



Memorial Student Union | Room 201 | 50 Lower College Road | Kingston, RI 02881
T: (401) 874 - 2261 | E: external@rhodysenate.org

URI Student Senate - External Affairs Committee Minutes

01/31/2024

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoover began the meeting at 2:06pm

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Senators Cayer, De La Selva, Hoover, Newman, and Rudolph

Absent: Senators Confessore and Emami

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

To be completed at the next meeting.

D. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

To be completed at the next meeting.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Hoover read the Senate's ordinance resolution to the Narragansett Town Council. While the audience was extremely enthused by the resolution, the council acted indifferent.

F. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum at this meeting. Chair Hoover intends to invite both students and other individuals important to the committee's interests including (but not limited to) George Nonis, Chief Gigoda, Chief Corrigan, Chief Moynihan, and Vice President Reynolds.

G. REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS & MANAGERS

PR/Communications Manager (Elise Newman): Planning a series of social media posts mainly targeted at speeding/ticketing and DUI awareness. This series is expected to be completed by the end of the upcoming weekend.

Greek Life/Public Relations Liaison (Lauren Palmer): At the moment, Greek Life is largely quiet but will be coordinating social media posts. Will also be coordinating with URI Panhel.

H. REPORTS OF THE VICE CHAIR & CHAIR

Vice Chair (David Rudolph): Expressed eagerness to join (alongside the Campus Affairs Committee) with both the Save RIPTA RI campaign and Daniel Borden (an active, off-campus student) when drafting State House Testimony. If RIPTA is not given adequate funding in this year's fiscal budget, several students will be forced to contemplate dropping out of URI.

Chair (Chris Hoover): Met and/or spoke with Chief Moynihan (SK Police), Chief Corrigan (Narragansett Police), and Vice President Reynolds regarding the upcoming off-campus newsletter. This project will be a combination of general helpful tips for and highlights of various achievements from off-campus students. It will also advertise beach cleanups, potential emporium changes, etc. Speeding has been a serious problem, per usual, however no student residing and/or commuting through SK has received DUI. Will be working to draft State house testimony in addition to going over potential town council candidates for the upcoming 2024 cycle in Narragansett, NK, and SK. Will be urging off-campus students to send letters to Speaker Shekarchi regarding off-campus housing in general, but also about the Narragansett ordinance. Will reach out to the political science department regarding potential extra credit opportunities should students send letters. Otherwise, things are generally quiet.

I. REPORTS OF THE REMAINING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Matthew Cayer: Will be at the State House two days a week as a library archivist intern starting next week.

J. SPECIAL ORDERS

Chair Hoover motioned to conjoin the Greek Life and Risk Management Liaison positions.
Seconded by Senator Newman

Chair Hoover paired Senator De La Selva paid with Senator Newman

Chair Hoover paired Senator Cayer paid with Senator Palmer

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Hoover motioned to replace the economic study project with the individual student letters.
Seconded by Vice Chair Rudolph

L. NEW BUSINESS

Items To Complete:

- Individual one on ones for new committee members
- Begin planning for an off campus fundraiser
- Voter registration drive

M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

Everyone wished each other good luck and for all to have a great weekend.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hoover adjourned the meeting at 2:34pm.

O. ADDITIONAL MEETING NOTES

There will be additional meeting notes.