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**University of Rhode Island Student Senate**  
October 1st, 2025 General Assembly Agenda

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*Recording Secretary: Lynn Sawyer*

*Meeting Start Time: 6:32*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

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| Abbot, Tailah       | Gonzalez, Kairy     | Roach, Clayton       |
| Bremer, Conlan      | Hudson, Cameron     | Sawyer, Lynn         |
| Capraro, Melanie    | Keomany, Annie      | Singh, Arpan Utkarsh |
| Connolly, Olivia    | Martin, Beyonce     | Stover, Madeliene    |
| Conte, Isabella     | Milner, Jacob       | Torres, Alli         |
| Curry, Caitlin      | Neighbors, Isabella | Troxell, Jackson     |
| D'Aiello, Andrew    | Niro, Ryan          | Volek, Paige         |
| Dickson, Tyler      | Ranieri, Caterina   | Wentworth, Molly     |
| Dionne, Ryleigh     | Ramos, Aaron        | Williamson, Alexa    |
| Ebrahimpour, Andrew | Rinne, Cole         |                      |

**Absent:**

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| Acharya, Sudishma | McTernan, Madeline | Yehle, Kaitlyn |
| Macrae, Lyla      | Paulino, Victor    | Zelano, Keegan |
| McConville, Max   | Waddell, Dylan     |                |

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to approve the agenda made by Chair Gonzalez and seconded by Senator Ramos*

**D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Motion to approve the minutes made by Senator Sawyer and seconded by Chair Millner*

*Senator Niro abstains from approval of Minutes*

## **E. PUBLIC FORUM**

- Chuck Lemieux Director of Inclusion and Community Outreach for the Interfraternity Council
  - Just as a heads up IFC wanted me to come to your meetings and see what you guys are looking for to help each other out
  - Our two groups hold every single event so we want there to be a bridge

Speaker Rinne; What is the best way to reach you

- Email: Charles.Lemieuxx@uri.edu

## **F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Student Organizations Committee

Chair Milner:

- Getting going with everything
- Deadline October 15th to submit applications
- Also hoping to get the club drive off the group: rhody club connect may be the name but if you have any other names let me know
- This drive will be a place for the clubs to access information that will include rerec, and SOC's calendar, etc.
- Going on podcast next week
- Proposing a by law amendment to have the six week at the beginning of each semester to have this recognition period
- Posters on all the digital screens throughout campus

- Academic Affairs Committee

Chair Wentworth:

- Hi guys thank you to everyone who came by to our AI awareness booth, gave a lot of students on campus information about how to use AI wisely
- Goal is to have a bill on the floor in the next 2 to 3 weeks regarding the universities policy for AI

- External Affairs Committee

Chair Singh:

- Will I be giving time before my resolution is passed?
- Had a meeting with off campus code of conduct officer, board meets with students who have been misbehaving before they go to trial. 2 student seats available
- Had a meeting with the five cent cigar to discuss my meetings with narragansett town council
- Meeting with President Parlange on the 20th of October to discuss an off campus news letter,
- I will be having a meeting with the graduate student senate regarding parking and RIBTA cuts
- Meeting with narragansett town council again, senator conte will be giving a speech on our behalf
- Doing a booth next month with the cultural affairs groups
- External affairs is here to help you
- I will be talking to you all soon have a great night

- Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair gonzalez:

- Booth with external affairs committee
- 21 and 24th of october we will be doing a tarot card fundraising booth this will be in collaboration with diversity dialogues: look at our instagram for updates

Chair Singh: How authentic is the tarot card reading

- Chair Gonzalez: 7/10
- Campus Affairs Committee

Chair hudson:

- Housing: semesterly pay is to be determined, last year was 6,000. Starting building a new building, a second building starts in january and 3rd in may of next year
- First building opens in fall 2027
- Mainfair renovations: face lift, new seating, adding a new roof
- Upgrading pest control around building: contract with licensed exterminators for 3 days a week. Put in work order with any pest control problems
- Graduate village apartments is getting demolished as of may 2026, this will reopen in May 2028. If any of you are planning on living there during graduate school that will be shut down. Those people who are in graduate village will be moved to gateway

## **G. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH/CABINET**

- Speaker of the Assembly

Speaker rinne:

- No report

- Student Body President

President Reyes:

- I will be meeting with a couple of folks in the couple of weeks,
  - Faculty senate president to discuss collaboration
  - Marcesha minor
  - Graduate student association
  - Any comments please reach out

- Student Body Vice President

VP Hailu:

- No report, but I will be working closely with dining services to discuss dining problems. Focus on your midterms :)

- Director of the Treasury

DOT Unjende::

- Finance training first one was done last week, i would love if you could reach out to anyone you know that is a treasurer or president of a club so they can attend
- Monday 5-6pm MU 316 for the second finance training
- Stipants available!
- If you did not collect your stipend or havent gotten your paperwork done i will be happy to work with you, next month will be september + october stipend if you ahven't filled out the paperwork already
- VDOT: Senator Keamany appointed vice DOT! Everyones applications were great.

Senator Keamany: Thank you so much for considering me for being VDOt, I'm really going to try my best and bring everything I know into the senate.

Chair Singh: If a club misses the second Training what are the accommodations for the club

DOT: If a club is not able to attend the finance training, we would not be able to promise another makeup training. However happy to work with you if that is true. However heavy emphasis on showing up to the last finance training

- Director of Communications

DOC: 1. Merch is up till October 13th, crewneck and the polo are the two options. Polo is for professional events, so we can look cohesive. 2. Senator spotlight, fill out that form if you haven't already. Starting with the general senators next week, group me or DM me to send a silly picture of yourself too. Have a good rest of your week

## **H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- Constitutional Review Committee

Senator Niro:

- First meeting is next week friday at 2pm, if your in the committee please bring annotated packets

Chair Singh:

- Think the population of this committee has dwindled, could we have some more interest

Senator niro: to add on the meetings are only once a month so there is not a big time commitment

- Elections Committee

Chair Sawyer

- Podcast Committee

Chair Neighbors:

- Second episode should be coming out tomorrow, very exciting keep your eyes out for that

## **I. REPORT OF THE COURT**

## **J. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Singh: DM senator dionne a fun fact if your in external for the meet the committee post

## **K. SPECIAL ORDERS**

## **L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **M. NEW BUSINESS**

Speaker: Important that even though we have a bunch of bills to get through tonight it is important to make sure that we are fully considering each bill especially the SOC bills because we are giving them money from the student fun. Handing the floor off the Senator Bremer

Senator Bremer: as a person with autism who do use accommodation, it is important for us to make sure that we as a community are voiced in the student government

**Senator Sawyer:**

**Senator Bremer:** Going to be working with the assistant director of DAI, to promote accessibility features, and working with the campus affairs committee, also all the campus affairs committee as a whole. On the faculty side and the student side to be effective.

**Chair Milner:** Thank you for raising this issue and bringing this to the forefront. What is your goal in 6 months

**Senator Bremer:** What I noticed in some buildings is that accessibility features are not always labeled and are hard to find. Ex. morrow hall, not having anything being labeled

**SS-25/26-04 – BILL ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF DISABILITY ADVOCACY LIAISON ON THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND STUDENT SENATE**

Whereas, Over one thousand-and-three-hundred students receive accommodations from the Office of Disability, Access, and Inclusion (DAI) for self-identified disabilities, and

Whereas, Students with disabilities represent a unique and historically underserved demographic on campus, which has yet to be represented directly within Student Senate, and

Therefore, The creation of the Disability Advocacy Liaison position will allow Student Senate to better represent its constituents of all abilities, and so be it

Resolved, That the University of Rhode Island Student Senate establishes the position of Disability Advocacy Liaison within the Cultural Committee, whose responsibilities shall include but are not limited to:

1. Actively connecting with disability studies and advocacy organizations, along with direct outreach to disabled students, to foster cooperation and community.
2. Supporting and facilitating programs to advance the interests of disabled students on- and off-campus, including educating the general public in disability studies.
3. Serving as a voice for multiple subgroups of disabled students and their organizations in Student Senate discussions to ensure their concerns and needs are addressed.
4. Working with the Office of Disability, Access, and Inclusion, in addition to other university departments, and local organizations to promote resources and visibility of disabled students.

SPONSOR(S): Chairs Gonzalez, Hudson, Senators Ebrahimpour, Ramos, Dionne  
BILL HANDLER: Senator Bremer  
DATE: Wednesday, October 1st, 2025  
EXPIRATION: Valid Until Review  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Speaker: Rinne; Roll call voting

Senator Ebrahimpour: what majority is needed to pass this bill

Speaker: Simple majority

**In Favor:**

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| Bremer, Conlan      | Hudson, Cameron     | Sawyer, Lynn         |
| Capraro, Melanie    | Keomany, Annie      | Singh, Arpan Utkarsh |
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| Dickson, Tyler      | Ranieri, Caterina   | Wentworth, Molly     |
| Dionne, Ryleigh     | Ramos, Aaron        | Williamson, Alex     |
| Ebrahimpour, Andrew | Rinne, Cole         |                      |

**Opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**SS-25/26-05 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “HEART CLUB”  
AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, the “Heart Club” mission statement is, “to work directly with the American Heart Association to promote heart health on campus through meetings, education, and heart-healthy events, following the four pillars of the American Heart Association Heart Club: Leadership, Impact, Fundraising, and Well-Being”, and

Whereas, Heart Club 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 Heart Club as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that Heart Club 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.

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| SPONSOR:        | Student Organizations Committee |
| BILL HANDLER:   | Chairman Milner                 |
| DATE:           | Wednesday, October 1st, 2025    |
| RECOMMENDATION: | (7-0-0)                         |
| EXPIRATION:     | Valid Until next re-recognition |
| ACTION:         | Vote Tonight                    |

Senator Milner: Wanted to shed light on the SOC bills, today we have gone through the trouble to bring the student organizations representative here today. Be attentive

Heart Club: Ali and cadence president and VP of heart club

- Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the United states
- Meet monthly
- As a new organization we have held meetings and educational tables in the union
- planning : CPR training, heart awareness training, and working with American heart association
- All members of heart club will gain leadership experience while working with a national organization to save lives

Senator bremer: is there anything we can do to help you as a senate

Speaker: how are you guys planning on using the 100 dollar benefits for the first year package

- Interested in getting a CPR Dummy

Motion to begin voting made by chair Milner and seconded by chair singh

Bill passes unanimously

### **SS-25/26-06 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, the “Student Nurses Association” mission statement is, “To assume responsibility for contributing to nursing education in order to provide for the highest quality healthcare; To provide programs representative of fundamental and current professional interest and concerns, and, To aid in the development of the whole person, and his/her professional role, and his/her responsibility for the health care of people in all walks of life. To have direct input into standards of nursing education and influence the education process. To influence health care, nursing education and practice through legislative activities as appropriate. To promote and encourage participation in community affairs and activities towards improved health care and the resolution of related social issues. To represent nursing students to the consumer; to institutions, and other organizations. To promote and encourage students participation in interdisciplinary activities. Refuse to engage in, or condone, discrimination on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, citizenship, religion, national origin, disability, illness, legal status, or personal attributes. To promote and encourage collaborative relationships with nursing and related health organizations”, and

Whereas, Student Nurses 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 Student Nurses Association as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that Student Nurses 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.

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| SPONSOR:        | Student Organizations Committee |
| BILL HANDLER:   | Chairman Milner                 |
| DATE:           | Wednesday, October 1st, 2025    |
| RECOMMENDATION: | (7-0-0)                         |
| EXPIRATION:     | Valid Until next re-recognition |
| ACTION:         | Vote Tonight                    |

Cadance secretary and ali events coordinator

- Supports nursing students and offering them academic and leadership opportunity
- Career workshops, Q and A with upclassman
- Partner with rhode island blood center
- Partiiipate in Rhodython,
- Connection between nursing students

Chair Milner: What does your undergrad membership looks like at the moment

- 130 members, 80 members at our first meeting last month
- Had to pause on brainstorming ideas and g

Senator Stover: If you know if theres any other nursing clubs on campus, like deos this overlap

- Not aware of any other clubs, sell the only clinc

Motion to begin voting made by Senator Ebrahimpour and seconded by chair hudson

Bill passes unanimously

### **SS-25/26-07 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “RHODY STRONGER TOGETHER” ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, “Rhody Stronger Together” mission statement is, “To create a safe and welcoming place for Rhody students struggling with mental health and all of life’s ups and downs. We are here for you to share your thoughts, feelings, stories through affirmation meetings, workshops, and posting your story on our Instagram as the Rhody Bravery Award of the week! Inspired by all of the students, faculty, and administrators stories we aim to break the silence and stigma of mental health and create a campus filled with empathy, trust, love, and support”, and

Whereas, Rhody Stronger Together 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 Stronger Together as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that Rhody Stronger Together 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.

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| SPONSOR:        | Student Organizations Committee |
| BILL HANDLER:   | Chairman Milner                 |
| DATE:           | Wednesday, October 1st, 2025    |
| RECOMMENDATION: | (7-0-0)                         |
| EXPIRATION:     | Valid Until next re-recognition |
| ACTION:         | Vote Tonight                    |

Stronger together reps:

- Mental health organization, here to create a safe and welcoming space to eliminate stigma around mental health
- Sharing our stories of people in our sororities and fraternities can come together
- Track team fully involved, advisor is a psychology professor
- Have health services contributing to this

Senator Singh:

- Great to see a club related to mental health get out there, what would the meetings look like to you
- Thinking about doing one hour a week meetings to talk about fundraisers and do activities

Senator ebrahimpour: In what capacity will you guys be working with health services

- More as an advisory role
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Senator Kaymani: Do you guys have more concrete plans for the future?

- Going to plan a 5k with the track team, booth fundraising events, classes with health services

Motion to begin voting made by senator niro and seconded by senator bremer

Bill passes unanimously

**SS-25/26-08 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “DISC GOLF CLUB” ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, “Disc Golf Club” mission statement is, “To promote the enjoyment of disc golf at the University of Rhode Island by encouraging students to get outside, stay active, and connect with others in a fun and welcoming environment.”, and

Whereas, Disc Golf Club 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 Disc Golf Club as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that Disc Golf Club 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.

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| SPONSOR:        | Student Organizations Committee |
| BILL HANDLER:   | Chairman Milner                 |
| DATE:           | Wednesday, October 1st, 2025    |
| RECOMMENDATION: | (7-0-0)                         |
| EXPIRATION:     | Valid Until next re-recognition |
| ACTION:         | Vote Tonight                    |

Andrew baccarie president of the DISC golf club:

- Mission statement to get people out on the course
- Provides people with others to get to the course and meet people that are also interested in disc gold
- Basically entirely free, except the disc aspects
- Any money would go to the payers to get discs who have not played before
- Meeting once a week currently

Chair hudson: What is Disc golf?

- Same scoring as gold but instead of using a ball your using a modified frisbee and aiming it into a hole

Senator Dionne: where is the course near campus

- Right near the police station behind the middle school

Speaker: Is it free?

- Yes

Senator Ebrahimpour: What do the discs cost

- Anywhere from 12-15 dollar to 25, but for first starting out you'd get like the 15 dollar
- Currently doing a borrowing system, where I give out the discs and then at the end of the day you return it
- Me and my roommate have about 200 discs currently but only 10 putters so only 10 people can play at a time

Chair singh: how do you plan on getting people out to the sport?

- Popularity of the sport exponentially grew over covid, I like to pitch it to my friends as a "fun walk in the woods with a mini game" this is low commitment of a club, my friend who started the pickleball club has grow that into a club sport. Technically specifically there is colleges who have this as a real sport. I want this to be something where anyone can participate

Senator Singh: look pickleball is a popular sport, it is trending on instagram.. How do you plan to get more people involved? I don't want to fund a club that no one is going to show up to?

- Currently 38 members, growth of disc gold: I intended a tournament this weekend that had about 20,000 people at this event. We don't really need the funding

Senator Niro: if you don't need the funding what is the purpose of being here?

- Get something more concrete, being able to have that accessibility and place to get people together

Senator Torres: have you seen the membership increase so far this semester?

- Growing exponentially, trying to outreach to freshman, yet to do that but one of our ideas would be putting up signage at the course itself to get people who are currently playing this sport

Chair Milner: just be mindful of why were asking questions?

Speaker: Thank everyone for

Chair Gonzalez: I really like the fact that you said that your here even though your org doesn't need the funding

Chair Singh: My sincere apologizes, i completely respect you and the work that you have put in

Chair niro: in response to chair milner I think that it is increasingly important to ask questions for club that we are giving money to

Motion made by chair sawyer to stop debate and start voting and seconded by chair gonzales

Bill passes unanimously

### **SS-25/26-09 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “CLIMBING CLUB” ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, “Climbing Club” mission statement is, “To create a welcoming community where students can gather to enjoy the sport of climbing. The organization will provide opportunities for students of all skill levels to climb together, learn new techniques, and build connections in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment”, and

Whereas, Climbing Club 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 Climbing Club as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that C 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 1st, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

(7-0-0)

EXPIRATION:

Valid Until next re-recognition

ACTION:

Vote Tonight

Speaker Rinne: I know that maybe it gets contentious and we come off as rude, I just want to note that putting them under a lot of strain while bringing them here and taking away there time

Chair Milner: Recognized before, but is not recognized now. Has a great community now even though it is not currently a senate recognized club.

Motion to begin voting made by senator singh and seconded by senator capraro  
Bill passes with one abstention  
Chair Sawyer motions for a recess  
Chair Niro: Do you not understand a bill Chair Sawyer? Is that why your calling for a recess  
Chair Sawyer:Excuse me, No it is just going to be a long bill so I think we need a recess  
**Vote is taken recess passes**

**Reconvened with 29 members**

Speaker rinne: Vote your heart, because you should consider it a vote for you and a communication for you  
Chair Singh: Leadership is not about promises. Respect is earned and tonight thisx assembly has earned our respect, we respect the oath to which we took I do not care whether this bill passes or not, but that we take a stand against the authorities committing atrocities against us. Me and my committee will not stop.  
Senator Ebrahimpour motion to vote by roll call and seconded by chair milner to vote by roll call  
All in favor of voting by roll call tonight say I  
President Reyes: You all know what you are voting for and that everyone knows what this bill and resolution means and bring that back to our attention.

**SS-25/26-10 – RESOLUTION TO CREATE ACCESSIBLE PARKING FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUTERS AND READJUST PERMIT PRICES FOR RESIDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**

**WHEREAS**, the progression of construction developments at the Kingston campus of the University of Rhode Island and miscellaneous cuts in maintenance have decreased the available parking spaces for students, both commuters and residents, and

**WHEREAS**, the accessibility and affordability of parking and transportation are challenged by measures intended to accommodate recent University projects, and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Rhode Island Undergraduate Student Senate, whose primary function is accounting for the undergraduate student population in mitigating and condemning actions that impede student welfare, and

**WHEREAS**, the recent actions enforced by the Transportation and Parking Department on behalf of the University administration have aggrieved students, and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation and Parking Department and the Student Senate should focus on accommodating their students responsibly, and

**WHEREAS**, issues related to parking and transportation should be of utmost importance, and measures should be taken to resolve them, and

**WHEREAS**, additional parking should be created at the University for students' accessibility, and

**WHEREAS**, annual parking permits for residents have hiked by approximately 72%, from \$290 to \$500 since 2024, and semester parking permits for residents have hiked by approximately 52% from \$180 to \$275 since 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the University administration and its departments should focus on developing new parking areas and prioritizing student access within transportation and parking, and

**WHEREAS**, the University should readjust its permit rates for student affordability, given the unfeasible increases in permit prices and decreases in space, and

**WHEREAS**, in response to growing demands, the University has grown negligent with issues related to parking and transportation, and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the issue of parking and transportation as legitimate, the constituent departments and administration should abide by and pursuant to Student Senate referenda, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Student Senate condemns recent actions on parking and transportation and implores the University Transportation and Parking Department and implicated parties to willfully and, with integrity, accept its accountability to the student body.

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| SPONSORS:       | Senators Niro, Hudson, Gonzalez, Ramos, and Abbott |
| BILL HANDLER:   | Chairman Singh                                     |
| DATE:           | Wednesday, October 1st, 2025                       |
| RECOMMENDATION: | (5-0-0)                                            |
| ACTION:         | Vote Tonight                                       |

**In Favor:**

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| Abbot, Tailah       | Gonzalez, Kairy     | Roach, Clayton    |
| Bremer, Conlan      | Hudson, Cameron     | Sawyer, Lynn      |
| Capraro, Melanie    | Keomany, Annie      | Stover, Madeliene |
| Connolly, Olivia    | Martin, Beyonce     | Torres, Alli      |
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| Dickson, Tyler      | Ranieri, Caterina   | Williamson, Alex  |
| Dionne, Ryleigh     | Ramos, Aaron        |                   |
| Ebrahimpour, Andrew | Rinne, Cole         |                   |

**Apposed:**

**Abstentions:**

Singh, Arpan Utkarsh

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

Referendum for parking issues led by external affairs committee

- Sort of a ballot vote and counting statement, please do not feel bad for asking about why I abstain from voting, still waiting for our transportation and parking meeting. If the senate agrees this will sent out to the student body through a google form

Senator Stover: was the referendum in the email?

- In the agenda discussion

Senator Hudson: Hard copies being handed out

Speaker: Only thing we voted on was the resolution

- Referendum is something that mostly concerns the student body, and the student senate not URI as a whole
- Referendums are almost like a large survey.

President Reyes: Talks of tabling in the parking lot and the quad to collect feedback from students, this is a continuous process and will be ongoing throughout the senate as well.

Senator curry: realistically after the polling thing that president reyes was talking about how long do you think it would take the university to react to this

Singh: not stopping

President reyes: when it comes to an actual timeframe for that it is inconclusive, even if we start that process now we might not see the outcome to next year or the following year

Singh: I would like to thank everyone that has helped me with that

Chair hudson: I wanted to emphasize real quick that thee resolution are our vision now and everybody in the senate that we all need to work on this together

Director Pollock: I just wanted to say that I am very impressed with your efforts tonight, you all have to debate and address concerns in public, thank you for doing the work and doing the work of being a student government. This referendum is a big initiative, my role is to advise what I want to recommend between now and whatever action you take and speak with our VP and President. Also talk to master planning, because new parking is an unfunded mandate. There is some people that are making decisions that you can talk to

Chair Sawyer: I just wanted to say during an open forum, I just want to make it known and want it to end in this space. I just wanted to say we all learned this in first grade to

**treat other how you want to be treated and not make comments toward each other that you would not want to be made toward yourself**

**Chair Singh: just wanted to echo, you are all my family**

**President Reyes: I will mostly be there in one way or another, a great way to connect to other student leaders on campus, I would highly encourage you all to attend. Incredible opportunity to take, during roll call at the end please do not pack up while the speaker Rinne is calling. Please hold off till he says the meeting is adjourned.**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting End Time: 8:00*