Sinapi, K Stewart, B Stewart

NAY: Holzman, Rodrigues

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

7:44 pm