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URI Student Senate - External Affairs Committee Minutes

February 7th, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoover began the meeting at 2:04pm

B. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Senators Confessore, Emami, and Newman

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

To be completed at the next meeting.

D. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice Chair Rudolph motioned to approve last week's minutes. Seconded by Hoover

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Needs volunteers to reach out to the office campus community for opinions on the ongoing

Narragansett ordinance. There will be an update for when testimony will be drafted soon.

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): no report as of now

Greek Life/Public Relations Liaison (Lauren Palmer): Not present, however meeting with Dan Grainy.

H. REPORTS OF THE VICE CHAIR & CHAIR

Vice Chair (David Rudolph): Met once again with Daniel Borden regarding the ongoing Save RIPTA campaign. While things are relatively steady, Daniel expressed his hope that President Parliange could make a statement imploring the Governor's Office and the Legislature to draft a budget that adequately addresses student needs when it comes to RIPTA.

Chair (Chris Hoover): Met with Daniel as well as will begin collecting necessary information to help handle the ongoing RIPTA crisis. The state house bill H7382 now has a House and Senate sponsor. As of now, he hasn't received approval or much feedback from the University regarding the newsletter. Also Met with Chair Buono regarding the decreased enforcement bill which Director Paradise was uncomfortable with. There is a general Lack of student representation regarding parking - will introduce resolution asking for reinstatement of student parking committee. We will need help from the committee to make quick videos showing what not to do when driving/parking around campus. Lastly, he has reached out to the political science department regarding extra credit opportunities for students who send letters to their elected officials expressing concern over the Narragansett housing ordinance.

I. REPORTS OF THE REMAINING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Senator Cayer expressed the difficulties of parking specifically for campus jobs.
Senator De La Selva expressed that while there are 2 hillclimber shuttles, only one Rhody shuttle is available, making catching it extremely difficult.

Chair Hoover will coordinate Chair Buono regarding these issues and make them known to Director Parydis at their next meeting.

J. SPECIAL ORDERS

No special orders

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

L. NEW BUSINESS

Items To Complete:

- Getting response from Vice President Reynold/URI regarding the newsletter. -
- Completing tap videos for students
- Getting student/faculty/general support for RI General Assembly bill

M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

There was no general discussion or open forum.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hoover motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:27pm. Seconded by Vice Chair Rudolph

O. ADDITIONAL MEETING NOTES

There will be additional meeting notes.