

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

B. ROLL CALL: Cicero, Coates, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Gulum, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Longa, Merolla, Pilkington, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Smith, Stewart, Thomas, Troiano, Weinreich, Wynne, Zaman

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Juhr- Motion to move bill SS-11/12-24 to next week

2nd Roy

Holzman- Motion to add bill SS-11/12-25 calling for the approval of the finance handbook

2nd Lamoureux

Holzman- I am passing around a copy of the bill. One copy for every two people.

Agenda Approved ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes Approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Caisse- Motion for the pledge

2nd Juhr

F. PUBLIC FORUM:**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:****- FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Holzman- Approval of the Finance handbook is on the floor to sit this week to be voted on next week. Take a read through and if you have any questions, direct them my way and any clarifications, let me know. I will have a full copy of the new finance handbook with changes made in the office on Friday.

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Roy- We have been very busily working on re-rec in my group. As a far as re-rec goes in recognition, when anybody comes into the office, give them my email address. They are getting wrong information and wrong forms, so please all you need to know is give them my email address. Uri.soarc@gmail.com. Use it please.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Caisse- Projo- finally done. They will be reigning on this campus. JCAP is not meeting until December and Academic Standards is not meeting until October. We are waiting for a lot of that to start up. Academic complaint about professors not supplying syllabi in a timely manner. Contacted CELS to make sure new advisors are being taken care of, and they are. Advising stories are filtering in our homepage still. Look out for broken card readers. I've checked a lot of them on campus. Faculty Senate @ 3pm in Kirk. That's it.

Roy- Which card readers?

Caisse- The one for the newspapers.

Segal- Did you talk about the credit and how we are going to do that?

Caisse- Talked to her about contracts.

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Juhr- First off, congrats to Andrew Sharkey on being the new vice-chair for Campus Affairs. Today, Hertz had a booth at the Student Org. Fair and that went well. Scheduling Safety and Lighting Walk with committee, thinking Tuesday night. Sending out email tomorrow. Bill for the proposed Recreation Fee has been tabled to next week, we have more input coming in on

the bill. I need to handout Hertz flyers, so if you have class or live in a building that I call out, please raise your hand.

SS-11/12-24 Bill Calling for the Student Senate Opinion on the Proposed Recreation Fee

Whereas, the URI Student Senate has previously opposed increases to the cost of a university education, and

Whereas, the university is proposing such an increase to support the creation of and to sustain a new campus fitness facility, and

Whereas, the increased cost of a URI education does not benefit students, therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate opposes the creation of a student recreation fee, and be it further

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate discourages the University Administration from relying solely on its students to sustain its financial health.

SPONSOR:	Campus Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Juhr
DATE:	Wednesday, September 21, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	(3- 0 -1)
EXPIRATION:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Ferreira- Planning Diversity Week event. There was a room change. Not in Hardge Forum anymore. It is going to be in Atrium 1. Music meeting was yesterday, will get an update on what happened. Also we'll be getting minutes from Equity Council meeting to update you on that. Making meeting with Chief Diversity Officer. Diversity Event from 12-4pm outside of the Union.

Cicero- It's Diversity Services of URI at 12-4pm outside the Union.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Troiano- Real quick tonight. Working on Commuter Appreciation Week. The date has been confirmed for the week of the 24th of October. The 26th is the Commuter Housing Fair.

Roy- 24th of October?

Troiano- Yes

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a. Chief Information Officer

Zaman- I have received an RFI for Chairwoman Ferreira, concerning contingency fund request for residence halls from 2000. I am getting more information on the bill. Also got the liaison reports from Secretary Jones today. Will establish a summary report for these reports.

b. Director of Communications

c. Secretary

Jones- Committees, continuing send me minutes from meetings. Liaisons, I am offering to see who can fill liaison positions. Kudos tonight goes to CIO Zaman for her great work this past week in transitioning to CIO and for taking minutes in my absence. Also, for the great work she is doing in organizing Senate records and working on archiving.

Sharkey-

d. Treasurer

Segal- If you save \$20 of your paycheck each week, you will have \$1040 a year. Save money!

e. *Vice President*

Holden- Retreat is on Saturday from 10am-3pm. Please be here at 9:15 in the Senate office. We will leave here at 9:30am. The waivers are in the office. It is crucial that you get those to me signed and put them in my mailbox. If you do not have a waiver, you cannot go. As far as attire, dress appropriately. Raining on Saturday. The weather is looking pretty good, so we will go forward. We are only allowed to have ten cars there, so we will coordinate rides in the senate office. It is mandatory. If you have not already spoken, it is mandatory. It will be a very good time. My committee that is going over scholarships for Senate is still in the process of being formed. I already have one person that is interested. I will pick two people if I do not have enough volunteers. Let me know by Friday. Thank you to those that helped out today at the Fair. I think my last comment for tonight is office hours. Make sure you are doing office hours. Look at the whiteboard in the back of the room to see if your committee needs something to be worked on. Always check the whiteboard. I made cookies. Have them downstairs.

Brown- How long is retreat?

Holden- 2-3pm.

Merolla- cookies?

Holden- Oatmeal chocolate chip.

Brown- Wanted to second on the good cookies.

Zaman- I will join scholarship committees.v

Dobrzynski- I will volunteer to join your committee.

f. *President*

Coates- If you are running for Senate, you are also welcome to join the retreat. Good evening, everybody. I am currently in the process of finalizing the line-up for the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee. I also need to appoint senators to the general education committee for University College. They are making significant changes to the University's general education system. I need two volunteers for that. Talk to me after the meeting. Search committee for the new Chief Diversity Officer, who is an interm Chief Diversity Officer, will meet sometime next month. Letters started going out today. I will provide that to the list-serv. Still working on online elections for the spring. Two days left to declare for Senate. If you know someone who would be a good resource, reach out to them. Let them know what is going on. Encourage people to run. Veteran's Day- November 11th, the University will be participating or having a roll call for those sacrificing their lives in Iraq or Afghanistan. They are looking for students to participate. If you know any student veterans or anyone from a military family, and they can contact me or Katrinia Dorsi in Student Life. We are requisitioning new chairs for the office and we are giving away old ones for student organizations. The last thing for me tonight is that we tabled the bill for the proposed recreation fee because we are going to wait for the result of a survey going out from recreation services. We will encourage students to take that survey. In addition, this Monday is the SBPC meeting. The President will be at this meeting, and I will have more information on potential significant tuition hikes for the next school year.

Jones-

Segal- Those new chairs. Last year, we talked about them but there was not more money than we thought. Have we looked into the pricing of that?

- **RULES AND ETHICS:**

Lamoureux- No report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bylaws

Stewart- Can my committee meet at Thursdays at 10am? I will be meeting with Coates at the beginning of next week and we can meet at Thursday at 10am.

Pilkington- Is that time for tomorrow?

Stewart- No.

Elections

Segal- First thing, I emailed the colleges for Nursing, CELS, and HSS, asking them to forward my message to their List-Serv about the open seats for Senate. I did not get a response back yet. Also, Brittany Ferreira has created posters for academic buildings and dorms. I have some to pass out. Senator Merolla has reached out to URI101 mentors about spreading the word for Senate. Thanks to those who worked the booth today. Elections booth next week. Please sign up. You cannot work if you are on Rules and Ethics. I will send out an email. Don't respond to the whole list-serv, just respond to me.

Cicero- Can you pass one more flyer down for me?

Segal- Also, Senator Cicero can no longer be on Elections because he is on Rules and Ethics. He is still happy to help out!

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Lamoureux- Motion to adjourn

2nd Brown

N. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE: Barrena, Blanchette, Brehio, Brown, Cahill, Caisse, Cicero, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Gulum, Juhr, Knight, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Merolla, Pilkington, Roy, Sharkey, Smith, Stewart, Thomas, Troiano, Weinreich, Wynne

NAYE: Holzman

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