

Jan 29, 2024 | 📅 CA Meeting

Attendees: Chair Buono, Senator(s): Wentworth, China, Cronan, Hurwitz, Milner, Hudson, DeLorenzo, Sundell

Absent: Senator(s) Cayer, Hlaskova

Introductions

- Senators went around and introduced themselves
- Chair Buono discussed the variety of issues handled by Campus Affairs
 - Dining
 - Housing
 - Campus
 - Parking & Transportation
 - Environmental & Sustainability
 - Etc
- Chair Buono urged Senators to fill out the monthly Dining Services meeting When2meet
- Chair Buono described making a task force that handles HRL and Residential issues
 - The committee will vote for a HRL liaison position, and then following the creation of the position, Chair Buono will appoint the person
- Chair Buono named the different liaisons
 - Environmental and Sustainability
 - Health and Wellness
 - Conjoined LGBTQ+ (with cultural committee)
 - Social Media
- The committee will create a mission statement that will be hung on the display board outside the Senate office
- Each Senator went around and spoke about specific things that they want to pursue in the
 - Senator Wentworth: Working with housing and addressing concerns with the water bottle filling stations
 - Senator DeLorenzo: Healthier snacks in the vending machine
 - She has already been in contact with the URI accounting division looking to change the content of the vending machines
 - She also mentioned that recycling is also not accessible in the Roger Williams Complex
 - Senator Milner mentioned that the recycling situation at Garrahy and Wiley Hall and how there is a lack of recycling bin
 - Senator China: Housing reassignment process
 - Wants to speed up the reassignment process for students to help them get into a new situation faster
 - Senator Buono recommended that Senator Wentworth and China get into contact with Director Cooley to address these issues
 - Senator Hudson: Housing

- Hiring exterminators (spoke of cockroaches and other bugs in Tucker Hall as well as Merrow)
 - Housing reassignment process and looking to speed it up for students who need to change their current assignment
 - A/C in dorms in the beginning of the year (even just a small box air conditioner for each room)
- Vice Chair Milner: Dining services
 - Hoping to create good relationships with dining services, continuing to increase accessibility and cultural awareness
- Senator Hurwitz: Brown water
 - Is concerned with infected and contaminated water
 - Wants to educate students on clean water practices, as well as letting students know where they can have access to clean water sources
- Senator Cronan: Dining Services / Relations
 - Looking to continue strong relations with the dining services staff. Making the meetings a thing that happen every single year, regardless of who is in power and who is making the decisions
 - Ice cream machine in the dining halls and its restoration
- Chair Buono asked if someone would be interested in working as the Social Media Liaison, Cultural Affairs Liaison, or the Health and Wellness Liaison, and decided that it would be best to delegate the tasks when the time comes
- Senator Hurwitz spoke about his passion and desire to participate with Parking Services
 - Chair Buono stated her intentions to make a Transportation and Parking Services Liaison
- Chair Buono spoke about her parking services bill
 - The bill addresses concerns of the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year
 - The bill calls for no ticketing after 5:00
 - Looking to lessen the fine after the first offense
 - A cap of \$25
 - A multi-tiered parking fines system
 - Hoping to keep Parking Services honest and keep their intentions and policies transparent
 - Students are risking being fined (rather than buying a pass)
- Chair Buono asked Senators to fill out a quick document in which Senators would send in their goals / committee statements