

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

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

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Rodrigues: Recommendation for elections bill
(5 -0 -0)

Rodrigues: Motion to change chair to chairman

Holden 2nd

Agenda approved! ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

K Stewart: Motion page 3 to change where I said that's dirty

Minutes approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cologna: Crew team informed us they want to get us a picture for our office because we got them a boat.

Rodrigues: Motion for pledge

B Stewart 2nd

Messineo: Motion to move to report of standing committees

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

President David Dooley

Cologna: Motion to extend time

Dooley: I want to share 4 things I have begun to talk about with faculty, foundation and external groups as priorities for upcoming year for you to think about. We want to make URI a 24/7 learning environment for students. Maybe we need to teach and schedule differently. Goal for students was to move through URI at goal good for you and that classes are more accessible and learning is better. One example of what I think could be achieved. Included online learning web based courses that aren't required but offered. Provide lecture content on web and change classes to discussion in class. I want to grow research. Goal is to increase ability to educate grad students. Increase knowledge. Improve our understandings. Make undergraduate education better, create more opportunities. Internationalize and globalize URI education. Many of our students will work around the world. We live in global economy. Want university to be nationally recognized as university that is diverse, has equity and community. This is where your help is needed. We have a long way to go to get to where every student is valued and welcome. That's the kind of community we want to have. Convinced if URI takes a leadership position in this we'll be nationally known more than now, we'll attract interest and support. Going to talk to alumni and donors, faculty and staff about what URI needs to be if we are going to do for our students what our obligation is which is to succeed when you graduate.

Cologna: If somebody at URI campus community is living off campus do you think campus life suffers?

Dooley: Don't think it's bad. Right now about 5,000 living on campus. I would like to see capability for more. It would be close to 50 percent undergrads. It's great to live on beach though. I understand and wouldn't want to change it. But I want to enhance community and create more opportunities on campus. Build new things close to campus. Interested in talking to you and student groups about increasing student opportunity even for those living off campus.

Holden: If you knew currently how many countries have URI students studying abroad?

Dooley: Relationships with 50 institutions right now. Lots of opportunities. We need to create more opportunity for international students to come here. Need vibrant program for speaking English to increase appeal for international students. I make a few trips a year to talk to universities about URI students going there. Those are the kinds of opportunities I'm looking for more of.

Messineo: 24 hour learning experience included state of RI for students living off campus. What kind of discussions with RI community, local towns about giving students internships and study experiences?

Dooley: Yes, I have been to 200 different kinds of organizations in RI. Certain things can't be experienced on campus. Learning that can take place there and is different and compliments the classroom. Companies want our students to work for them.

Curry: Future construction for future resident houses. In Pro Jo new freshman dorm and terrace apartments coming down?

Dooley: True, they stripped the inside of terrace apartments. That sight will soon have bulldozers and in its place by fall 2012 will be 430 person dorm for freshmen and sophomores. Amazing addition to on campus housing where we need it most. Fewer triples and good alternative to the other dorms. There was a public meeting on it today to explain to community what is involved. Connection from frat circle to 138 will be closed and there will be a different campus road connecting fraternities and sororities to campus. Terrific addition to living environment. Need a way to put it together in a financially good way. Soon gut the old Roger Williams dining area to create recreation area. Important for students to completely renovate. Don't have to go all the way down far away to exercise. Some plans almost finished about what we can do.

Cologna: As a state university it is important for variety of classes.

Dooley: We need to do that and create a variety of new programs. Creating Harrington school of communication and media. And restructure the whole curriculum to make it relevant to current time. This fall 20 to 25 new courses that will be challenging but about challenges the world faces.

Messineo: Is URI still looking at more 4 credit classes?

Dooley: I can't answer for university. When it comes to question of what curriculum looks like faculty decides that. I want fewer classes for a degree. At Amherst students take 4 classes a semester for 4 years and that's it. They are just as prepared as other schools. I don't think more classes equals better success.

Mackinnon: After hearing priorities, big emphasis on off campus out of class learning. On undergrad side have you made anything on how undergrads would receive this.

Dooley: Interested in student stories. Talking to a lot of alumni and they tell me about professors who made a difference but also things from out side the classes like internships, other students or research projects and difference it makes. Our job is to prepare for careers that don't exist yet.

Rodrigues: Question about contract for freshman dorms and for gym. Have you committed yourself for getting as contract for RI companies rather than cheaper out of state companies?

Dooley: By state policy we have a bidding where we accept lowest bid. If we had those requirements Mass would do the same and some RI companies would have a disadvantage. I don't have a problem with that because it makes sense for projects funded by taxpayers. Unions are enthusiastic because looking at people on jobs are mostly from RI.

Messineo: Motion back to exec

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Boiteau: Hope classes went well. This week working on finance handbook, bill on floor next week. Presidents and treasurers need to sign signature cards at presidents meeting and presentation to groups. Committee meet with me after meeting to set up committee time.

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

Messineo: As Boiteau mentioned first presidents meeting is Monday. Different than usual, brief meeting then breakout sessions. I sent emails about the meeting. At least presidents and treasurers must attend or whole exec board. Coates will talk then I'll talk Boiteau will sign cards. 2nd organization fair is September 22nd have to go and register as an organization to be there. It's on SPO website. Also have a link I need to find exactly where it is. 3rd thing is my committee meet in 301 after meeting we need to figure out committee time because groups will be coming to us for recognition.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Cologna: Met with Pro Jo last night and considering bill probably next week. I have hand out you can look at. Academic is going to go ahead with creating a syllabus. No academic complaints yet so far but if you hear any send it my way. Thinking about academic meetings at 3:30 or 4 on Mondays

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

B Stewart: First were looking at lobbying this upcoming week I can give you info in office. For my committee we need to make a time in back .3 o'clock coalition meeting tomorrow. I want to do another Narragansett cleanup in October sometime.

Messineo: Who is going to meeting tomorrow?

Stewart: Dave and I but Dave needs somebody to replace him so if anybody is interested talk to Dave.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Davis: Meeting is Tuesday at 6pm. October 5th at 6pm there will be something for diversity week. More details next week. Meeting with multicultural center I'll have more info.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Sinapi: Meeting on Wednesday between 5 and 5:30. All my committee and those interested give me class schedule. Update is buses are reversed. Haven't had a chance to see if that's working out. Today was the first day.

Segal: Why is the road behind Eddy and between Browning closed?

Sinapi: Not sure where you mean.

Holden: I think she means the road behind Adams and Browning.

Sinapi: Car sharing later this month. Single semester parking we're looking at for next year.

Messineo: Road is closed because people park on it.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. Director of Communications

Pezza: A lot of people signed up at first night. I'll be contacting them this weekend. Trying to use facebook and twitter everyday. Let me know things so I can get them out. Also looking into t-shirts for senate.

Messineo: Motion back to public forum

B Stewart 2nd

b. Secretary

Segal: I hope you all had a fabulous summer. Kudos this week goes to Jorge for doing a great job with elections committee over the summer.

c. **Treasurer**

Mackinnon: Paid bills this afternoon more bills will follow.

d. **Vice President**

Prata: Retreat 25th of September. Don't know time yet. High ropes is definite. Not sure all details. Committee times will be changing so work with exec to collaborate as much as possible. If too much trouble I can switch your committee. Soon there will be attendance sheets for committees and you can give them to me. Sign up for office hours starting next week. Exec set office hours wit Kim.

Messineo: still want vice chairs to send minutes?

Prata: yes pratag22@gmail.com

e. **President**

Coates: announcements. I was contacted by athletics advisory board, meeting this month and they want a liaison because they're debating an important issue. If interested talk to me in office after meeting. Liaison positions in general I want to fill up. If senators aren't there, they will handpick students they want but were elected reps of the student body. This summer I spent time on joint strategic budgeting council. Met several times, discussed fiscal year 2012 budget. List of priorities for 5 divisions of university. Made a list of what thought budget priorities should be. Sent that to president and he'll get back to us and we'll share what president budget will be for that year. Things like adding faculty and whatever. Started meeting with jcap. Has to do with accreditation for university. If we don't get reaccredited your degree is worthless. I'll be doing lots of work for that. Contacting somebody for question number 2 on ballot about paying for new chemistry building. Thinking about doing a voter registration drive and need some help. Huge and important thing to contribute to. Presidents meeting Monday. Come by and help. Exec meeting planned for September 19th and make short and long term goals for this year and next year so you know what were trying to do as entire senate. Once get input of exec I'll give it to you guys. Hope you had good summer and first day of classes.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:**

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Elections Committee

SS-10/11-11 BILL CALLING FOR THE AMMENDMENT TO BILL SS-10/11-08 BILL CALLING FOR THE ELECTIONS FOR FRESHMAN AND OPEN SEATS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2010 2011

Whereas, Article VII Section A Part 3 Subpart a. of The Student Senate Bylaws states: The annual election for Freshman Representatives shall be held as early as practical each autumn, and

Whereas, Article VII Section A Part 3 Subpart c. of The Student Senate Bylaws states: The Senate may by legislation call a special election at any time for the filling of any vacant seat or the placing of any referendum question, and

Whereas, in addition to five (5) Freshman seats and additional seats have become vacant over the summer, there are the following updated vacancies:

- Off-Campus Representatives (4)
- On-Campus Representatives (2)
- At-Large Representatives (4)
- College of Business Representative (1)
- College of Pharmacy Representative (1)
- College of Nursing Representative (1)

Whereas, The Elections committee has determined that the earliest practical dates for the annual election for Freshman Representatives and additional vacant seats are September 29, 2010 and September 30, 2010 therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Annual Fall Election be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 and Thursday, September 30, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and be it further

Resolved, that the declaration period open on Monday, September 13, 2010 and close on Friday, September 24, 2010, during regular operational hours of the Student Senate.

Sponsor:	Elections Committee
Bill Handler:	Chair Jorge Rodrigues
Recommendation:	Passage (5 - 0 - 0)
Date Introduced:	September 8, 2010
Date Expired:	Upon Validation of the Annual Fall Election Results
Action:	Immediate Consideration

Rodrigues: Bill on floor that needs to be immediately consider.

Rodrigues: Motion to immediate consider.

Cologna 2nd

Rodrigues: Reason on floor is couple people vacated their positions so instead of larger election we can get more people on ballot. We had large first night turn out. With that kind of enthusiasm, I don't want them to feel left out. All in all total of at least 17 to 19 seats. 18 seats.

Vote passes! ☺

Rodrigues: 98% of elections is done. 10% left. 5 booths for elections. Memorial union and Hope and student organization fair. Passing around sign ups for first 2 for next week. 15th and 16th. 15th is union 11- 3, 16th hope 11-3. At least 2 to 3 people there at a time, it counts as office hour. Elections committee is kind of priority to be at the booth. Got the banners thanks to Kim. Sam is building advertisements. We need to be specifically be targeting certain colleges. We will be stuffing mailboxes about elections and senate.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

B Stewart: More about elections coming up. Only 28 senators here. If we need to add 18 more think about people who really might want to do it. 18 new opinions is a lot so hopefully we can get experience and people who care.

Coates: Applebees around 9 o'clock.

Messineo: New school year. For all off campus be nice to neighbors. Most of these people have quiet times during summer then you come and disturb them.

Rodrigues: Forgot during booths we need more people to sign up and DOC Pezza will be emailing them about elections so we get more people so we can get higher turnout. I want to do my best for high turnout.

Cologna: For those on campus be respectful to RAs they like quiet

Bruce: Welcome back, visit me. Thank you everybody involved with first night it went well. Look at website tomorrow there is a dance and Saturday is Providence trip.

Rodrigues: Make sure you get a chance to sign up.

Messineo: Motion to adjourn

B Stewart 2nd

M. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE: Berger, Boiteau, Burgess, Caisse, Curry, Davis, Dlhopsky, Farrow, Ferreira, Holden, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Long, Messineo, Rosati, Rossi, Sinapi, K Stewart, B Stewart, Timas

NAY: Cologna, Rodrigues

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

7:59 pm