

Mar 4, 2024 | 📅 Campus Affairs Meeting

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

Absent: Senator(s): Hlaskova

Notes

- Chair Buono had a few opening announcements
 - The spice survey has been completed by Senator China
 - There has been a meeting with TAP, and she asks for the feedback of the committee on her meeting
 - Wants to establish a student feedback form for students to fill out, called Campus Connect
 - Asked what would be the best format for senators to give feedback, and to suggest aims and initiatives for the Campus Affairs committee to deal with
 - Also asked where the feedback should be: On what social media sites and chats it should be, deciding on a google form as the initial form of campus connect
 - Wants to advocate for the creation of the hot food vending machines in the 24 hour room, wants to make flyers to appeal to students and to show the committee's support
 - Senator McCloskey volunteered to take on the project
 - Chair Hoover and Buono are looking for 25 students to work with him to fight the Narragansett town ordinance and support a new bill at the Rhode Island State House that would extend the town of Narragansett ordinance to five students from three
 - Students will be taking a bus, leaving from Scarborough beach this Thursday
 - Chair Hoover and special guest former Speaker Bove suggested that if someone wanted to participate but cannot make the protest they should submit written testimony to the Rhode Island House of Reps
- Chair Buono spoke about her meeting with TAP and the new initiatives that they were looking
 - Informative speakers at URI 101 for first year students to inform them about different TAP policies and initiatives
 - Presence at Open House and Orientation, giving people correct information and resources of the TAP policies and to have more transparency
 - Parking passes and their high prices: helping students afford passes, not paying for days that they are not on campus. A tiered parking pass system provides students with ways to pay for specific days, instead of paying a lot of money for days that they don't park on campus

- This allows students to arrange parking around
- The senators agreed, and thought that this would help students to both buy more passes and to aid the parking situation
- Chair Buono spoke about an initiative to create a position (interim, possibly paid), working to spread the news of TAP and get student feedback
- How can the senate help?
 - Posting on their socials
 - The SOC committee and student orgs
 - TikTok account creation
 - Creating short videos that can extend the outreach of parking, as well as to reinforce policies in a digestible way
- Chair Buono spoke about the committees interaction with Aunt Flow products
- Senator Sundell spoke about a few ideas
 - A written testimony workshop could be useful, something for the entire student body
 - TAP could hold a raffle to excuse one parking violation, as well as giving out one spot in the MU for students to go for in the raffle
- Senator Hudson spoke about how he believes that a failure from TAP to inform the students about their tickets should void the ticket entirely, keeping TAP accountable

Meeting Ends: 4:52