

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Bedard, Bialonczyk, Bickham, Birch, Boiteau, Cahill, Caisse, Clarke, Coates, Cologna, Einhorn, Elliott, Espinal, Farrow, Ferreira, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Jones, Juhr, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, Navilliet, O’Loughlin, Petit, Prata, Renzi, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Segal, Shah, Sharkey, Sinapi, Slater, Stewart, Stewart, Timas, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Long- For bill SS-09/10-68, the contingency grant amount is either in 6 digits or...not a number.

Petit- Motion to amend bill SS-09/10-68 to read \$762.56, Coates seconds, 7-0-0.

Vote- passes ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MacKinnon- Motion under reports of special committees the second time Petit speaks to change frat to fraternity, Coates seconds.

Rodrigues- In announcements where I speak motion to change frat to fraternity, Espinal seconds.

Petit- Motion to amend what MacKinnon amended back to frat, Holden seconds, passes.

Vote- passes ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rodrigues- Thank you Bedard and financial chairman Petit for coming to derby days, got some pies in the face, on video, raised \$2400 \$1200 to Hasbro, \$1200 to other charity.

Holzman- Motion for pledge, Coates seconds, opposition, division, passes.

Holzman- Zbt and alpha phi are having a canned good drive in the union tomorrow, come you can get rockstar.

Clarke- There’s an event in ballroom tonight, talent show, \$7 for admission, food, 7-9 go down after, before we go to Applebees or whatever.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-09/10-62 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR EXPOSURE

Whereas, Exposure is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, Exposure 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 \$2,200.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Exposure.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, February 24, 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (7-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Petit- Anyone here for exposure? Motion to table bill, Coates seconds.

SS-09/10-67 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ALIMA INTERNATIONAL DANCE ASSOCIATION

Whereas, Alima, is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas Alima 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 \$2,250.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line and \$1566.40 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #720 (Uniforms) line in the budget of Alima.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, February 24th, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-09/10-68– CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ART CLUB

Whereas, Art, is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Art would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas Art 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 \$762.562 from our General Contingency to the Category #400 (Capital Improvements) line in the budget of Art.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, February 24th, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-09/10-69 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SNOWBOARDING CLUB

Whereas, Snowboarding, is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Snowboarding would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas Snowboarding 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 \$1,972.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line and \$460.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #222 (Advertising) line in the budget of Snowboarding.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, February 24th, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

Petit- Motion to immediately consider, MacKinnon seconds.

Colin Giblin- Aside from its our second annual railjam on the quad, collect canned food donate to RI food bank, 6-700 pounds collected last year, table set up to collect donations for Haiti relief, funds directly to university. Anything else?

Coates- Date and time?

Giblin- March 4th, 6 p.m. Thursday night.

Vote- passes

Petit- I need to speak with the finance committee after the meeting.

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

SS-09/10-70 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of Humans vs. Zombies (HVZ) Organization at Category R

Whereas, Humans vs. Zombies Organization will provide students with a social, fun way to stay active and interact with other students.

Whereas, Humans vs. Zombies Organization meets the requirements for recognition at category R, and

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

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes Humans vs. Zombies Organization.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
DATE:	Wednesday, February 24, 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

Holland- human vs zombies

Messineo- Motion for immediate consideration, O'Loughlin seconds.

Holland- They've been working on an event starting this Saturday, had to postpone it already, want it to go smoothly. Group on many college campuses, best if recognized before event. They've already talked to soarc and a thousand people.

Petit- Point of information, what is the event?

Member- Large scale game of tag.

Holland- You can continue explaining.

Member- It takes place all around campus outside no inside, game of tag, one zombie and he's it, turns people into zombies, humans have to protect themselves with nerf toys, other types of defense items that we have.

Member- Basically it's a game where they defend themselves with nerf weapons nothing hurts anyone, went through research. Huge game that goes on all throughout the academic day.

Member- Also game takes place 24 hours a day over the course of two weeks, restricted to outdoors.

Prata- I heard about this game a while ago, think it sounds like a fantastic idea especially ways to unify campus, been played all over the east coast. Even though it might seem just like a game it's a way to unify.

Holden- If people don't want to play do they have a choice?

Member- You have to register, go through us. It's free, something that everyone can get involved, physical and social activities, permission to come out of class and dorms. No not class. Stay in class. No confusion, players must wear bandanas of a bright color. Humans wear around arm, zombies around head.

Holland- I have read that in the rules, someone playing in game who shoots someone not playing they are disqualified.

Clarke- I've checked out the website, looks a lot of fun, strict rules, they're well organized seen them in action.

Cologna- Umass does this and they have a huge turnout, 500+ people. I plan on taking part in it.

Stewart- How many people in group, signed up?

Member- 210 signed up to play, over 300 in facebook group, 10 in actual group.

Sinapi- This is all well and good, but why do you need to be recognized?

Member- If we're not recognized the ten of us are liable for damage and property so if someone falls and breaks their leg they can't sue the university.

Holland- Also it's a place for them to meet and organize. Way for safety issues. If someone playing falls and breaks leg, they are not liable. If they're recognized goes through other channels.

Sinapi- For your information, you know we would be liable as well as the university. Just like with sports, why we had a problem with underwater hockey.

Bruce- If you recognize them they're covered by insurance. Gives them access to meeting rooms, phone, copying, website, all the things groups get.

Sinapi- I find it puzzling that they'll be insured why we had an issue with underwater hockey...

Coates- Luckily nerf toys are rated for children 6 +, not played under water played on land. I support this group, gives them a chance for place in union.

Clarke- I think the point is, would it make it better if there was a liability waiver?

Member- We do have one, when we're not recognized the waiver doesn't hold any weight.

Boiteau- What else will you do besides this one event?

Member- It's one main event over two weeks, then a few mini events evacuation, Hasbro rep who gave us nerf, prizes going out to people who win.

Member- We intend to hold repetitions of this event.

Petit- Motion to end debate, Prata seconds.

Vote- passes

Cologna abstains

SS-09/10-71– Bill Calling for the Recognition of Film Experience at Category R

Whereas, Film Experience will create an outlet for students interested in viewing and creating films.

Whereas, Film Experience meets the requirements for recognition at category R, and

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

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes Film Experience.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
DATE:	Wednesday, February 24, 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Holland- There's a bill on the floor for next week, things we're working on in soarc, president's meeting is march 1st at 7 in atrium 1.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Coates- Not a whole lot. Academic standards and calendar committee met discussing 2015 calendar, looks a lot like this year where class on Columbus and exams up until Christmas. Looks like a lot of years are like this. Very little travel time. 2 ways looking at solving this, admin is actively entertaining this, moving up start of school beyond labor day, shortening exam period. Also, SR&R rewrote academic honesty and dishonesty parts, largely the same. If anyone has ever had a really bad syllabus, my committee has been discussing putting together a syllabus, if we brought to faculty senate it might actually hold weight. Give me bad syllabi so I can show them

Holzman- What quantifies a bad syllabus?

Coates- One that lacks grading, major exam dates, required texts and materials, etc.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Clarke- Commuter housing fair March 10th, off campus cleanup on April 7th, partnering with commuter housing office get students involved. Also, idea of a tentative off campus event haven't decided what yet, pancake breakfast at a senior center. If you have any creative writing skills feel free to come by our meeting we're working on a special project.

Petit- Date for road to state house?

Clarke- Meeting with someone to figure it out soon.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Prata- Had a meeting, I had very poor attendance, if you can't make cultural talk to Vidhi, we're going to do list of categories sending to presidents meeting on Monday and have groups nominate people. Other than that working on rammies in limbo with vigil also.

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Sinapi- Charles Hall with his presentation was not conducted yesterday. Rachael Gaudio was going to go but it never happened. Have to talk with him. Still trying to find out deal with

roommates. With permits the single semester option is what were pursuing, sending out a campus wide survey, admin asked us to do this so they can move forward. Any good ideas for survey let us know. Plan on graduating midyear? Transfer in midyear? Willing to pay more for a single semester? Do you think freshmen/faculty should have to pay more? Doing something for dining. Want to gauge student opinion. See what other universities have for policies. Ellery pond we had a little speed bump, should have it on floor next week. Safety and lighting went well, already fixing things. I'm in email correspondence with them seeing the money aspect. Online voting, Chrissy Jühr found some good results for other colleges using online voting. I need to research more, see if its legal. Wouldn't be until next semester anyway.

Holland- I think online voting is a good idea to increase voter turnout, pending kinks worked out I think it's a great idea.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- a. **Director of Communications Simon-** not here
 - b. **Secretary Harrington** – no report
 - c. **Treasurer Boiteau-** paying the bills
 - d. **Vice President Shah-** How's assassins going, who's still alive? That's good. Hopefully that goes well. I'll keep track of it. If you died you can tell me. Haven't heard any complaints. Also starting senior speaker applications for commencement in may. Going out Friday or Monday on listserv. I need four people to sit on committee along with myself. Come talk to me if interested.
 - e. **Sharkey-** Any requirements to sit on committee?
 - f. **Shah-** No unless you're applying you can't sit on it.
 - g. **President Bedard** - I do have a ba-dunk-a-dunk. Hehe. The event I was talking to you about on March 2nd, state of the university, we decided to cancel it because of time frame, having it squished. His inauguration speech is going to be like a state of the university. So were focusing on inauguration. I'm slated to speak there as well. On that note, inauguration schedule, ceremony in ryan center, student reception in keaney, carbon copy of what we did for Dr. Carothers. Program, student orgs performing, dance, etc. desserts, light snacks, if you know any student groups, dance groups, etc. that would be interested in participating send them my way I'm responsible for putting that together. As most of you knew our orange sticker lawsuit officially filed for appeal last Thursday. Again keep in mind were still in the process of a lawsuit. Sticker still in effect in Narragansett. If you live there or visit be smart. It is a big issue. Don't be part of that small population that makes us look bad. As far as liaisons, reports were due Monday at 5. I received one, thank you Cologna. A couple people did talk to me that's fine. If you didn't talk to me you'll get a phone call from rules and ethics. Sheet going around for info booths for SR&R, we are actively searching for students to make suggestions. Committee will look over suggestions. I am in process of setting up booths for Monday and Tuesday, one in hope, one in union. Very important only get a chance once every two years to change things. I might be shaking up student representation on committee to get a few younger people who might be around for a while. Come talk to me. Tomorrow is a faculty senate meeting at 3 in kirk. I cannot attend because I have a meeting with Narragansett coalition meeting. If you're available, Coates will be there. I encourage you to attend. Other than that. Sheet for basketball tickets going around. You have to go to the meeting I'll have the tickets here then you can go down. Umass is march 6th at Umass. 30 tickets available. \$6 a ticket, bus is free courtesy of senate. Includes bus up and back. If you've been following or are interested in going go down to box office. They will sell out. Lastly, I now have 4 meetings left, haven't been to Applebees in a while. I don't have much left, 35 days left. Going to Applebees, encourage you to attend.
- Bruce-** Remind them about teaching excellence awards?
- Bedard-** Teaching, staff, administrative, research. I don't have the sheet with me but I have it in my mailbox. If you know of anyone that excels at what they do

you can nominate them for an excellence award. I will hang it up in office. Look into it.

Messineo- I'm in library committee, they type minutes, want me to send it to you?

MacKinnon- What are we doing in these SR&R booths?

Bedard- Talking about handbook, what's been changed, you're just getting the word out that the committee is in effect, only meets once every two years, encouraging them to review it, relay info o you if they know anything that should be there, should not, have concerns about, etc. Again, it's the same type of things every year. We want as much student input as possible. We were invited to rainville dinner. Allowed to send 3 people as senate. Interested let me know. If you were nominated individually or if you're going in another group you won't go with us. If you weren't nominated and you want to go let me know and I'll put you on the list.

Coates- SR&R, the actual number of submissions matters, so every time someone says something write it down. I'll send out an email giving you more info.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:** **Holzman-** Meet under the American flag.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Elections Committee

Petit- Congrats to everyone who won a seat. Still more available. Right now only 3 signed up for off campus and 5 for on campus and there's 9 seats. Announce to classes. Deadline is this Friday at 5. Thank everyone who came to debate. Those who attended thought it was beneficial. Sheet going around to sign up for election booth. If you ran in the last election and you won you now can serve to work election booth so you can sign up, will count as office hour.

Slater- Can you repeat available seats?

Petit- 8 off campus, 4 on campus

Messineo- If you won a seat in first but are on rules and ethics you can't be at booth.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Petit- Finance meet me up here. I announced it, if people want to come to my house after senate meeting let me know. Instead of Applebees or after.

Shah- People can go to your house before.

Holzman- Anyone interested in helping me with lobbying thing meet me in office after.

Bedard- After meeting, in Quinn the uri greek community and office for student leadership development are putting on a lecture series. Started at 7. Jeff Ryan, founder of TGI Fridays chain is giving a lecture about how he started the chain now a huge chain. Those of you who are business majors might want to check it out.

Bruce- I'm going to be gone next week, Maureen will take care of you wish the best of you for your next election process. Good luck. I've got to get out of town tomorrow morning, going down to Florida.

O'Loughlin- My band is playing at The Colloseum, opening for Fairhaven, doors open at 7 please go. Saturday. At 7.

Rodrigues- Motion to adjourn, denied.

Coates- Wondering if that's 18+?

O'Loughlin- yes

Tondreau- Question, for my personal view I don't feel like we're doing anything for Haiti relief, are we doing anything?

Messineo- External affairs talking about doing pancake breakfast, all proceeds go to charity.

Tondreau- We need to collectively find a way to do something, we are the leaders of the student body.

Rodrigues- Isn't Dave the one doing the entire student body aren't we helping out Dave helping student body?

Bedard- The university as a whole is doing uri helping Haiti campaign so now I'm not sure how much they have raised. Ghost hunting club did \$250 from lollipop sale. Have had a lot of interest, haven't seen much money yet. I would encourage, they collected money at basketball game. Those of you interested and

haven't had a way yet, Friday the musicians guild is putting on an event in ballroom at 7 or 8. Local bands, older bands, collecting money. All that going to Haiti. If you are in another org interested in doing something come talk to me. I have a follow-up meeting next week. I'll have a lot more info at next week's meeting.

Petit- Although were not directly doing anything most of the money we've been giving to groups, proceeds are going to Haiti. In addition to actual event, raising money for Haiti. Were helping other groups do things.

Tondreau- My understanding that's what we normally do, help orgs do things. What are we as a student body doing?

Prata- Do you want to come to my committee meeting and we can talk about it?

Sinapi- I was going to suggest bring esteemed ideas to cultural affairs.

Holden- motion to adjourn, Espinal seconds.

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Bialonczyk, Bickham, Birch, Cahill, Caisse, Clarke, Cologne, Einhorn, Espinal, Farrow, Ferreira, Holden, Holzman, Jones, Jühr, Long, MacKinnon, Navilliet, O'Loughlin, Prata, Renzi, Rosati, Rossi, Segal, Sharkey, Sinapi, Slater, Stewart K, Timas, Tondreau, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

NAY: Coates, Elliott, Holland, Messineo, Petit, Rodrigues, Stewart R

No Vote: Bedard, Boiteau, Harrington, Shah

N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:26 p.m.