

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:40

B. ROLL CALL: Abbe, Ahrens, Allison, Almeida, Aronoff, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Einhorn, Faustin, Gaudio, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Kearns, LaRocca, Luther, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Brien, Pelletier, Petit, Prata, Rodrigues, Shah, Sibbald, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stein, Stollow, Valenti, Yensan

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Coates- Motion to amend academic affairs bill for recc to read 5-0-0

LaRocca strikes Jess Chan from the elections bill. SS 08 09 89

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: **Petit** motions to strike statement made by Bickham. Change made in minutes.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Bedard-** Rhode Island College Students are here to visit for tonight's meeting. Thank you for coming!

Bedard- Senate people took the alcohol screening test more than anyone else so we have pizza.

Petit- Pledge of allegiance.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

Jacob Holzman – Presidential Search- Good evening everyone, I contacted someone from the search committee, not feasible for her to come. Easier for me to do public forum because it would have cost several 100 to bring her from DC. She wanted to know what we thought were desirable characteristics in University President. Also have draft document stating duties of the president. Overall leadership and management of the university, active academic leadership, high standards, effective teaching, scholarship, service, increase research profile, development of quality life initiatives, oversight of budget, HR, affirmative action, enhancement of effectiveness, open and effective communication. Development of effective liaison of all branches of government, intellectual and cultural life in RI. Other duties assigned by the board. What came up a few weeks ago at open forum on board. University Issues- # of classes taught by adjuncts, class selection, book cost, weekend programming etc.

Holden- Something to be discussed is drinking on campus. May help with debt.

Petit- Something in provost committee, redesigning library and other environments more conducive to group learning environments.

Holland- Large number of students living off campus and policies changing in the town of Narragansett.

Holzman- Orange sticker was put up and that is why added, need to work with state and local politicians.

Holland- Saying number of students living off campus brings a different dynamic to our school.

Petit- President in favor of revamping off campus jurisdiction policy, prevents students from getting an education, what you do in your personal life does not often have a lot of correlation to school life. University has been punishing personally but not taking into account academic success.

Prata- University's support of alumni and keeping a good relationship.

Coates- Bring in someone able to understand and implement new business dynamic because running out of tax funds by 2016.

Ahrens- Difference between being a research university.

Simon- Someone able to talk to student senate and work with them.

Rodrigues- President that would be able to work with Greek community on campus.

LaRocca- going off of what Rodrigues said in the past, people have appeared with certain biases with president and Greek community, someone who can learn about Greek community and has a plan to work with them in the future.

Sinapi- Look into way our advising system works here at URI.

Adepoju- You have diversity on there, did you speak about diversity week.

Holzman- did not think diversity week very effective, university increasing tuition, hunch that number of minority students will decrease. Comes back to funding and scholarship issue that we brought up. How we make sure that students are working together inside and outside of minority groups.

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE:

SS-08/09-82 – CATEGORY TRANSFER REQUEST FOR STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Whereas, SEC, is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, SEC, would like to transfer money, and

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

Whereas, Senate 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 approve the transfer of \$12,000.00 from SEC Concert’s budget cat.# 225 to SEC Special Events budget cat.# 225

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, March 25 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Passed

Rep- Moving 12,000 from concerts to special events. We want to do springfest, lobster bake and mocktails.

SS-08/09-83 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR INTER FRATERNITY COUNCIL

Whereas, IFC is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, IFC 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 \$1,350.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of IFC.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, March 25 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Passed

Sibbald- for Greek week, starts on Saturday, money for lights and sound for lip synch and Greek sing

Clarke- Admission fee

Sibbald- 3 dollar suggested donation

Clarke- do you think you can pay back?

Sibbald- we will do our best

Petit- 3 dollar donation for non greeks and 5 for greeks. All money from non greeks goes to pay back cost and security, Greek money goes to philanthropy. Last year was payed back.

Bill passes, abstention from Sibbald.

SS-08/09-84 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Whereas, Panhel is a Senate recognized organization, and Panhellenic

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

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

Whereas, Panhel 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 \$1,350.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Panhel.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, March 25 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Passed

Sibbald- Arranged in finance, IFC and Panhel work together, divided the cost into two groups. Same events.

LaRocca- IFC/Panhel are separate orgs in the eyes of senate, them not being here for their bill, I don’t think we should vote on it.

Sibbald- Last week, thought they were voting on it, were here then, asked for immediate consideration.

Petit- Panhel did not ask for immediate consideration, someone can ask to table.

Coates- Motion to table, seconded by LaRocca.

Bill not tabled, motion fails.

Stein- I am a member of Panhel, it is just for Greek Week, same thing as IFC. I know they are two different orgs, still the same thing.

Sibbald- Event is on Saturday, need to do this tonight, already gave half of the money.

Ahrens- Agree with Tom, if you want to throw away other money, go for it, if not, just pass this.

Abstentions from Bickham and Sibbald, bill passes.

SS-08/09-85 – ALCOHOL FREE EVENT GRANT REQUEST FOR INTER FRATERNITY COUNCIL

Whereas, IFC, is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, IFC 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,

Whereas, this request falls within the guidelines for an Alcohol Free Event Grant, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$335.00 from our Alcohol Free Event Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of IFC.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, March 25 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)

EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Passed

Petit- Alcohol free grant request.

Sibbald- Also for Greek week, same event.

Rodrigues- Is this going for pancakes on Saturday?

Sibbald- We have a quote on pancake breakfast and tree house lighting. IFC is giving most of the money.

Petit- money from alcohol free is going toward Thursday night and Friday night. Greek Sing and Lip Synch.

Passed. Abs. from Sibbald.

SS-08/09-90 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR UHURU SASA

Whereas, Sasa is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, Sasa 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 \$2,000.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Sasa.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, March 25th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Passed

Petit- Motions to amend to ss 08 09 90, immediate consideration granted

Rep- Mary, member of UHURU SASA, every year, SASA week, during that week is our fashion show, 5th annual, april 16th. Biggest way for us to make money. Asked for contingency of 2000, I can almost guarantee you that the money will be made back and we will make money. It’s usually in the ballroom, this year in the ram’s den, want more people to attend. Also having an after party. 5 dollars for show, 7 for both, VIP tickets are 20 dollars. It has always been successful, want to also have this year.

Aronoff- what is UHURU SASA?

Rep- Multicultural org on campus, means freedom in Swahili.

Aronoff- 20 dollars for VIP- what does that get you?

Rep- no lines and front row seating

Prata- when does it start

Rep- 7:30

Sibbald- What exactly is the money going towards?

Rep- DJ for the party, DJ for the fashion show, runway, tech pro, popcorn machine.

Petit- 2000 is not full cost of the event, group is putting over 1500 of there own money into the event. Has been very successful and expect to be a success this year.

Abs- LaRocca and Adepoju, Bill passes.

Coates- Move to unfinished business because election needs to be confirmed before swearing in. Division called. Ayes have it, move to unfinished business.

Petit- No one else came for money this past week, have about 2000 left for the year. Should not discourage them from coming for money, do not have enough to meet full needs. Out of our about 80 groups, at least 50 still have money and have not used it yet. If you know any presidents or treasurers, tell them to talk to other groups.

- **STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):**

SS-08/09-86 Bill Calling for the Recognition of First Book URI at Level 4

Whereas, First Book URI will actively reach out into our community to improve early literacy for children from low-income families by providing them with their first new books, and

Whereas, First Book URI meets the requirements for recognition at level 4, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate recognizes First Book URI.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday March 25, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Clarke- Table bill to next week, Aronoff seconds. No rep.

Rep came later at night, moved to second meeting.

SS-08/09-87 Bill Calling for the Recognition of URI Seekers Meditation Group at Level 3

Whereas, URI Seekers Mediation Group will provide an opportunity for students to be instructed in, and practice meditation in an inclusive, non-denominational atmosphere as well as promote spiritual discussion and outreach programs, and

Whereas, URI Seekers Meditation Group meets the requirements for recognition at level 3, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate recognizes URI Seekers Meditation Group.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday March 25, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Passed

Rep- We want to be a group on campus, provides an atmosphere for meditation, stress relief and stress management.

LaRocca- How many members?

Reps- A few more than 20.

Ahrens- how can you join?

Rep- Booth at earth day or contact us.

Yensan- Religious in anyway?

Rep- No, nondenominational.

Allison- Worked with health services at all?

Rep- No, we have not.

Boiteau- Question for Amanda, why level 3 not level 4

Clarke- interest group, not charity.

Passed.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

SS – 08/09 – 88 – Bill Calling For The Support of Adjunct Faculty

Whereas, the adjunct faculty teach a substantial amount of classes at URI, and
Whereas, these faculty members are not being compensated at a proportional rate to the amount of credits they teach, and
Whereas, the adjunct faculty does not have a union to back its cause, and
Whereas, this conflict is an issue pertaining to the education of students at URI, and
Whereas, the adjunct faculty are an integral part of the University of Rhode Island, and
Whereas, conversation with the administration have come to a standstill, therefore be it
Resolved, that the URI Student Senate support the cause of the adjunct faculty, and encourage the university to reopen lines of communication with the adjunct faculty.

SPONSOR:	Academic Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Stolow
RECOMMENDATION:	(5-0 -0 -)
DATE:	March, 25, 2009
DATE EXPIRES:	Upon Completion
ACTION:	Passed

Stolow- Hope you had a good spring break! Bill on the floor.

LaRocca- Strike there after the third whereas, friendly. Motion passes.

Harrington- Where is the recc on the actual bill?

Bedard- 5-0-0

LaRocca- Have you spoken to faculty about this bill?

Stolow- I have been in contact about our support, they like that we are behind them, this gives them an extra push, still taking with the administration, not quite there. This is putting the student body behind them.

Simon- Talked to the woman a few weeks ago, also with one of the guys from the cigar, have you tried to actual administration, cigar could not get in touch.

Stolow- Sent an email to provost, has not responded, admin has not gotten back to me.

Petit- do you know how faculty senate feels

Stolow- no, I do not.

Vote- Passed

Stolow- Unfortunately was sick right before break, also missed last provost meeting, Dave will be going over what I missed.

Coates- a few senators attended, talked about academic future at URI, four credit course discussion and changing the curriculum, increasing experiential learning, more group study environments, going to have a summit, Tuesday march 31st at 5pm tbd.

Holzman- date has been changed.

Coates- They are hoping we can bring senators, if interested, get in touch.

Stolow- Next meeting is the 26th at 5:30 in room 301, also free pizza. Besides that, the ideas that we have been looking at this semester, getting word out to students about ideas about online version. If it isn't responsive, will go back to paper version in classes. Going to try to get all students to go online and take the IDEA. The IDEA is the evaluation of teaching. Besides that WebCT will not be a tool for URI. Moving onto SAKAI, the more information I get, I will pass on.

LaRocca- For the IDEA, how are we going to be contacted?

Petit- what is going to happen, every professor is going to get an individual web address. Students have to type in those addresses, log in site where you need to enter information where you can take the IDEA which is in place of the SETS. Need to do that for each class. Each class has there own website.

Holland- Instead of anonymous, we are telling opinions and they will be known?

Petit- All of these will still be anonymous, when professor logs on, will see how many students have logged in and taken in. Professors can see who has taken in, will get it back information anonymous.

Prata- will students eventually be able to see outcome?

Petit- Right now, plan is to unveil online system, myself and Zack are working with IDEAS committee, want to work with faculty senate union to see what will be public and what will not. Questions are different.

LaRocca- going back to question from before, was any other route considered, maybe teacher sending out a mass email to all of the students rather than giving it in class. Unless they do the incentive, will get the link wrong or will not go and do it.

Petit- I agree and this new system, literally began at start of semester, just now being unveiled, not enough time to make all of the changes. Have been talking to make sure that a student will be on committee for new system and in the future. For the individual professors, working with mass URI email system to send out emails to all students about idea of new sets. Students need to check their URI email accounts to be sure that they are getting the right notifications. April 17th is when they open up and can start being taken.

Sinapi- With professor finding out who took them, why doesn't the university have people hold grades or give an incomplete until they take ideas.

Petit- Was discussed in committee, sided against doing that, even though professors can eventually see who actually took them. After the IDEA time period ends, professors will get a list of who took it, after grades are submitted is when they can see the results. There will not be issues with professors being unhappy with courses.

Sibbald- How do you address the fact that multiple classes are taught by diff professors?

Petit- Still in the negotiation phase of finding out what will be made public.

Sinapi- If you have the university admin monitor who applies, look at what is finalized.

Coates- Minimum of how many students need to take it before teacher gets results, what about if only 1 or 2 take it and then teacher gets results?

Petit- Grades will be submitted first then professor will see what was said.

Simon- Are the grades already going to be put in, then how extra credit points given?

Petit- Will see who took it then what was said later.

Stolow- Big thank you to Allen, following the ideas for quite some time.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: O'Brien-** Road to the statehouse, a bunch of us went, thanks to everyone. Good event, met with several different people, the food came. Overall, it was a good thing, RIC, CCRI and ourselves were all there. Good overall. Last thing for the semester.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Adepoju-** Few announcements, 11th annual diversity awards are April 7th, encourage everyone to be there, in the ballroom at 6pm. Black Scholars award is same night and same time. That is in cherry auditorium at 6:30pm. Multicultural weekend, group of students created diversity weekend, April 3rd through the 5th. Contact me if you would like to participate, only 5 dollars, 3 days of activities, jeopardy, lock in, board games, card games. Multicultural orgs hanging out together. About 80 people registered. If you know a group or individual interested, let me know. "I keep it local", street ball team, found a few days that might work, probably going to be on a Wednesday or a Thursday from 7-10pm. Might be better for students on a Wednesday, probably not going to charge, they are doing it out of generosity. Free show. Angie is going to speak more about them.

Abbe- April, in Keaney, they wanted a team of URI students to play against, will be added into show. If not, we will try to work with SEC and try to get for beginning of next year. Also want to have a dunk contest during half time, if you know of anyone who can dunk, let me know. Trying to get a DJ during the intermission. Trying to make as big as we can and bring back year after year, really positive group.

Adepoju- Will not be here next year so made her the point person.

Rammies- Aronoff- had a very successful meeting, Abbe, Holland, Sinapi and Clarke, about half of nominations are done. First annual event, like tony's, oscar's, grammy awards for clubs and orgs. Any nominations or any more categories. For all of those who are leaving us today, we have the first of the forms if you are interested in presenting, ushering or helping with prep work. Only fill them out if you are leaving senate tonight, it is April 28th, in the ballroom. Red carpet will start, hosted by Rodrigues, fun night of special surprises. If you have any questions, see Jason, myself, Angie or Max. Monday at 4pm is cultural affairs meeting, any input greatly appreciated. Hope to see everyone there, fun event, photos and slide shows.

Since I am leaving, I'm not going to be able to nominate Angie, if someone can nominate her, I would really appreciate that.

Rodrigues- where is Cherry auditorium?

Larocca- Across from FAC, it's in Kirk.

Allison- Question for Angie, have you been in touch with intramural BBall players?

Abbe- Yes, we are trying to get them.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: LaRocca-** no artistic submission for Ellery pond, ton of emails and FB messages, going to contact them to see if there was something that made them not want to do it, see if they are still interested. I've had people on committee offer to paint or draw but I'd rather have student body. We contacted art majors and landscape architecture. Working with treasurer to get a year subscription to survey monkey, unlimited surveys. We can do fun things instead of just simple questions. Can't go forward with arming campus police bill without that information. Want you to ask people with different opinions. Can always come to our committee meetings because we talk about it.

Clarke- when is official decision about arming campus police?

Officer mark- Will look into you and get back to you.

Aronoff- Have you gone to the art department?

LaRocca- not physically but had an ad in cigar, contacted people. Had people who were interested but no one submitted anything. Had a submission from Holzman but it was more of a blueprint, we were looking for something that was more pretty, not a blue print.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. **Director of Communications- Simon-** Hope everyone had a great spring break, read tips in the cigar about Mexico, congrats to everyone for being rainville finalists. If you have anything for me, let me know.

b. **Secretary- Pelletier-** Kudos to everyone on Senate because it's the annual meeting. I also forgot to make an announcement earlier, Bowling for Bods is tomorrow night, put on by honor society and the Nutrition Club. Great event for a great cause! Flyers going around.

c. **Treasurer- Shah-** Congrats to Tom and Juelia and Nicole and Bedard for putting together the application. Good luck to next treasurer.

d. **Vice President- Bedard-** three quick things, picked a winner, this year's senior speaker will be Andrew Blais. It was a very difficult decision, all had great speeches and were great students. If you see Blais, congratulate him. He was our cigar reporter so most of you know him.

Senate has a team for Relay for Life, coming up in just a few weeks, we have never had one before, largest philanthropy for URI each year, raises money for American cancer society. Should hit home for a lot of you, personally in this room have been afflicted by cancer in some way, shape or form. Student Senate has a relay for life team, registration fee is at 20 dollars. It means a lot to a lot of people. Myself and senator Prata are currently the only people signed up.

Thank you everyone for an amazing year, congrats for senate making it this far for Rainville. We did a lot this year and you should all give yourselves a round of applause. Thank you to all of you.

Stolow- Relay for life, in the next week and a half, the t-shirt deadline is going to be ending, if you want a shirt from the event, need to register soon, I think before April 10th. Within the next week, going up to 20 dollars, right now still 15 dollars. Please register now.

Relayforlife.org/URI

Bedard- If you need help registering, let me know. Look for the student senate team, great cause and thank you for supporting it.

f. **President- Ahrens-** Finalists for Rainville, I have seven more spots for the dinner, Tuesday April 14th at 7pm. If you want to go, please let me know. Congrats to Max for being nominated for Diversity awards.

Bruce- Rainville awards starts at 6:30, doors at 6pm. If you have been individually nominated, you do not need to sign up with the team. URIRammies@gmail.com. Use this email. Encourage everyone to go. Transition binder, I'm 90% done, suggestions from everyone. Doing celebration for Carothers. Coming up at end of the month.

Met with lawyer with Amanda this week, want to reach a settlement. Trying to prepare a settlement, if you want to help out, let me know. If you know

anyone who was hurt from differences with orange sticker, let me know. I will hopefully be around here next year anyways.

- RULES AND ETHICS: no report.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Bylaws Committee- We don't have any bills, thanks to everyone on the committee. Thanks for all of the suggestions. I think we did a pretty good job fixing what needed to be fixed. Encourage those who are going to be on senate for next years, do not have another committee for the next 4 years.

Bedard – There will not be a bylaws committee next year.

Elections Committee- We are officially disbanded now, thank you everyone for all of your help. Round of applause for everyone. Kim and I are working on a binder for elections chairs. We don't know what to do in many situations. This is for the next elections chair who will not be myself.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Election of Finance Chair

Allen Petit-

Coates seconds- work with him on the finance committee, really good job staying in the rules, not afraid to say no, has a lot of ideas to changes for own handbook.

LaRocca- Nominated Allen because I have seen what he has done in the past year, growing pains in the beginning, finance chair does a lot of that many don't see. Kept going without help from older chairs, great ideas for the future. You might not always agree with him, knows what he is doing is right for senate's financial health. Knows when to say no and when to say yes. I really encourage you to vote for Allen and give him a second term. He can do an even better job the second time.

Petit- thank you Amanda and dave for their support, was chair for the past year, vice chair before that, have done my best to manage our funds, wasn't able to make everyone happy, have done what is best financially for senate, have made a great effort to educate groups, held a finance 101 meeting at the start of the year, have gone to president's meetings to make myself accessible and help groups. This year my committee and I have been enforcing rules of handbook, may have been unpopular but has worked. Was able to present a budget passed quickly and without any major issues. I have new goals and old goals which I haven't accomplished. I want to continue reworking event admission procedures, continue work on mini finance handbook, finance 101 in both the fall and the spring. Also want to work with committee to develop a better inventory system. I think I have served the senate well and think I can do even better next year. I am the best candidate for this position.

Jacob Holzman

Sibbald seconds- I nominated Jacob because he is a stickler for rules, all of the student groups would steal our money without it. He is level headed and knows all of the finance rules. He would do a great job.

O'Brien- Nominated because I know him well, he goes more than head on with everything he does, truly cares, he would do more than a great job.

Holzman- Not sure what more I can say, my big thing is that I will stick to the finance handbook and do my best to take a proactive approach to solve problems with orgs, usually regarding spending.

Ahrens- What are some of the new ideas?

Petit- Reiterate, finance 101 in both the fall and the spring, want to finish mini finance handbook, better inventory system.

Holzman- A lot of what Allen does, I am on board with. I would be taking on same projects, looking into possibility of making purchasing system electronically based, make more efficient.

Adepoju- Off of what Allen has said, somewhat unpopular but done for sake of student senate, flexibility of some of the deadlines of what needed to be done, I understand sticking to that deadline. I know you have the power to extend deadlines, is that something you are thinking about doing?

Holzman- My personal opinion is that if an org comes before deadline and says I need an extension, I would be willing to grant a reasonable amount of time. But for orgs that can't plan far enough ahead to even request an extension, that shows poor management within the org. If they can't manage a deadline, may be they are having other difficulties.

Petit- I agree with Jacob, if groups come before the deadline to ask for an extension, would probably grant. I granted most extensions. I sent memos and notices through Amanda Clarke, went to president's meeting, put stuff in newsletter. Started in November and budgets were due last week of January. Myself and committee put forth a lot of effort but if groups don't respond, we can't make exceptions. A lot of things are already outlined in finance handbook and difficult to make it to go by.

LaRocca- Not only are the chairs the heads of our committees, but also part of our exec committee, meet once/week. I just want to talk about how Allen has been an essential member of that committee. Always has great insight into issues during meetings.

Ahrens- Agree with what Amanda said, I love to spend money, Allen always was responsible with spending. With the amount of work that finance requires, people don't realize the work that goes in. Is one of the most time consuming positions. Fact that we distribute so much money is crucial. Holzman is a great member but Allen knows how to handle the system and is very competent. Please vote for Allen.

Slater- From what I can see, Allen takes an even greater hand to make sure groups are completely prepared. He held his ground, knows what he is doing, to end something with him right now, would be a bad idea.

Almeida- Whoever gets elected, need to be more approachable to student orgs. Whoever is in this position, should not give off a vibe that we do not want to give them money. A lot of students do not feel welcomed by finance committee.

Petit- Just to address that, sometimes the committee can seem intimidating, I have been trying to make it so that groups should want to come and work with us. Compared to years of the past, I think we have made great strides, last year, groups would come in with something that committee didn't want to deal with them, would have them just leave and not work with them.

Ahrens- Last year, in our fall semester, we have 0 groups come ask for contingency. Only like 3 groups last year, this year, it has been full from effort by senate.

Coates- Since finance committee was addressed as a whole, think of myself as a teddy bear.

Clarke- How important do you think it is to involve soarc in financial decisions or working with a team?

Petit- I tried to work closely with you, I tried to keep you fairly well informed and vice versa. The two committees affect one another.

Holzman- I agree that an open line of communication is very important between soarc and finance. In making sure that org orientation process, need to make sure they understand what is expected of them.

Boiteau- As vice chair this year, Allen did a great job at telling groups alternatives. People were screaming at one another but Allen still was calm. One of the big things is inventory, we have no idea what groups buy, we don't know what is being kept by groups and what people are walking off with. Big role.

Sibbald- Motion to end debate, Stollow seconds.

Congrats to Chairman Petit!!!

Election of SOARC Chair

Katherine Holland-

Messineo- served on soarc with Katherine as long as I could, asked tough questions to groups, not afraid to pry into groups, look at level changes. She has experience, very interested, wanted to be there this semester but schedule did not work.

Rodrigues nominated- as a member of SOARC, having seen her last semester, has experience of what it is all about, intelligent and strong willing. Willing to cooperate with groups and the finance chair.

Holland- I have been interested and served on soarc when elected last spring. I now have class at that time. I have worked closely with Amanda and have gone through everything with her. I think it's a very important committee for chair to be level and unbiased on any issues. It's about which groups are good for the campus, next year more conservative approach to recognizing groups, might not be wise financially in the future. Groups need to have a clear understanding of what they need to do and have a clear mission statement that does not conflict. I hope to work closely with groups to have them very aware of budgets and deadlines.

Anthony Sinapi-

Luther seconds- very obvious that he wants to be SOARC chair, very prepared, whole sheet of ideas, talked to last two soarc chairs, you should vote for him.

Coates- one of the hardest working senators I know, in the office all spring break preparing to make a soarc run, a lot of ideas to change soarc.

Sinapi- Lot of ideas, group involvement, simple electronic filing system, one girl who looked at joining a group but didn't know what names meant. We need file of mission statements and events. Talking with exec about getting ideas going. Revise some of the forms, some are outdated. Talked to all of the group presidents, straightforward handbook and detailed handbook for groups. I'm always in the office as far as getting ahold of me. You can't be everywhere all of the time. I am there a lot of my day because I am a commuter. I plan on following the rules, excuses of I forgot or I didn't care, don't count. I want there to be a lot of communication between finance and SOARC. I want to finish with I am highly motivated, look at both sides of the issues. I changed my mind with arming campus police, go back and forth. Same with juicy campus, I always look at both sides. I'm not afraid to

say no which is something that needs to be done. I'm very willing to say yes, I want to be an advisor, can't break rules consistently.

Jon Aronoff- respectfully decline.

Jason Almeida- respectfully decline

Yensan nominates Clarke- respectfully declines.

Clarke- As current chair, need a certain amount of assertiveness and respect, how have you dealt with confrontation and can you provide examples of how you dealt?

Holland- In my groups of friends, many confrontations, I always happen to be the moderator, they go to me for advice because I am level headed.

Sinapi- I used to debate in high school, level headed argument, did not lose what I was thinking. Campus affairs- good debates, usually end up being the mediator. I have been frequently noted for arguing very well and that is why I want to go to Law School.

LaRocca- what do you believe is the true role of level 4 and have you looked into the history behind it's creation?

Sinapi- the true role should be for philanthropy concerning not the members of the group, precedent of us putting some groups at higher levels, first formed with that in mind, has evolved without our bylaws evolving, level 4 groups with that position.

Holland- I agree that level 4 should be philanthropy but also I know that they have been recognized because they are part of a specific college or major, just want there name on the URI website, I had contacted Lisa Shrine who is in charge of the website. If you click on the students link, get the link to orgs, not up to date, has orgs that are not part of URI, if other orgs were on there, maybe would not be coming looking for level 4 recognition.

LaRocca- when level 4 was created, it's even broader than just philanthropy, it was any group that couldn't just be funded, help them out and be a group to give them rooms in the union, that was our original intention, obviously could not discriminate.

Aronoff- Have worked closely with both, senator Holland had perfect attendance. **Sinapi-** how many meetings have you been to for SOARC?

Sinapi- Fall- 3, in spring, conflict.

Yensan- One of the things that makes a person stronger on the campus is being in orgs and being supported. How would you help moderate discussion with the diversity of groups?

Holland- Would support any group the same, being multicultural or not, need to follow same criteria, need to show an interest in something in particular

Sinapi- doesn't matter what type of group they are, need to all be treated the same, will be hashed out then and there.

Almeida- How do you feel about saying yes to orgs, feel like everyone is stressed about saying no, they have a good purpose?

Sinapi- I want to say yes to almost all cases, supposed to help groups and get them their recognition.

Holland- would love to say yes to any group that comes to us, need to make sure we have the best of the best and they are doing there jobs.

Shah- I feel that senator Holland would be a good fit, has been on SOARC, knows the procedures, as SOARC chair, certain situations where there is a grey area. Sense and knowledge to deal with grey area with tact. Senator Holland has shown interest in SOARC for quite a while. Has been learning the procedures, very prepared to take it on. I also feel that katherine is very approachable.

Coates- One of the biggest problems we seem to have is the transition from year to year, how should SOARC be involved and what actions taken to that extent?

Holland- every group goes through elections, the new exec should come and talk to SOARC to make sure they don't miss deadlines and are successful.

Sinapi- our job to help the groups, don't want the transition where they crash and burn. We don't want execs to just flake on the new members. The former exec needs to be willing to help as much as possible. The point is to help as much as possible.

Sibbald- Motion to end debate, Holden seconds. Rejected- 5 people on list.

Rodrigues- the role of SOARC chair is very time consuming, time management skills, make sure to make your top priority, what is your schedule like?

Sinapi- in senate office far too often, plan to set up a way to be messaged at any time. Would be by far my main priority on senate. Have a child, mine priority outside of senate is child.

Holland- Very busy schedule this semester, would make sure that I am available.

Petit- One issue that I think has been coming up a lot, groups with very similar goals and missions, what are your plans to either continue process or combine groups?

Holland- If elected as SOARC chair, I and committee would look at mission statements to see if similar groups could combine and work together in a cooperative group.

Sinapi- SOARC would be a lot of oversight, go over all of them, talk to the groups and figure out what we need to do.

Petit- I have been very torn between which candidate to choose, I am personally leaning more towards Holland, served on both SOARC and finance, unique in that she understands what current SOARC happens with finance. Knowing both sides, will allow her to make better or more educated decisions. I am leaning more towards Holland even though both qualified.

Adepoju- How do you feel about having a multicultural umbrella organization?

Sinapi- We have for club sports, ifc/panhel. To say I am completely against would be against what we already have, would come down to a lot, might not work out, there are a lot of multicultural groups, it might be very complicated.

Holland- I personally feel that the student senate is the voice of the student body and if they want to be a part of this, they should come and talk to SOARC, we are going for the unity of the campus. I feel that having one organization as an umbrella is better than two because two creates separation.

Adepoju- A lot of multicultural orgs that come here, the big discrepancy is the levels that they are part of. The multicultural orgs are trying to spread unity and have you learn more about culture. If there is a council where they are all sitting together and talking about ideas for the semester. They can then talk about ideas they can work on together. More or less, I feel as though that would help with having a more diverse campus, bigger events. To fully hash out diversity platform on campus. I would like everyone to vote for Senator Holland, she really wants it, very outgoing person. She is very approachable, has the energy and synergy.

Clarke- Rerec is the biggest task, how do you plan to do it efficiently?

Holland- was on rerec last year, read through all of the mission statements separately, could then discuss in committee, very efficient for getting it done quickly.

Sinapi- Go through step by step, hoping for an electronic system, workshops beforehand, well aware of consequences.

LaRocca- Do you regularly attend president's meetings? If so, how often do you go and how comfortable do you feel running the meeting, and what ideas?

Sinapi- Same class that blocks SOARC blocks president's meeting. Went to last one, class cancelled. Solc came and helped the groups a lot, having regular workshops is one thing that I really want to do, helping them with finance and the rest of the work that needs to be done. Something you yourself had, incentives for groups performing well, groups voting on there own for beginning of the meetings, best group of the month, best event of the month. I want to make the meetings brief but include workshops.

Holland- went to one, had class during the time. SOLC was also there at the one I was at, president's of student groups had a meet and greet, discussed groups and had to talk to 3 new people. Roommate told me all about the three groups that she talked to.

O'Brien- Motion to end debate. Coates seconds.

Debate ended.

Congrats to Katherine Holland.

Recess, roll call.

Abbe, Adepoju, Ahrens, Allison, Almeida, Aronoff, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke Coates, Einhorn, Faustin, Gaudio, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Inthisone, Kearns, LaRocca, Luther, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Brien, Pelletier, Petit, Prata, Rodrigues, Shah, Sibbald, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stein, Stolow, Valenti, Yensan

Passing of the Gavel- Good luck everyone staying on senate and everyone leaving!

Swearing in of President Bedard by President Ahrens

Swearing in of Vice President Shah by President Bedard

Swearing in of 2009-2010 Student Senate by President Bedard

Thomas Gray	Off-Campus Representative
Katherine Holland	Off-Campus Representative
Corey Long	Off-Campus Representative
Katrina Meehan	Off-Campus Representative
Steve Messineo	Off-Campus Representative
Max Moss	Off-Campus Representative
Chris Raupers	Off-Campus Representative
Suzanne Sharkey	Off-Campus Representative
Noel Slater	Off-Campus Representative
Thomas Van Fechtmann	Off-Campus Representative
Jason Almeida	On-Campus Representative
Ronald Bickham	On-Campus Representative
Yvens Faustini	On-Campus Representative
Rachael Gaudio	On-Campus Representative
Gianna Prata	On-Campus Representative
William MacKinnon	On-Campus Representative
Hakeem Ottun	On-Campus Representative
Joseph Puleo	On-Campus Representative
John Renzi	On-Campus Representative
David Coates	At-Large Representative
Josh Einhorn	At-Large Representative
Abigail Farrow	At-Large Representative
Jonathan Hansen	At-Large Representative
Michael Holden	At-Large Representative
Gage Kearns	At-Large Representative
Allen Petit	At-Large Representative
Jorge Rodrigues	At-Large Representative
Madeline Shurtleff	At-Large Representative
Zachary Stolor	At-Large Representative
Brianna Valenti	At-Large Representative
Anthony Sinapi	College of Arts & Science Representative
Steve Boiteau	College of Business
Shaun O'Loughlin	College of Environmental Life Sciences
Jacob Holzman	College of Engineering
Andrew Weiss	College of Human Sciences & Services
Temitope Daodu	College of Nursing
Nicole Mingoia	College of Pharmacy
Jon Aronoff	University College

CONGRATS!

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS-08/09-89 BILL CALLING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

Whereas, the Spring Election was held as scheduled with no irregularities and no challenges filed, and Whereas, the Elections Committee produced a final count of the valid cast ballots and no recount was requested, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate confirm the following results (winners in bold):

	Referendum
Yes	1044
No	411
	President/Vice President (1)
Dave Bedard/Vidhi Shah	812

URI STUDENT SENATE MINUTES**March 25, 2009**

Maxwell Adepoju/Amanda Clarke 630

At-Large Representatives (12)

Josh Einhorn	175	Madeline Shurtleff	110
Mike Holden	156	Noel Slater	109
Gage Kearns	150	John Passa	105
Zach Stolow	131	William MacKinnon	103
Jorge Rodrigues	128	Yvens Faustin	102
Jonathan Hansen	125	Steve Messineo	91
Brianna Valenti	118	Jason Almeida	86
Abigail Farrow	118	Naomi Jeanty	78
Allen Petit	117	Allison Keihm	74
David Coates	113		

On-Campus Representative (9)

Jason J. Almeida	500	Ronald Bickham II	347
Gianna Prata	404	William MacKinnon	343
Rachael Gaudio	385	John Renzi	336
Yvens Faustin	380	Hakeem Ottun	18
Joseph Puleo	370		

Off-Campus Representative (11)
(ties to be determined by internal elections)

Katherine Holland	191
Noel Slater	190
Katrina Meehan	179
Stephen Messineo	168
Christopher Raupers	154
Thomas J. Van Fechtmann	154
Suzanne Sharkey	6
Max Moss	5
Tom Gray	3
Corey Long	2
Jess Chan	2

College of Business Representative (1)

Steve Boiteau 23

College of Arts and Sciences Representative (1)

Anthony Sinapi 45
Joseph Puelo 38

College of Engineering Representative (1)

Jacob Holzman 9
Jamie Bova 5

College of Pharmacy Representative (1)

Nicole Mingoia 17

College of Nursing Representative (1)

Temitope Daodu 29
Katherine Holland 7

College of Human Sciences and Services Representative (1)

Andrew Weiss 1

College of Environmental and Life Sciences Representative (1)

Shaun O’Laughlin 3

University College Representative (1)

Jon Aronoff 165

SPONSOR: Elections Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Amanda LaRocca
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4 – 0 – 0)
DATE: March 11, 2009
DATE EXPIRES: Annual Meeting
ACTION: Passed

LaRocca- Hopefully you have read the bill over, hopefully everything is right, any questions?

Aronoff- Who are we striking?

LaRocca- Jess Chan, we never heard back from her, she is a graduating senior.

Sibbald- She’s graduating.

Petit- Last week, someone not on there.

LaRocca- Yvens Faustin is now on the bill.

Vote- Passed.

Petit- Move back to finance.

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM: Aronoff- Remind everyone to go to Monday Rammies meeting at 4pm. URIRammies@gmail.com new senate, you are more than welcome to give your input as well.

LaRocca- Sunday Night- Free Student Skate night at Boss Arena, invited a bunch of you on facebook. If you didn’t get it, we are not facebook friends so that’s a problem. Really fun, go for free and ice skate. Have fun.

Holden- Motion to adjourn. Aronoff seconds.

Adepoju- Please take advantage of being on senate, a lot of people wanted to be here. Motivate each other, also I got a job offer and I start in January, which is why I said things happen for a reason. Thank you everybody.

Messineo- Maureen had a loss in her family this week, keep her family in your thoughts and prayers. On behalf of your friendly memorial union director, make sure all of the trash is gone.

Petit- Motion to adjourn, second by Holland.

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Adepoju, Almeida, Aronoff, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Daodu, Einhorn, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Gray, Hansen, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Kearns, LaRocca, Long, MacKinnon, Meehan, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Loughlin, Ottun, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Rodrigues, Shurtleff, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stollow, Valenti, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

Nay: Petit, Sharkey

No Vote: Bedard, Pelletier, Shah, Simon

N. ADJOURNMENT: 10:39pm