Members of the URI Community,

Last Thursday April 5th 2018, an article titled “Senate President Jumps Off Union Clock Tower” was published in the satire edition of The Good 5 Cent Cigar. Since its publication, students have raised concerns to the URI Student Senate of the detrimental impact of the article, which has since been removed from circulation by the Good 5 Cent Cigar. The Student Senate leadership learned that a member of Student Senate, outside of their duties, submitted the article, acting on their own behalf. It must be made clear that these actions of the individual do not reflect the views of the Student Senate, and in response, the Student Senate will be conducting an internal review to address these issues.

In addition, the Senate is working to address the concerns of the URI community in regards to mental health. In order to better address concerns that may arise in the future, the executive committee will be receiving Mental Health First Aid training. A certification in Mental Health First Aid will increase knowledge on how to improve mental health awareness on campus and provide a safer, more inclusive environment within our community. The University of Rhode Island’s Student Senate will also work towards increasing programming, community outreach, and communication with URI resources.

If you or someone you know is struggling with suicidal thoughts or depression, please contact the URI Counseling Center at 401-874-2288 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The URI Counseling Center has multiple on-campus and off-campus resources for our community. An additional resource is the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which can be called 24 hours a day at 800-273-8255.

Sincerely,

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