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URI Student Senate - External Affairs Committee Minutes

February 21st, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoover began the meeting at 2:04pm

B. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Confessore

Excused: Newman

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hoover motions to approve the agenda, seconded by rudolph

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

George was not able to attend as he is still in Florida.

G. REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS & MANAGERS

PR/Communications Manager (Elise Newman): no report as of now.

Greek Life/Public Relations Liaison (Lauren Palmer): Coming with plan on educating greek life on respectful neighbors - will be done via joint External and Panhel instagram post. There has been a dramatic increase in drunken/disorderly domestic violence incidents off campus. Looking into partnering with Narragansett properties regarding the External REACH account.

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. Lastly, there is an opportunity to connect the upcoming social media posts regarding behavior to the General Assembly bill.

Chair (Chris Hoover): Is planning to appoint Senator Della Selva as Vice Chair. Will begin training her regarding both vice chair and potential chair duties. Bill 7382. Still no word from Ellen.

I. REPORTS OF THE REMAINING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Senator Cayer expressed that the RIPTA hearing had little to do with either the state budget or URI students. He also asked for clarification of the voter registration project. Chair Hoover explained such as a backup plan of sorts to potentially draft pro-student candidates and voters to shift the Narragansett Town Council away from anti-housing policies.

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 2:23pm. Seconded by Vice Chair Rudolph

O. ADDITIONAL MEETING NOTES

There will be additional meeting notes.