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## **URI Student Senate - External Affairs Committee Minutes**

**September 20th, 2023**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hoover called the meeting to order at 4:41

### **B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Senators Hoover, Mayers, Newman, Rudolph

**Absent:** Senators Confessore, Gamache, Palmer, Sama,

**Excused:** Senator Emami

### **C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Senator Newman moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by guest attendant, Director Bose

### **D. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chair Hoover moved to amend last meeting's report to mark Senator Mayers present.

## **E. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Hoover attended the student advisory committee. He wishes to email off-campus students a weekly newsletter, keeping them aware of happenings in their local area. Him in conjunction with the Student Leadership Council wishes to spread awareness of ongoing sticker/ordinance/nuisance reports, of which there was a record low as of this meeting.

## **F. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum at this meeting. He plans to invite George Nonis in the coming future.

## **G. REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS & MANAGERS**

PR/Communications Manager Newman expressed her discontent from the lack of responses to her planned social media highlight post. She also re-registered 4 Narragansett student voters.

Greek Life Liaison Sama was absent.

Risk Management Liaison Mayers expressed his satisfaction with the latest 2100 meeting, eager to work with IFC leadership.

## **H. REPORTS OF THE VICE CHAIR & CHAIR**

Vice Chair Rudolph made an unequivocally poor mistake, noting that today was voter registration day when it was, in fact, yesterday... Nevertheless, he expressed his satisfaction with the September 20th celebration of such, noting that students across campus seemed eager to register and take part in the democratic process.

Chair Hoover plans to meet with Ken O'Conner, a Narragansett resource officer to discuss the recent positive news of Greek Life's insistence of bettering their relations/reputation off-campus. Additionally, he'll be working with Vice President Reynolds and George Nonis to draft testimony for the housing-related issues at both the RI General Assembly and local municipal governments, particularly as a result of the recently passed Narragansett ordinance. He mentioned George Nonis' goal of registering roughly 1000 students to shape the town council's make-up to a more pro-student, pro-housing majority. Furthermore, he expressed his discontent from the lack of committee attendance, noting that there will be 3 unexcused absences allowed. His policy for excused absences largely surround how long in advance he is notified from a given member and how good-faith the excuse reported is.

## **I. REPORTS OF THE REMAINING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

No additional committee members were present to give a report this meeting.

## **J. SPECIAL ORDERS**

There were no special orders to conduct this meeting.

## **K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chair Hoover moved to approve the April 28th meeting minutes; seconded by Senators Mayers and Newman.

## **L. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business for this meeting.

## **M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM**

Senator Mayers mentioned that generally poor handling of trash from off-campus students must be assessed. Kevin O'Connor will be a key player in mitigating this issue. Senator Newman urged members as well as the Student Senate in general to join Narragansett, Exeter, and South Kingstown area facebook groups to stay aware of corrupt legislative tactics used by their town councils.

## **N. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mayers moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chair Hoover. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.

## **O. ADDITIONAL MEETING NOTES**

There are no additional meeting notes for this meeting.