

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:33pm

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

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Change to the election bill made by LaRocca.

Resolved, that the following seats will be put up for election: President/Vice President Ticket etc from written copy.

LaRocca- Motions to strike nominations for elections committee.

Change bill to add second resolved that the following seats will be put up for election, president/vp, 11 off campus, 9 on campus reps, and be it finally what is already in there.

Motion to add Major Baker to public forum, second by Holden.

Holland- Passage for elections bill (4-0-0)

Agenda Approved

**D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Approved!**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **Petit-** Motions for pledge, opposition, vote passed.

**LaRocca-** Bus to NYC, every weekend from Trail Ways, leave URI at 2pm, free wi-fi on the bus, 68 dollars round trip. Sending around sign up for the elections booth for voting period for next week, Tuesday and Wed from 9-5, you are required to serve a minimum of one hour. So many people are running in the first election, hard to get a lot of people. I will do something nice afterwards. Have this returned to me.

**Aronoff-** Feb 19<sup>th</sup>- Hillel is holding Amy Salloway up at Swan, one woman comedy show from Minneapolis, MN, talking about weight and growing up. I have seen you-tube clips and you should support it.

**Messineo-** 80 Barry Manilow Tickets- Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, next Wednesday at the Dunkin Donuts Center.

**Ginsberg-** Tuesday, Blues and Cues, the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, from 9pm-11pm. Event that Officer Mark puts on.

**Officer Mark Cherino-** Door prizes for Valentine's Day, movie tickets, Applebee's gift certificates, a rose, and free pizza.

**Stollow-** Tomorrow night is the kick off celebration for the Relay for Life, I am a chair for the event. We would love to have a senate team, if anyone wants to be a team captain, show up. April 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> is Relay for Life.

**Aronoff-** Camp director at a sleep away camp in PA, pay is great, time off, great summer job. Promise to give you a good reference.

**F. PUBLIC FORUM: Major Steven Baker, Officer Mark-** he has been here for four years.

Arming issue is coming up again for URI police officers, looking for support, debate or opposition. Main purpose of coming is to make aware of open forums, one was today at RIC, secondary purpose is to make you aware of who I am and what the police department is about. This is your police department that we are talking about, very important issue to discuss. I would like to see you get involved pro or con, senators and students. About 15 students there from RIC. Briefly tell you about open forum, back in 2001, Mark and Professor Leo Carol, and Barker, looked at arming campus police. Recc in 2002, commission felt that it was not appropriate to arm campus police, other issues to address first, opposition of arming but issues that were more important at the time. Just about every year since even before commission, bills go into committee at the state house, board of governor's of higher education, our boss, authority to allow us to be armed. Brought up most recently last summer, promised legislature, form committee to restudy the issue of arming. All public campuses, CCRI and RIC. President of each school picked 2-3 to rep the school. Leo Carroll from URI, Barker and myself are reps from URI, reps from CCRI and RIC, rep from RI state police and another from the Attorney General's office. Started meeting in August, have had 8 or 9 meetings and have taken in statements from individuals. Want to see if anything has changed since 2001 and the last study. Recommendation to board of governor's, see if campus police and other police think campus should be armed. Public forums is the part that we are in now. 4 have been scheduled, one at each college, one here and one in Providence. 3 forums, Thurs feb 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 at ccri warwick, room 4090. Telecasted to satellite campuses of CCRI, will be interactive. Anyone can speak for 5 mins by signing up. Simply to take input, not a debate and question/answer forum. It will go for 2 hours if enough people, today about 12 people, stenographer to keep a record. Hoping that URI will be better represented when we have the

forums here. Forum at CCE- Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, Noon-2pm, Path Auditorium. Kingston Campus- Wed Feb 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:30. We don't have a location yet but as soon as it is known, it will be put out by the news bureau and will try to put it on our website. As a committee member I am here to have an open mind and listen to everyone's testimony.

**Sinapi-** What is campus police supposed to do with a disturbance with a gun on campus?

**Rep-** Would immediately contact the South Kingston police department. If there is a fire arm involved, need to wait until SK is here before we intervene. Sometimes we come across knives without others present but it happens. We did have a stabbing at a dance over a year ago but thankfully, has improved greatly. If we get a call about a weapon, call SK police, we are at there mercy as to when they get here.

**Clarke-** If campus police were armed, you would not have to wait on SK?

**Rep-** Yes, we want to be first responders to any type of call. If we had the equipment to protect ourselves, students and staff, then we could respond immediately. You can't measure prevention. I'm not going to tell you that campus police being armed is going to prevent problems. Campus police at Virginia Tech were armed, still a serious problem, assailant committed suicide as soon as police arrived. Same thing happened at columbine. We hope nothing like that ever happens here.

**Gorman-** I understand that you can't measure prevention. In the past 5 years, how many times do you think the average police officer has wanted to have a gun?

**Officer Mark-** Every time we stop a car, it could be anyone, and they could have a weapon. We don't always know it's a URI Student. We don't know what you have in the compartment of your vehicle.

**Major Baker-** I carried a gun for 26 years in Westerly, coming here and seeing that our officers do everything I did as a municipal police officer, and maybe more. There are officers on my staff that I am sure would respond to fire arm call without protection.

**Holzman-** Motion to extend debate, Aronoff seconds. Bedard- 5 more people.

**Holzman-** Is there a concern about the response time of the SK police department and could a drill be done?

**Rep-** They always respond as quickly as possible. SK is geographically the largest town in RI, although they could have 7 or 8 on duty, they could be 10 miles away at the time of the call. We could have 7 or 8 on duty and get anywhere on campus.

**LaRocca-** Thank you both for coming and talking to us. Last year at the end of the spring, campus affairs got really involved with this. We stopped at the end of last year because legislature went on vacation and didn't know where it was going. Everyone please get involved and no matter what you decide, need to be knowledgeable.

**Petit-** Cost involved?

**Rep-** Training is the largest cost, every officer would have to go through about 100 hours of training and cost of the firearms and place to store them. We would need to store them in an armory. This would prevent people from getting hurt. Commission has looked at these numbers and it's not inexpensive but a matter of priority.

**Coates-** Would it be possible to arm some police or give limited access?

**Rep-** Either look at we are going to arm the police or not arm them.

**Officer Mark-** Would be kind of foolish to have my administrator have to come with a gun or something in my trunk that I have to get.

**Yensan-** Do you agree with statement You can't put a price on safety?

**Rep-** Yes, agree, college atmosphere, when semester is not in session can do training and save on overtime. Going to look at every possible aspect of containing the costs to the lowest amount. Has to be top notch, has to be 100%

**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**- FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**SS-08/09-58 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR URI ROBOTICS CLUB**

Whereas, Robotics is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, Robotics would like to purchase a capital improvement, and

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

Whereas, Robotics would like money to help cover the costs of the capital improvement, 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 \$1,219.91 from our Capital Improvement Contingency to the Category # 400 (Capital Improvements) line in the budget of Robotics.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit  
DATE: Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-2)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
ACTION: Passed

**Rep-** Going to buy kits and accessories to build smaller robots, about a square foot in area, competition on campus, interest in math and science and spread word about the club. Let people know about robotics and engineering is more than what is done in classes. This is a good way to let people apply what they are learning, outside of interest in robotics to learn something new.

**Petit-** They still have a robot, it's on its way out, need to get it replaced. Planning for next year to go to a competition at a regional level having these robots would allow them to do that. Eventually having robotics competition some time soon at URI.

**Rep-** Hoping to have competition this semester.

**Rep-** Kits we have now are somewhat held together with tape, if we want to compete, need new equipment.

Passed

**SS-08/09-59 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR OUTING CLUB**

Whereas, Outing is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, Outing 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.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit  
DATE: Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-2)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
ACTION: Passed

**Rep-** Joe, Rhode Island Rock Gym passes. This gives everyone a chance to climb, keep members active in the club.

Passed

**SS-08/09-62 – CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR STUDENT SENATE**

Whereas, Senate, is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, Senate, would like to hold a programming event on campus, 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 \$2,000.00 from cat.# 127 (Co-Sponsorship) of Senate's budget to 500 Family cat.# 130 (Programming)

SPONSOR: Finance Committee

BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit  
 DATE: Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-1-2)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
 ACTION: Tabled to committee

**Ahrens-** Spoke about this at the last meeting, did not immediately consider. Wanted to give 5000 to valentine’s event with Genuine. Didn’t give all from co-sponsorship to keep money separate. 500 family, senate co-sponsor, IFC, Panhel and SEC. Genuine for 50 mins, charity, fundraising.

**Adepoju-** Doing a lot of research to get an artist that appeals to the female demographic on campus for Valentine’s. We had Genuine locked in but he switched management and looked at the 21<sup>st</sup>, not working with booking the event. Looking for another artist, let us know. Genuine is still on the table but we do not know if we want to keep him.

**Ahrens-** Motion to table.

**Bruce-** Did you table to this week or did you just table.

**Petit-** We didn’t table it to committee. Motions to table to committee. Holden seconds.

**SS-08/09-63 – CATEGORY TRANSFER REQUEST FOR STUDENT SENATE**

Whereas, Senate, is a Senate recognized organization, and  
Whereas, Senate, 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 \$2,000.00 from cat.# 134 (Stipend Expense) to cat.# 222 for 1,000.00 , cat.#312 for 500.00 , cat.# 110 for 500.00 of ~~Senate’s budget to 500 Family cat.# 130 (Programming)~~

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit  
 DATE: Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-1-2)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
 ACTION: Passed

Motion to amend, resolved, at the end it says Category #100 should be #110, 500 family category 130 programming, strike that.

Coates seconds.

**Ginsberg-** Who voted no and why?

**Petit-** I believe it was Gorman.

**Shah-** the 2000 from stipend, because we got rid of CCO, Because of elections, could use the money in there for advertising. 312, transferred 500.00, will help with orientation in the spring. The last 110, have a negative balance for copying. The stipend expense would be there at the end if we don’t move it anyways.

**Gorman-** I voted Nay on this bill, I thought that it was a gross waste of money to take 2000 from stipends to put in elections. How much money do you need for elections? I think it should go to co-sponsorship or something more practical.

**Petit-** If we don’t transfer this money to use it for something that will benefit senate and the elections, money will sit in the account and be rolled over. We can use it for something effective to get new student leaders and use it on a daily basis.

**LaRocca-** I didn’t ask for this transfer but I like it. The ads we run in the cigar are very expensive, very difficult to reach people on this campus. Goal of the elections committee is to try to reach out to everyone. We do this through Facebook groups and flyers. What I have always wanted to do is buy I voted stickers. This will tell people that voting is going on and be good

advertisement to get more people to the polls. It's not a crazy amount. I'm just going to do what I need to do. If you want to input on finances, it costs money to do printing and all of that stuff. We still want and need more people, we need people to come and vote for you on election day.

**Shah-** Just to say, all of these accounts, recruitment, advertising and printing all had pretty low numbers, need to advertise for other things like senior speaker. We used more than what is going to be in the account for last semester. It is going to be used for stuff that we need to do.

**Adepoju-** I don't feel as though everything should be going to elections, not everything is heard on paper. Get the stickers, I don't think all of the 2000 should go directly to elections.

**Petit-** It's not all 2000 going to elections, 1000 is going to advertising, it is everything throughout the school year, commencement speaker, Ellery pond, lawyer. Cigar ads are not free for us. They are not cheap. It's worth using the money for that and putting it to use effectively.

**Ahrens-** I understand the concern that some people are having here. We have two different elections to run. For just 2 elections, that's 600 dollars for four ads. We have done the new senator recruitment, the materials we give them, we have an opening and food. We aren't making up the categories for fun to waste money. We aren't worried about co-sponsorship right now. We haven't turned anyone down this year yet. Let's use this for what we need right now. If there is an issue, we will deal with it.

**Sinapi-** Question and statement, Money can't be used for one of these three things. It's going to get into these three categories and then will be used for these things. If we don't transfer, will sit in stipend account and do nothing and then excess money will sit in the account and be rolled over. Does it have to be in these three accounts?

**Shah-** the reason I said these three accounts, this is what we need to pay for elections, I can transfer into another if necessary but all others have money.

**Sinapi-** I know we advertise to cigar which is great, posters in the union are effective, cigar a minority of us read.

**Adepoju-** Wanted to ask 2 questions, How did the money for advertising get budgeted?

**Shah-** Advertising, we started with 3000 dollars.

**Adepoju-** If coo hadn't resigned, how would we get the money?

**Shah-** I would have had to look through other accounts and see where there was excess to figure it out or elections gets 600 dollars.

**Petit-** What Maxwell is saying, if we don't transfer from this account can come from another account. End up spending more than was budgeted for the year, it's a very common thing. If we didn't have money that could come from another account, senate may have had to look for contingency.

**Ginsberg-** Motion to vote. Opposition, bill passed.

**Petit-** This is really a very common thing, a lot of this happens just in finance because it's a smaller amount. If you want to learn about finance, talk to me or Vidhi.

**SS-08/09-65 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ALIMIA**

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 \$1,864.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Alima.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-2)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next week

**Petit-** If you know any presidents or treasurers, happy not happy and first recommendations are all in mail boxes. Fill out the forms for happy/not happy.  
Gave 195 to PRS for regional conference, 570 to ASA for their conference.  
People unhappy with budgets need to come to finance meetings.

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

**SS-08/09-66 Bill Calling for the Level Change of Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa (SAWA) to Level 3**

Whereas, SAWA provides campus wide events for the URI community, and  
Whereas, SAWA meets the requirements for recognition at level 3, and  
Whereas, it is the custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it  
Resolved that the URI Student Senate approve the level change of SAWA.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke  
DATE: Wednesday February 4, 2009  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
ACTION: Vote Next Week

**SS-08/09-67 Bill Calling for the Recognition of the Underwater Hockey Club at Level 3**

Whereas, the Underwater Hockey Club will provide the opportunity for students to play and compete in the sport of underwater hockey, and  
Whereas, the Underwater Hockey Club 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 the Underwater Hockey Club.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke  
DATE: Wednesday February 4, 2009  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
ACTION: Vote Next Week

**SS-08/09-68 Bill Calling for the Recognition of URI TV News at Level 3**

Whereas, URI TV News will provide a unique broadcast media outlet for students as well as report relevant news to the URI community in a fair unbiased manner, and  
Whereas, URI TV News 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 TV News.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke  
DATE: Wednesday February 4, 2009  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
ACTION: Vote Next Week

**SS-08/09-69 Bill Calling for the Recognition of the Sports Medicine Student Association (SMSA) at Level 3**

Whereas, SMSA will provide an open educational forum for students interested in topics relating to sports medicine, and

Whereas, SMSA 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 SMSA.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday February 4, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

**Clarke-** 4 bills all for next week, one level change and 3 recognition bills, president’s meeting last week went very well and went over the website, meetings are Mondays at 5:30 in room 314.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:Stolow-** Sorry I had to postpone, my schedule is really tight, meeting Friday at 2pm. Besides that, academic standards and calendar comm. Met on Monday, talked about this for last semester, numbers all in my head, way they brought it to the committee. Was 10 days for add period. Now 2 weeks, first week is going to be free add for any class. Second week is going to be only with permission numbers from professors. 14 days, now it goes to faculty senate, could still get turned down by them. What we are looking for is student support to be at faculty senate when it goes to the floor. I cannot be there, if anyone is interested, I can inform you of everything that happened.

**Stolow-** Professors will not be able to 0 out classes, as soon as the semester starts, if teachers don’t have the roster full, say the class is 25 capacity, but only 18, they can send a request to registrars office to cap it off at whatever number. This will hopefully eliminate that problem.

Jhodi sent an email to URI, next Thursday 7:30 in MCC, open forum about student opening on presidential candidate, what students would like to see in the next URI president. Very important meeting.

**Adepoju-** 7:30 at MCC on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: O’Brien-** Tried to send an email and tell everyone, didn’t work, the coalition meeting was today, went with Dave, fairly informative, woman came to present new program idea, got a grant to reduce underage drinking in HS students. Her idea is that college students have a negative effect and aid students in becoming underage drinkers. She is going to be working with student life, and hopefully myself. She’s not really clear on what she is doing, could be a really good program. No new ordinances, had a good debate. Next meeting is going to be in March, open forum mid April here at URI. Got in contact with a bunch of groups, town vs student battle of the bands. That is all I have right now.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Adepoju-** Monday, committee met, few ideas for this semester, few suggestions, help or construct an event for Greek week, if senate has an idea, we would greatly appreciate suggestions. Next we have the Rammies.

**Aronoff-** Had a meeting with Paul Whitney, he is donating the trophies. Bobble heads, bottom will be engraved. Host has been picked, Mike Knolfe, he has been a stand up comic. Numerous people, he will be doing a monologue poking fun at groups. Date is chosen April 28<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, starting at 6:30, presidents and VPs, and advisors and VIP guests, Mocktail hour at 6:30 for an hour, starting at 8 will be award ceremony in Edwards. Categories as of right now, senate group of the year, best dance group, philanthropic event, a bunch of others. If you have any nominations or would like to put up a club for a certain thing, drop a note in my box. Senate and SEC will help present.

**Adepoju-** Emmanuel Jal comes this Tuesday the 10th, 5 dollars, speaker, musician, actor, producer, great show, Edwards at 8pm.

**Simon-** I didn't know anything about him, looked him up, was a child soldier, will be talking about that and coming to America. Most of his music is about his experience as well. Should be very interesting.

**Petit-** Motion to move to president's report.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: LaRocca-** Looking for artist's submissions for Ellery Pond restoration project. We have finalized what we want for the corner that we get to work with for now. A lot of flexibility for creativity. Someone really great at drawing, painting or sketch, something that can be physically displayed. Submissions til March 5<sup>th</sup>. Top 3 and bring them to senate. Then fundraising. Way you can contact Mondays at 2pm in room 301 see in office or email me, facebook group. If you are not in group, please join it. Get involved in the police arming situation.

**Yensan-** Quick comment, Butterfield dining hall has been closing about 5 mins early consistently. I have numerous reports of this.

**LaRocca-** When I submit issues to dining services, they want to know the date and time or if it happens again, send the info my way.

**Boiteau-** Big huge pot hole near URI foundation and Swan, 4 or 5 inches deep and 2 feet in diameter.

**Officer Mark-** Being addressed tomorrow morning.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- a. **Director of Communications- Simon-** Waiting to hear back from one org so newsletter can go out, working with tom tonight for other events and things. Worked with Amanda for election things. If you need anything let me know.
- b. **Secretary- Pelletier-** Kudos to Jess Stein and Jacob Holzman and Kim for being here to take our picture!
- c. **Treasurer- Shah-** Paying the bills
- d. **Vice President- Bedard-** Chairman- Get me your minutes, sign in for office hours, go to committee meetings. A bunch of you got notes from me, I don't want to have problems with people before the end of March. Don't miss anymore meetings, it's easiest for everyone. Commencement speaker apps are available, if you are a graduating senior, eligible to be the senior speaker. Already had 86 hits on the website which is amazing. Apps are due March 2<sup>nd</sup>, going to select 4 people to sit on the committee. Will select last week of February, will meet throughout March. Bring it down to a few candidates, top two will give their speeches, senate will give a recommendation. If you are interested, please let me know.

2 birthdays tomorrow, Drew, Jorge, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOTH OF YOU!!!!!!  
Applebee's after the meeting as always.

f. **President- Ahrens-** Phone interview at 8, may need to step out of the meeting. 2/12- Thursday 6-8, biotech auditorium, info session for next URI president.

**LaRocca-** Changed it to Hardge Forum from 7-9.

Meeting tomorrow to go over President Carother's commencement ceremony. Moved inside to Ryan's Center. Going to be handling the student part of it. Art contest, about buildings. Going to start working on that this week. One thing I am going to be working on is transition and roles on senate, a lot of things I was supposed to do weren't even told to me. What I am trying to do is put together a folder about dates. When to choose liaisons and when certain meetings are held. I want to do it for our exec and have orgs try to do it. As people leave school, they often take all of their information and people who take over aren't really sure where to pick up and don't always know what is going on. Showing us what is coming up and what needs to be done. Going to be sending out an email for that, committee chairs and exec. Exec will be meeting an hour before senate meetings. If you can't make that time or will be late, I understand that some people have work until 6pm. Only about a month left of my term, if you can't make it, give someone your report. Mentioned last week. St. Bonaventure game vs. URI, next Wednesday, game starts at 7pm. It is take a faculty member to game nights. Might be a little mixed up, I can

provide the tickets to professor early and you can meet them at the game. I encourage everyone to invite a professor or faculty. Keep that in mind if you can. Good for publicity. More interaction looks good. Urge everyone to go to forum at URI about arming campus police. Going to the forum on the 28<sup>th</sup> will be extremely beneficial to everyone.

**Aronoff**- few meetings ago, student senate was going to sponsor a basketball game?

**Ahrens**- We could sponsor if I went out and found the sponsors for them. What I found over winter break, restaurants and business have been extremely drained. It was very difficult to get sponsors. We are going to be having the homecoming band that won play at one of the games. We didn't just want to sponsor men's and not women's, wanted to do both at the same level. We have been having a lot more press out there to sponsor. All of these ideas for the end of the year are great. Trying to get name out there. My term is coming to an end. Good for all of you to have our name out there.

**Ginsberg**- Motion to move to campus affairs. **LaRocca** seconds.

- **RULES AND ETHICS: no report**

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Bylaws Committee**- been 2 weeks, only 1/2 committee has given me schedule, meet after the meeting.

**Elections Committee**- I had to replace two members, Tom and Juelia are now on it, myself, Meg Luther, Jess Allison, Juelia Simon and Tom Ahrens. Bill on the floor for next week. As it stands right now, we only have 2 tickets for pres/vp. If another set does not declare by Friday, no debate next Monday. There will be that final debate on the Tuesday before the election. Have always asked the editor and chief of the cigar to be the moderator. Back up if she cannot fulfill. Candidates please meet with me after the meeting.

**Allison**- Just want to clarify, if not on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>, it would be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. From 7-9 in Atrium 2.

**LaRocca**- If you look at your schedule and can work more hours, please let me know.

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Nominations for Rules & Ethics

Petit- Nominate Prata, second by Harrington

Ginsberg- Nominate Aronoff, seconded by Holden

Clarke- nominate Sinapi, seconded by Rodrigues

Harrington- nominate Messineo, seconded by Holland

O'Brien- nominate Sibbald, second by Holden

Allison- nominate Jorge, seconded by Holden

~~Nominations for Elections Committee~~

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

**SS – 08/09 -70 BILL CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY AND ELECTION OF THE ON-CAMPUS AND OFF-CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2009-2010 LEGISLATIVE TERM**

Whereas, the URI Student Senate is required to hold annual elections during the spring semester to fill all seats, and

Whereas, the Senate has restrictions on when the election may be held due to scheduling and the requirements of the bylaws, therefore be it

Resolved that an election shall be held according to the following schedule:

Declaration Period: 2/13/09 – 2/20/09 by 2:00PM

Day 1: 2/25/09 from 9AM – 5PM

Day 2: 2/26/09 from 9AM – 5PM

And be it further

Resolved, that the following seats will be put up for election:

President/Vice President ticket

11 Off Campus Representatives  
9 On Campus Representatives

And be it finally

Resolved that the election shall conclude upon validation of the results by legislation.

SPONSOR:	Elections Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Amanda LaRocca
DATE:	Wednesday, February 04, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage ( 4-0 -0 )
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Validation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

**LaRocca-** Bill is for next week, ask questions if necessary. February 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-5. 11 off campus reps, 9 on campus and also pres/vp ticket.

**L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:**

**Maureen-** Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> is deadline for Rainville. If you have been nominated, make sure you apply.

**Bruce-** I think the bus is a great idea, pick up delivery from here to NY, probably cheapest way. Really need you to get the word out, will go for a while and if it doesn't work, will go away.

**LaRocca-** a lot of discussion about juicy campus. It has been announced that Juicy Campus will be shutting down as of tomorrow.

**Aronoff-** I am urging every senator to help out with the Rammies, it's being run by the entire senate, last big event of the year.

**Ginsberg-** for Juicy Campus, did we tell them we were doing it or did they just pull down the site or what happened.

**LaRocca-** We did not send any official notification. The reason that they site on the website is lack of advertising but they were also involved in lawsuits and some private universities were restricting access to the site.

**Slater-** Bus thing, 50 dollars for Amtrak is the cheapest. 68 is not bad.

**Gorman-** motion to adjourn, Holland seconds.

**M. ROLL CALL: AYE:** Abbe, Adepoju, Allison, Almeida, Aronoff, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Einhorn, Faustin, Gaudio, Gorman, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Inthisone, Kearns, LaRocca, Luther, Lynch, Meehan, Messineo, Mingoia, Moss, O'Brien, Petit, Prata, Rodrigues, Sibbald, Sinapi, Slater, Stein, Stollow, Yensan

Nay: Ginsberg

No Vote- Bedard, Pelletier, Shah, Simon

**N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:10pm**