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University of Rhode Island Student Senate
April 30, 2025 General Assembly Agenda

Recording Secretary: Lynn Sawyer

Meeting Start Time: 6:42

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Abbot, Tailah
Acharya, Sudishma
Bremer, Conlan
Capraro, Melanie
Connolly, Olivia
Curry, Caitlin
D'Aiello, Andrew
Dickson, Tyler
Dionne, Ryleigh
Ebrahimpour, Andrew
Gonzalez, Kairy
Hudson, Cameron
Keomany, Annie

Macrae, Lyla
Martin, Beyonce
McConville, Max
Milner, Jacob
Neighbors, Isabella
Niro, Ryan
Ranieri, Caterina
Ramos, Aaron
Rinne, Cole
Roach, Clayton
Sawyer, Lynn
Singh, Arpan Utkarsh
Stover, Madeliene
Troxell, Jackson

Volek, Paige
Wentworth, Molly
Williamson, Alexa
Yehle, Kaitlyn

Excused Absences:

McTernan, Madeline
Torres, Alli
Waddell, Dylan

Unexcused Absences:

Conte, Isabella
Paulino, Victor
Zelano, Keegan

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by senator Curry and seconded by Senator McCray

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes made by Senator Ebrahimpour and seconded by senator

Singh

E. PUBLIC FORUM

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organizations Committee

Chair Miner:

- Happy last day of classes
- Purpose of the committee: To be a recognized organization each new org has to petition, we vote internally, and then put it on the floor to recognize the club. This gives them access to the budget and URI involved. We run a lot of engagement opportunities with the community. We've been doing a lot of lecture series to help maintain and develop clubs. We're a committee that tries to unite the many clubs and organizations. 122 recognized at the current moment. SOC is so much more than just clubs. We've done a lot to engage in the last semester
- Academic Affairs Committee

Chair Wentworth

- Main resolution we're working on is a standard grading scale. If you want to work on this particularly please reach out to the speaker or I. This will try to make grading more fair around the university. Promote collaboration between college representatives. If you are a college rep you need to meet with the dean twice a semester and report back to me. Plan to do one fundraiser booth in the fall, hopefully a mental health break for students. We work to increase awareness of exam rights and other academic rights at the university! Generally trying to improve the academic experience for student
- External Affairs Committee

Chair Singh:

- External affairs deals with all the work outside of the university. The narragansett town council, the narragansett town council. Trying to work with Greek like and rental spaces. My initiatives will be more than that. Starting with the small business affairs initiatives. Having an alumni panel collaborates with the student senate. Reached out to the CEO and vice president of uri alumni engagement, V.P. reynolds, 2100 foundation, town councils and police chief to try to get them to support the small business fair
- Sometimes we have to give up things that we care about. I will be giving up the host of the podcast. Hopefully Isabell Neighbors will take over my position as committee chair. I would like to thank every single soul in the senate chamber for praying for my father. He was in the hospital and suffered a stroke. This proves again that we are more than a profession and are truly a family. I love you and thank you for everything.
- Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair Gonzalez:

- Focus on culture: LGBTQ+, disadvantaged background, different races and diversity, and religion around campus. Anyone should feel free to join the committee no matter what background you come from. What matters is whether or not you support us. Come to the committee if you want to be an ally and support
- Campus Affairs Committee

Chair Hudson:

- Transportation, parking, housing, dining services you name it. Initiative this semester: instagram up and running, stopping the parking spaces that will be

taken away if the campus plan goes into effect, air conditioning, and other things!
If you are interested in any liaison positions please reach out to me via groupme.
Or if you need clarity on what we do! Hope you join!

G. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH/CABINET

- Speaker of the Assembly

Speaker Rinne:

- Today we will be forming a podcast committee, like Arpan was talking about. Think about getting a nomination for the person sitting next to you if you are interested. I also sent out a committee sign up sheet. You have to be on one committee and go to those meetings. You can sign up for more but **YOU HAVE TO GO TO ALL THE COMMITTEES YOU SIGN UP FOR**. If you want to do work on a committee but you are not a part of it you would be a guest. Those absences are the same thing as missing general

- Student Body President

President Reyes:

- Have a couple meetings this week with different directors and officials. We have made a good impression already. Make sure you're joining committees that you're actually interested in. If you choose two I hope you put your energy into both of them.

- Student Body Vice President

VP hailu:

- Hope you're all doing well, good luck on your exams. Happy final last day of classes. If you are absent during the general assembly make sure to CC me on the email you are sending to the speaker. Thanks all!

ALL THE SENATORS SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO VP HAILU

- Director of the Treasury

DOT

- Hope you had a great semester and finish your finals strong. Getting new name cards for the different chairs among other things. Good luck with finals
- Director of Communications

DOT HINRICHS:

- Congrats on the last day of classes. At some point I am going to be sending out a google form for senate merch for the fall. Just fill out the form to let me know what you are interested in seeing

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

I. REPORT OF THE COURT

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

K. SPECIAL ORDERS

Forming the podcast special committee

Don't need to vote to form the committee

10 person limit on how many people can be apart of the committee

Internal elections for a special committee chair

9 Nominations for Podcast Special Committee:

1. Senator Ebrahimpour nominates Senator McConville and is seconded by Senator Niro
2. Chair Singh nominates senator neighbors and chair gonzalez seconds
3. Chair Singh nominates Senator Stover and seconded by senator neighbors
4. Chair Singh nominates Senator Keomany and seconded by senator Dionne
5. Chair Singh nominates senator Acharya and seconded by senator sawyer
6. Chair Singh nominated senator Niro and seconded by senator sawyer
7. Chair Singh nominates senator Bremer and seconded by senator Sawyer
8. Chair singh nominates senator ramos and seconded by senator Sawyer
9. Chair singh nominates senator gonzalez and seconded by senator Sawyer

******ISABELLA NEIGHBORS is internally elected podcast committee chair!*

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

SS-25/26-02 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “DECA” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “DECA” mission statement is, “To prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, accounting, hospitality, and management.”, and

Whereas, DECA meets the requirements to be a senate-recognized student organization, and

Whereas, it is custom for the senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges DECA as a recognized organization, and be it

SPONSOR:	Chair Rinne Senator(s): Dickson, Williamson, Curry, & Connolly
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Milner
DATE:	Wednesday, April 30th, 2025
RECOMMENDATION:	(5-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Chair Milner

- A business and entrepreneurship club, basically they go to different competitions and present new products

- They did not receive funding this year

Motion to begin voting made by senator Ebrahimpour and seconded by senator capraro

Bill passes unanimously

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

President Reyes:

- If you do have any personal items in the office take them out today because maintenance is going in there and they will throw it away

Chair Milner:

- Check your email throughout the summer! To lookout for communications for the semester because we will hit the ground running in september

Chair Ebrahimpour:

- I've been placed on the student advisory committee for Ellen Reynolds. I have been placed on the team to discuss the 20 year plan for the school. If you have any ideas just email me
- andrew.ebrahimpour@uri.edu

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: 7:12