

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:31pm

B. ROLL CALL: Barrena, Blancehtte, Brehio, Brown, Cahill, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Holzman, Jones, Knight, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Longa, Merolla, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Smith, Stewart, Thomas, Troiano, Wynne, Zaman

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ferreira: Motion to amend SS-11/12-27 to vote next week

2nd Lamoureux

Caisse: Motion to amend bill SS-11/12- 28 to passage 5-0-0

Holzman- Move to refer SS-11/12-25 back to committee

2nd Stewart

Stewart- Motion for immediate consideration for Bill SS-11/12-31

2nd Roy

Stewart- Need recommendations on other bills, Chairman Holzman

Holzman- Motion to move tax grant bill to next week

2nd Stewart

Agenda Approved ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Caisse- Motion for pledge

2nd Roy

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

Ed Parr & Nancy Devaney—Narragansett Good Neighbor Policies

Devaney: I am with the Narragansett Prevention partnership and we produced this booklet this year for off-campus commuters and students, kids living down in Narragansett. It has information about binge drinking, date rape, being a good neighbor, and these were given out by all the realtors for one per house. It has really good information in it to live successfully. Some of the new ordinances we have in Narragansett. We have an incentive for students- \$300 prize, 15 question, 5 minute test. Name entered in a raffle. Not having a whole lot of luck in getting people to take that quiz. Deadline extended for the end of the semester. I just wanted to give out some that I have here. There is also information in the booklet about going online and viewing the PDF version. Any questions about it, Derek came to our meeting yesterday. Last year, we formed a different group called the URI Community Task Force from the Coalition and we came up with some ideas, listening to an update on that. This is one of the major things that came out of that. I will leave them here for you. Any questions, I am happy to answer them. You don't have to live off-campus to take a look at the book and enter the raffle. Holden-Questions? Thank you for coming.

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**- FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Holzman- Good evening, everybody. Bill on the Tax Grant for hiring a new employee.

Recommendation please. (4-0-0). I am going to change up how we do this. I will explain what this is about next week when it is on the floor for vote. We have really kicked in an inventory system, which is a good business practice to make sure things that we buy are taken care of. We have a lot of assets, current as it is right now, and there is more inventorying of existing assets than the committee can reasonably do. Asking for \$400 to pay a student employee at a rate of \$8 an hour. I have budgeted one hour per organization and the second hour to orgs that have large number of assets.

Caisse- Are we doing questions by bill?

Holzman- Questions by bill.

Ferreira- Did you say that we were going next week on this bill?

Holzman- Oh, yes it does. I copy and pasted from somewhere else. I move that we go back to approval of the agenda

2nd Stewart

Holzman- Any other questions about inventory?

Segal- What happens if we allocate the money and the job is not completed in 50 hours.

Holzman- I will be coming for another tax-grant to determine how much more time and money they will need.

Caisse- Is this something that we are thinking of because the work load is heavy or is it a permanent position?

Holzman- One time thing to inventory assets. Takes much longer when you put something in the inventory for the first time. Assets, as they come in, will be inventory-ed by me or my committee. We'll just have to verify everything on the list is present in the future.

Roy- How are you going to ensure the 50 hours are utilized correctly?

Holzman- I am going to be checking how many assets they have inventoried versus how much time they have spent. It does not take particularly long to enter each asset, so I will be able to tell. Bill 27, tax grant for fireworks. Alumni Center usually buys the fireworks, but they are a bit short on money as they have had to take care of flood repairs from last year. They have asked that we help out this year to the tune of \$7400. (4-0-0) Recommendation by committee. Bill 28 Contingency Grant Request for Outing Club.

Outing Club- My name is Mecca, treasurer of Outing Club. Asking for money for climbing passes to the Rock Gym at discount price of \$12 each. Selling them to students for \$5.00. Does anybody have any questions for the outing club or Chairman Holzman?

Segal- What was the recommendation?

Holzman- (4-0-0)

Coates- This is something we do every year. They have been quite successful. They are always looking for passes, so like I said vote in favor.

Thomas- How many passes do we typically give them?

Holzman- They have come for \$1200 for the past several years. They always sell out.

Outing Club- Sell out in the spring semester especially.

SS-11/12-25 BILL CALLING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE HANDBOOK

Whereas, Article V, Article B, Section I, SubSection A, Part 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 Jacob Holzman be approved as the Finance Handbook for the 2010-2011 fiscal year with the changes itemized below;

Article 1, Section A, Duties: Requirement to keep a ledger;

Article I, Section B, Finance System Training: Addition of Finance System Training requirement;

Article II, Event Planning: Removed;

Article III, Section A, Part 2, The Budget Process: Removal of requirement for category R and A organizations to have a representative at the annual budget meeting;

Article III, Section A, Part 4 Financial Benefits Package: Removal of Co-sponsorship lines from FBP;

Article III, Section A, Part 4 Financial Benefits Package: Provision of FBP to Category A groups at same level as Category R;

Article III, Section A, Part 4 Financial Benefits Package: Addition that newly recognized groups may request an FBP from General Contingency;
 Article III, Section C, Part 3, Telephones: Office organization phone log policy removed;
 Article III, Section C, Part 4, Security: removal of Student Handbook referenced material;
 Article III, Section D, Part 2 Grants: probationary period for newly recognized groups: two months for Programming Contingency; one year probation for Travel Grants;
 Article IV, Section A, Part 1, Travel Guidelines: lift restrictions for second semester seniors who are traveling for competition;
 Article V, Section A, Part 1, Food: Removal of Finance Chair approval requirement for Petty Cash reimbursements for food purchased from Cat 312;
 Article V, Section A, Part 5, T-shirts: Expansion of "T-shirt rule" to cover personal articles in general;
 Article V, Section A, Part 5, T-shirts: Exception made by 3/4 ths approval of Finance Committee;
 Article V, Section A, Part 6, Tech Pro: Removed;
 Article V, Section A, Part 6. Music for Events: Added: Programming contingency for DJ is capped at \$25/hour;
 Article V, Section C, Inventory: Requirement of assets to be inventoried at time of receipt;
 Article V, Section D, Category Transfers: Restriction of transfers into Cat. 900 (Fundraising);
 Article V, Section G, Events with Multiple Sponsors: Restriction of event registration and grants to single hosting organization;
 Article V, Section J, Variances: Removed;
 Throughout: editing and revising for clarity, readability, and brevity.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Jacob Holzman
 DATE: Wednesday, September 26th, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0- 0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Until Passage of Finance Handbook 2012-2013
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

SS-11/12-26Tax Grant for the Purpose of Hiring a Inventorizing Employee

Whereas, the Student Senate has obligated itself to maintaining an inventory of its assets, and
Whereas, the Student Senate and its organizations has acquisitioned an extensive quantity of assets, and,
Whereas, it has been determined that cataloging existing assets in a timely fashion is not within the Finance Committees ability,
Therefore, be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate shall allocate \$400 from the Student Activities Tax to Category 131 (Worker), and be it further,
Resolved, that the Finance Chair shall be empowered to hire a student of the University of Rhode Island for the purpose of conducting the inventorizing of existing assets, and be it further
Resolved, that the hired student shall be paid \$8 per hour.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
 DATE: Wednesday, September 28rd, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (- -)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Immediate Consideration

SS-11/12-27 Tax Grant for the Homecoming Fireworks

Whereas, fireworks have become a part of the Homecoming festivities, and
Whereas, Homecoming builds school spirit and community on campus, and,
Whereas, the Alumni Center, which normally underwrites this expense, has suffered unusual losses,
and
Whereas, the Student Senate wishes to continue this tradition in light of the situation,
Therefore, be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate shall allocate \$7,400.00 from the Student Activities Tax to Category
807 (Homecoming) for the purpose of facilitating the fireworks.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
DATE: Wednesday, September 28th, 2011
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (- -)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-11/12-28 – 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 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 \$1,200.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category
130 (Programming) line in the budget of Outing Club.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
DATE: Wednesday, September 28th, 2011
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (- -)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Immediate Consideration

Bill Passes ☺

SS-11/12-29 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR Interfraternity Council

Whereas, Interfraternity Council is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Interfraternity Council would like to host programming for the campus community, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Interfraternity Council 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 \$1,250.00 from the Programming Contingency to the Category
807 (Homecoming) line in the budget of Interfraternity Council

SPONSOR: Finance Committee

BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
 DATE: Wednesday, September 28rd, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5 - 0 - 0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

Holzman- Next we have bill for IFC Contingency Grant Request. Hosting banner competition-buying 20 banners, giving them ten of them to Greek Houses and other 10 available to student organizations. Organizations will take those banners to wherever, decorate them, and they will be brought to homecoming where they will be voted upon. Winner gets a half page ad in the Cigar.

SS-11/12-30 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Whereas, Students for Sensible Drug Policy is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Students for Sensible Drug Policy would like to participate in the national conference for their organization, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Students for Sensible Drug Policy 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 \$675.00 from Travel Contingency to the Category # 700 (Travel) line in the budget of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, and be it further,

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$600.00 from Travel Contingency to the Category #236 (Conference Registration) line in the budget of Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
 DATE: Wednesday, September 28rd, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5 - 0 - 0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

Holzman- SSDP wants to go to national conference. Asking for \$1275 for airfare, hotel, and conference registration.

Lamoureux- Do we usually do airfare travel?

Holzman- Yes, maximum of six people.

Troiano- Where is this conference?

Holzman- California

SS-11/12-31 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR Surf Club

Whereas, Surf Club is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Surf Club would like to host programming for the campus community, 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 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 \$10,000.00 from Programming Contingency to the Category # 225 (Talent) line in the budget of Surf Club, and be it further,

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,000 from Programming Contingency to the Category # 230 (Sound/Stage/Lights) line in the budget of the Surf Club.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Holzman
 DATE: Wednesday, September 28th, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4 - 1 - 0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

Holzman- Contingency Grant for Surf Club. Hosting Extreme Sports Caravan. Asking for \$11,000- \$10,000 to bring musical artist to play and \$1,000 to cover portion of the stage, lighting, and sound expense which the remainder of is being made up by SEC.

Brown- The purpose of this event is to be the biggest event on campus of the year. We need a really great event at URI to have a great time at that involves everyone. We have worked greatly on this for over a year and we have the band, which is Badfish, a loved band by URI. Lighting, and food provided. Food is being provided by an outside vendor. Police will be there as well. The sponsors we have are SEC, the Snowboard Club, WBRU 95.5. They will promote this event on the radio station to be there. Surf Shop is supplying us t-shirts for the event. Food will be provided by a restaurant. RedBull is bringing in extreme amounts of products. They have been working on this for over a year. Started coming in as a freshman, worked all last year to do it, been to finance multiple times. Finally, it seems as if it is working out. The event will entail tarp-surfing on the quad. We lay out on a large tarp and skateboard over it. Swiss Ball Surfing – which is lining up gym workout balls, and going over them. Crowd Surfing contest possibly. RedBull is bringing in free red bull, bringing in ramps from New Jersey, 7-time gold medalist Kevin Robinson is coming. Has the record for the highest jump for the vertical jump and he will be performing a demo. Finally, we wanted to end with Badfish on the quad which is a free concert on the quad for everybody from 8-10pm. This is something that is really going to benefit the entire URI Community. The possibility is to have as many students here as possible.

Caisse- Is it safe to assume you are the one abstention here for the recommendation?

Merolla- The Surf Club has put an extensive amount of time and their own resources into this and this is something great that nobody has seen before.

Roy- Are we able to give money to a group who has not yet spoken to Risk Management about this event?

Holzman- Risk Management would nix all the dangerous stuff, worst -case scenario. That money can be rolled back into programming after it’s cancelled.

Segal- Who voted against this and whoever is that why?

Holzman- I voted against it because it is a very large sum of money in regards to programming contingency. The second is that normally, Senate does not give programming grants for organizations to bring in artists for more than \$2,000. We have spent several thousand dollars on speaking engagements who are brought in for their expertise. This is much more than we have ever granted for a musical artist. This event is still a great idea and is going to have wide appeal. I am certainly going to be there. Also, there is a bit of principled argument that comes up here that is about the ability of student organizations to do programming that is outside the realm of their mission. The reason why I am bring up the argument is because we are already lacking contingency money on a continual basis for orgs who are doing programming within their mission. When we start granting money to orgs who do things outside of their mission, then all the contingency is going to get used up very quickly. The counterargument to that is the finance committee needs to pick and choose much more closely what they decide to give programming grants too. That is my personal feeling.

Coates- I am not entirely convinced that we haven’t granted an amount this large to organizations. Whoever that guy is who sings in those jeans. The Senate had approved a considerable amount of money, close to \$10,000. I don’t think that’s necessarily the case that we would not grant an amount this large. Last year, a similar incident regarding Surf Club event. I give credit to Pat Brown and the

Surf Club. I think they have tied their mission to this event. I think it is going to give a lot of exposure to several of our other student orgs that are participating that day. This is an extreme sports caravan. I think this has a lot of potential to be a fantastic event.

Ferreira- Is the Surf Club planning on using any more programming money for the events?

Brown- No. Not right now. We are planning on having another big event, but RedBull is closing.

Ferreira- Date of the event?

Brown- October 19th

Roy- This is going along with their Mission Statement. I was there for re-categorization because it does reach their mission statement and as far as I am concerned, this goes along with their mission statement and our money is for student programming. This is going to involve a lot of students on campus.

Brown- I just wanted to say that I talked to Risk Management and they said it should be fine. I believe it is within my mission statement. This SOARC Chair and the last SOARC Chair said that as well. I don't think it should even be a question. Just because we haven't done this before doesn't mean we shouldn't try it in the future.

Merolla- I strongly urge everyone to vote for this. Homecoming is approaching soon so money needs to be given to get this event going.

Coates- One more example is spending large sums of money on a concert. Similar events have less going on than what is being proposed.

Labate- If this is such a large sum of money, is there a way that you can potentially charge guests? To help make back some of the money?

Brown- Also to be able to charge on the quad probably wouldn't make sense. The idea is that it is free so that's why it would attract so many people. Actually saving around \$17,000 already. Only asking for \$11,000.

Labate- My second question is what are your plans on advertising?

Brown- Snowboard and Surf Club are combining money on advertising. Bringing flyers everywhere. Have everyone post them up in your buildings. I would like to get into outside sources and spread the word out there that way.

Stewart- We all know that SEC is very limited in what they can do. Their goal is to provide to the most amount of students, so it is great to see what SEC can't do per say. Doing something big and including it into something more specified is great.

Weinreich- What is your plan on parking?

Brown- Hopefully, it can still be worked in.

Coates- Parking is not relevant.

Troiano- Never mind.

Jones- Day of the event?

Brown- Wednesday, October 19th.

Abstention from Pat Brown.

Bill Passes ☺

Holzman- Good date everybody. I have to excuse for myself. Rosh Hashannah tonight.

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Roy- Re-Rec is Monday night. When anybody sees Weinreich tonight, give him a hug because he did the writeable PDF's so all the orgs can submit forms online.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Caisse- This is the last time I say it. Official start of the Projo. Library box is being fixed. During committee, I asked Senator Barrena to be apart of UC Gen. Ed Committee. Talk to myself or President Coates. Bill on the floor for next week. Look at it and ask me questions next week before the vote. Provost Advisory Council meeting last night, Holzman attended but he did not mention it. Secretary Jones and I went to Faculty Senate last week. First meeting and they talked about the UC Gen Ed stuff

going on. That was it. Informal forum talking about what they thought what was wrong with campus. I want to encourage everybody to talk to President Coates about the Senator Whitehouse discussion. I will be there. Should be interesting. Think that's it. Let me know about broken card readers.

SS-11/12-32 – Resolution of Opinion on new College of Human Sciences Services course HDF 416

- Whereas**, the University of Rhode Island continues to make steady progress in creating an equitable and diverse community, and
- Whereas**, The College of Human Sciences and Services will offer a new HDF 416 course “Personal and Organizational Leadership, Leadership and Diversity in Athletics,” and
- Whereas**, the new course will focus on LGBTQ issues in athletics as well as broader issues of diversity and violence prevention, and
- Whereas**, the new course will assist faculty and students in including LGBTQ issues, history, and information in their curricula, and
- Whereas**, the new course will help students initiate efforts to build a more equitable, tolerant, and accommodating campus community; therefore be it
- Resolved**, that the Student Senate fully supports the implementation of HDF 416 and commends the University and The College of Human Sciences and Services for their efforts that strive towards a diverse and inclusive campus community, and be it further
- Resolved**, that the Student Senate commends The College of Human Sciences and Services for taking a lead role in the implementation of an LGBTQ issues course.

SPONSOR:	Academic Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Chris Caisse
DATE:	Wednesday, September 26 th , 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (- -)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Juhr- We are waiting for the Rec. Services survey to go out to students. Met with HigherOne representative. Ice cream machine in Butterfield broke after it's been fixed. Safety and Lighting Walk is in the process of being scheduled. Update on that next week.

Krauss- When I tried putting those posters up, the engineering buildings, Kelly and Kirk don't have office-building secretaries. I can give them back to you.

Cahill- If you go to the EEC and talk to them, they should have the keys to the boards.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Ferreira- Diversity Week is next week. Our event will be on the 4th in Atrium 1. Try to spread the word. As far as advertisement goes, we are going to utilize the boards outside of the Senate office. As far as the Tastes of URI event, we are going to push that to the spring, including homecoming event. Going to be similar to the one last year. Have more toppings than last year. If anybody wants to help, let me know. Also, the spirit of giving holiday fair is going to happen in December. There is a meeting on Oct. 11th at 2pm.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Troiano- Thank my committee for helping plan Commuter Appreciation Week. A lot of great ideas that need to get confirmed by Katrina Dorsi as far as funding capabilities. When that is approved, I will let you know. Other than that, had a meeting with the URI Community Task Force as was mentioned earlier. Basically went over the incident on 9/22-9/23 at the ZBT fraternity. We discussed how it was followed by protocol and appropriate action was followed. We went over the action plan that they are trying to put forward. It discussed a lot of appropriate behavior amongst the community. They are

basically trying to increase police activity and police power. There are a lot of things we may not necessarily want to support. The URI-Narragansett Coalition is on the verge of being disbanded. I will keep you informed on that as the weeks go by.

Krauss- Can you define increase in police activity?

Troiano- They are trying to increase ticket fine rates for parties associated with underage drinking at parties. There are other aspects I can't really find right now.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a. Chief Information Officer

Zaman- Good evening, everyone. I have been working on making minutes searchable via archive. I have been working on putting google searchbox to search through all of them. Received an RFI from President Coates about tuition hikes in the past ten years. Did a lot of research and spoke to someone in Green Hall as well as Budget and Planning. For the past ten years, there have been raises in tuition every year with an annual average raise of 7.8%, taking inflation into consideration. Out of state tuition is an annual change of 6.9%, 4.5% if you take into account inflation. I also found out that the amount that the state has given us is less every year. I can pass it around. I will make you copies of it as well. That is all for tonight.

Coates- She received that request this morning.

Zaman- I am also passing around tuition and fees for not only our schools but our peer schools in our region.

b. Director of Communications

Cordisco- No report.

Stewart- Good job on the newsletter.

c. Secretary

Jones- Not much tonight. Thank you Vice-Chairs and members of committees for getting minutes to me. I have been receiving them from all committees. I went to the Faculty Senate meeting as Chairman Caisse had mentioned and have a report in my mailbox that I can show you and give more information if any of you are interested in the meeting. Minutes are also posted on the Faculty Senate website.

d. Treasurer

Segal- Stipends are out as of yesterday. No financial tip this week.

e. Vice President

Holden- First of all, I would like to say that I am very proud of the conversation with the bills tonight. The energy is great in the room. Please keep it up when our new senators are here. I would like to thank everybody for coming to the retreat. A lot of hard work and effort went into planning the retreat. My scholarship committee, please meet with me after the meeting. Want to throw out a couple of dates. I would like to also say that working at the Elections booth counts as an office hour. I expect every senator to do one hour there if not more. But seriously, we need people at this elections booth. We are all very busy, papers, etc. There is no excuse for anybody to not be there. Keep up the great work and very proud of all of you.

f. President

Coates- Good evening, everybody. Interesting couple of hours. I am pretty encouraged by the amount of conversation tonight. I am glad. It is your job. Beyond that, I am a little disappointed with the lackluster effort on the part of those not on executive in helping with the elections booth. Most of my executive committee is in the office far more than they need to be. You are elected to do a job. Everybody is capable. Some interesting news this week. The URI Foundation has a new president. That person is Michael J. Smith from Kansas State University. Apparently, he has been quite successful in raising money. Part of three major capital campaigns to raise hundreds of millions of dollars. This is really critical for us. We are going to maintain a certain level of competitiveness. I am sure all of you have heard by now. There will be a tuition hike next year. There will be an in-state and out of state tuition hike. It comes down state appropriations have taken a massive hit. I am not sure of the final numbers. We all know last year Governor Chafee encouraged us to be given more money than we were initially supposed to get. Extremely significant amount less of money that we will be receiving. The

University is doing a lot to curb spending. Our capital projects are covered by general obligation bonds. If the anticipated student appropriations are higher than what they are projected at, tuition will not be increased as much. I serve on the SBPC and have been scouring the documents all summer. As a flagship public university, we have an obligation to provide an affordable education. Does anybody have any questions on that?

Brown- With room and board, is that for dormitories or for fraternities and sororities as well?

Coates- Those are managed separately, so I am not sure. I would anticipate they would probably rise.

Stewart- Have you heard anything about there seems to be a lot of freshmen this year and they accepted a 1,000 more freshmen than normal. Does that relate as well?

Coates- The official numbers are 14,594 students enrolled. That is an all-time high. We took in far more freshmen than we anticipated showing up. Admissions has a formula to show how many will be accepted and how many will actually enroll. I am not quite sure of it. That is not necessarily affecting how we are budgeted. If we have empty space on campus, then that is revenue we are not collecting. The more people we have on campus, the more people enrolled, the more people servicing. Maximum efficiency point. It has mostly to do with amount of state support.

Merolla- If you knew to what level of housing that isn't being paid for by students directly? When housing comes around, usually, Wiley and Garrahy are usually completely filled up before the first day. If tuition is going to be raised, and one of the major problems is that we don't have a lot of room, do you know how much room we give to students that the University pays for?

Coates- Tuition waivers? Room and Board waivers?

Merolla- I know that there are a substantial amount of rooms that are given off that can be used for doubles or singles.

Coates- I don't think there are any plans to double those rooms. There is a certain point where your expenditures on student services are more than revenue.

Thomas- I was just wondering, when the in-state and out-of-state tuition goes up, does it affect New England Regional tuition?

Coates- Not mentioned at the meeting. Also this week, the RIBGHE has approved policy to allow undocumented students to attend RI schools for in-state tuitions. Do not see how long it will take to see that change is implemented. I would think it is going to be in court for sometime. If not, change could into effect for next school year.

Jones- Have you been asked to comment?

Coates- No. That is about it for me tonight.

Jones- When are they voting on FY '13 budget?

Coates- Not positive. February, I believe? We still have committee liaison appointments that need to be made.

- RULES AND ETHICS:

Lamoureux- No report.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bylaws

Stewart- No report.

Elections

Segal- Elections are going well. Not very happy with the majority of people in this room. Sent out an email asking people to work at the elections booth. I did it so you guys would have time to sign up. I received two responses. Kim had also sent out an email. I sent out another email telling of the procedure. I sat at the booth all morning with Tanya and Brittany all morning. It was like pulling teeth to have people work it. Tomorrow, there are still spots open. Who can do 10-11am tomorrow? If you signed up and are still here, you can work too.

Juhr- I can volunteer from 4-5pm, but I have to be at Peckham Farm, can I leave 10 minutes early?

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Roy- I saw only 80% executive members to do hours today at the booth. We need to sign up for elections.

Stewart- Motion to adjourn

2nd Pilkington

N. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE- Barrena, Blanchette, Brehio, Brown, Cahill, Caisse, Cicero, Dobrzynski, Ferreira, Jühr, Krauss, Labate, Lamoureux, Longa, Merolla, Pilkington, Pishdadian, Roy, Sharkey, Smith, Stewart, Thomas, Troiano, Wynne

NAYE- Knight, Weinreich

NO VOTE- Coates, Cordisco, Holden, Jones, Segal, Zaman