

Campus Affairs Committee

Date: 9/24/2023

Start Time: 5:29pm

Location: Zoom

Present: Sophia, Jake, Roddy, Nick, Zach, Kiersten, Gianna, Kendall, Justin

Excused Absence: N/A

Non-Committee Members:

Topic 1: Action items

X. Chair Buono reminded members about their attendance and the importance of being present at every meeting. Asks each member who was working on an action item to give a short report on their specific action items

- **Action Item: Sen. Johnson**
 - Senator Johnson's project with aunt flo, and its current status: supplies are low, a new order will likely have to be placed. Title IX's grant application can be a method of funding the delivery
 - Chair Buono reassured Senator Johnson that Title IX is legally obligated to pay for and finance menstrual products and items
 - Senator Johnson is also working on the linktree and having technical difficulties, they would like to add more resources and a complaint link
- **Action Item: Sen. Cronan**
 - Senator Cronan's project with dining services status: he emailed VP Renoylds to ask if it would be possible for the committee to tour the dining facilities
 - Dining Services Director Pierre St. Germain has agreed, although only to after Parent and Family Weekend
 - Char Buono expressed the importance of showing ip for the events hosted by Campus Affairs
- **Action Item: Sen. DeLorenzo**
 - Senator DeLorenzo is working on a project to get more vending machines on campus, in which she spoke to the Rhody Corner Store manager, and then emailed Pierre St. Germain
 - Senator DeLorenzo understands that the vending machines would have to be through an outside company, and not thru URI
 - This prompted Chair Buono to emphasize the importance of the directors of these departments taking student criticism and feedback seriously, and how dining services need to address issues such as lack of gluten free options
- **Action Item: Sen. Sundell**
 - Senator Sundell is working with the URI Environmental Sustainability Organization, a larger project that she is completing with VP Steinweh-Adler
 - The organization is meeting every week on Thursday, looking to be recognized as more of an advocacy group, as well as an environmental watchdog group

- The org has one faculty advisor, looking for a board and team of faculty advisors
- This org was created due to the lack of an official environmental sustainability office at URI as a whole
- **Action Item: Sen. Mayers & Sen. Johnson**
 - Senators Mayers and Johnson are working on an STI project, had no further updates and will continue to update the people as the project continues
 - Senator Mayers voiced his concern about Rhody Market and the fact that they were selling expired and out of date milk and cheese. He believes this problem can be addressed during Senator Cronan's dining hall tours, something that Chair Buono supported

Topic 2: Open Forum

X. Chair Buono asked Sen. Sundell to define the term "Action Item"

- Senator Sundell explained what an action item is: a project that is handled by a specific senator that is worked upon throughout the semester. Something that requires updates every week
- Chair Buono responded by stating that everyone can take on an action item, but not everyone HAS TO
- Chair Buono asked Senators McCloskey and Hurwitz if they had a specific action item in mind, they did not have one at the moment

X. Campus Clean-Up

- Chair Buono reminded everyone about the Campus Clean-Up, and the prizes of a dozen donuts for whoever wins the bingo round

X. QR Code Distribution

- Chair Buono thanked Vice Chair Milner and Senator Hurwitz for their offer to distribute the campus resources QR Codes around campus at places like Hillside, the Library, and wherever they are needed

Adjournment Time: 6:06pm