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University of Rhode Island Student Senate
October 15th, 2025 General Assembly Agenda

Recording Secretary:

Meeting Start Time:

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Senator/Chair ____ moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Senator/Chair ____

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator/Chair ____ moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator/Chair ____

E. PUBLIC FORUM

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organizations Committee - Dickson in Milner's absentia
- Academic Affairs Committee
- External Affairs Committee
- Cultural Affairs Committee
- Campus Affairs Committee

G. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH/CABINET

- Speaker of the Assembly
- Student Body President
- Student Body Vice President
- Director of the Treasury
- Director of Communications

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Constitutional Review Committee
- Elections Committee
- Podcast Committee

I. REPORT OF THE COURT

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

K. SPECIAL ORDERS

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

SS-25/26-14 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “URI ROLLER HOCKEY” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “URI Roller Hockey” mission statement is, “*Provide a fun alternative to ice hockey that allows students to continue to play hockey at a competitive level in college*”, and

Whereas, URI Roller Hockey meets the requirements to be a senate-recognized student organization, and

Whereas, it is custom for the senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges URI Roller Hockey as a recognized organization.

SPONSOR:	Student Organizations Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Milner
DATE:	Wednesday, October 15, 2025
RECOMMENDATION:	(6-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-25/26-15 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “HAITIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the "Haitian Student Association" mission statement is, “*To celebrate and promote the rich culture, history, and contributions of Haiti, while fostering unity among students of Haitian descent, people of color, and the broader Caribbean diaspora*”, and

Whereas, Haitian Student Association meets the requirements to be a senate-recognized student organization, and

Whereas, it is custom for the senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges Haitian Student Association as a recognized organization.

Resolved, that Haitian Student Association is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$100 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:	Student Organizations Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Milner
DATE:	Wednesday, October 15, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

(6-0-0)

EXPIRATION:

Valid Until next re-recognition

ACTION:

Vote Tonight

**SS-25/26-16– BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “Rhody F1rst” AS
A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, the "Rhody F1rst" mission statement is, *“To support, empower, and celebrate first-generation college students.”*, and

Whereas, Rhody F1rst meets the requirements to be a senate-recognized student organization,
and

Whereas, it is custom for the senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges Rhody F1rst as a
recognized organization.

Resolved, that Rhody F1rst is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$100
which is to be paid out over the course of the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:

Student Organizations Committee

BILL HANDLER:

Chairman Milner

DATE:

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

(6-0-0)

EXPIRATION:

Valid Until next re-recognition

ACTION:

Vote Tonight

**SS-25/26-11 – BILL AMENDING THE STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS TO REFLECT
NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION POLICY**

Whereas, the Student Organizations Committee is responsible for recognizing and supporting
student organizations on campus; and

Whereas, student organizations currently may submit recognition applications and model
constitutions at any point during the academic calendar; and

Whereas, the lack of submission structure creates administrative challenges and restricts
organizations from having adequate time to transition into Senate recognition and utilize funds;
and

Whereas, establishing a six-week deadline ensures sufficient time for Senate review, while
providing organizations with time to apply; and

Whereas, organizations that miss the deadline will retain the ability to apply and be reviewed the following semester; and

Whereas, following the deadline, the Student Organizations Committee will utilize the remaining weeks of the semester to advise, support, and run programs to assist the existing club roster

Resolved, be it enacted by the University of Rhode Island Student Senate that:

Section 1. Definition

- 1.1 The Student Senate may recognize student organizations whose missions and actions are unique and serve to better the University community.
- 1.2 Recognition may be granted by a majority vote of the Assembly.

Section 2. Eligibility for Recognition

- 2.1 No student organization may be recognized which does not have at least ten (10) members, of whom a majority are undergraduate students.
- 2.2 The Student Organizations Committee will maintain a Model Constitution and no student organization may be recognized unless it has approved a constitution containing all provisions of the Model Constitution or reasonable substitutes therefor.
- 2.3 No student organization may be recognized which cannot demonstrate that it does not present an undue risk to the health, safety, and welfare of its membership or the student body.
- 2.4 Student organizations must meet and follow the proper election rules for officers provided by the Student Senate. Student organizations must meet weekly or monthly.
- 2.5 The Student Organization Committee will advise the Assembly on whether or not a student organization should be recognized based solely on the provisions of the Student Senate's instruments of organization.
- 2.6 No student organization shall be recognized unless at least one (1) member of the executive board have received Bystander Awareness Training through the i-Stand Program.
- 2.7 Training sessions will be offered at the first and last Presidents Meeting of the year.
- 2.8 If members are not able to attend these trainings offered at the President's Meeting, they must set up their own training through the i-Stand office within a reasonable time as deemed appropriate by the Student Organizations Committee.
- 2.9 Following the elections for the executive board in the Spring, clubs will have until the first President's meeting of the following semester to train their executives.
- 2.10 The Student Senate functions as though it were inherently recognized.

Section 3. Senate Recognition Period

- 3.1 All student organizations seeking Senate recognition must submit their recognition application and model constitution within the first six (6) weeks of the academic semester; deadline to be advertised and disseminated by the Student Organizations Committee and the Student Senate Director of Communications.
- 3.2 Applications submitted after the six week deadline shall be processed the following semester with no delay or late penalty.
- 3.3 Exceptions to the deadline may be granted only in cases of administrative error or extenuating circumstances, at the discretion of the Student Organizations Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

- 3.4 Organizations that miss the deadline are encouraged to attend workshops and advising sessions hosted by the Committee during the remainder of the semester to prepare for future recognition.

Section 4. Rules for Recognized Student Organizations

- 4.1 The President of each Senate recognized organization must attend a monthly Student Organizations Meeting hosted by the Student Organizations Committee either in person or by proxy to discuss upcoming events and reflect on relevant experiences. Five (5) business days' notice will be given for these meetings.
- 4.2 Student organizations, once recognized, must reapply annually in order to be re-recognized.
- 4.3 If student organizations have a problem or dispute between them, the officers may reach out to the Student Organizations Committee to mediate the issue. This complaint must be made in writing or through an email

Section 5. Non-Discrimination Clause

- 5.1 No student organization shall be permitted to discriminate, limit membership, or in any way impede equal opportunity on the basis of race, color, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, age, marital status, political affiliation, nor religious affiliation nor any other non-merit factor unless limitation in membership is relevant and important to the mission of the organization.
- 5.2 Limitation in membership is relevant and important to the mission of the student organization if including members whose nature or viewpoint disrupts the functioning of the organization in such a way that the organization's freedom to associate is compromised.
- 5.3 The Student Organization Committee determines whether limitation in membership is relevant.

Section 6. Revocation of Recognition

- 6.1 The Senate may, at any time, cease to recognize any student organization which poses a clear and direct threat either to the Student Senate or the Student Body, jeopardizes the Student Senate's status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, or fails to meet recognition requirements. Such an act must be done through legislation proposed by the Student Organizations Committee.
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SPONSOR:
BILL HANDLER:
DATE:
RECOMMENDATION:
ACTION:

Student Organizations Committee
Chairman Milner, Senator D'Aiello
Wednesday, October 8th, 2025
(7-0-0)
Vote TONIGHT

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: