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University of Rhode Island Student Senate
October 22nd, 2025 General Assembly Agenda

Recording Secretary: President Reyes

Meeting Start Time: 6:30pm

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Abbot, Tailah	Gonzalez, Kairy	Ranieri, Caterina
Capraro, Melanie	Hudson, Cameron	Ramos, Aaron
Connolly, Olivia	Macrae, Lyla	Rinne, Cole
Conte, Isabella	Martin, Beyonce	Singh, Arpan Utkarsh
Curry, Caitlin	McConville, Max	Torres, Alli
D'Aiello, Andrew	McTernan, Madeline	Troxell, Jackson
Dickson, Tyler	Milner, Jacob	Volek, Paige
Dionne, Ryleigh	Neighbors, Isabella	Waddell, Dylan
Ebrahimpour, Andrew	Niro, Ryan	Wentworth, Molly

Absent:

Acharya, Sudishma	Roach, Clayton	Williamson, Alexa
Bremer, Conlan	Sawyer, Lynn	Yehle, Kaitlyn
Keomany, Annie	Stover, Madeliene	Zelano, Keegan

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Singh moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Chair Gonzalez

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Dionne moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Abbott

E. PUBLIC FORUM

- N/A

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organizations Committee

Chair Milner:

- *Rhody Club Connect with Senator Neighbors, Google drive format with information, hope to have it running by end of semester*
- *Senator D'Aiello & Dickson working on survey*
- *Gathering data on non senate recognized orgs and give them senate acknowledgment*
- *Presidents Meeting w/ trainings (hazing and Istand)*

- Academic Affairs Committee

Chair Wentworth:

- *Next meeting is last meeting, unfortunately Pharmacy is very demanding at this moment*

- External Affairs Committee

Chair Singh:

- *Tea with the Town Council, November 6th @5pm in Senate Chambers. Students get to talk with Narragansett Town Council Reps, invited different organizations and faculty and greek life*

- Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair Gonzalez:

- *Fundraiser update: fundraised \$52, another one Friday 10/24, 2-5pm*

- Campus Affairs Committee

Chair Hudson:

- *Referendum booth with External and Cultural affairs went great, received feedback, Housing is including some of the committees suggestions to improve roommate selection process*

Speaker Rinne recognized guests to speak

Speaker calls a 5 minute recess

Back into Meeting at 6:45pm

G. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH/CABINET

- Speaker of the Assembly

Speaker Rinne:

- *Inviting non senators without proper procedure is unacceptable*
- *With the end of Chair Wentworth's term as chair we will hold a pass the gavel moment next meeting*
- *Legislative change bill on the floor, voting next week*

- Student Body President

President Reyes:

- *The current incident is not okay, let's try to stay as professional as possible when unacceptable situations occur.*
- *Portsmouth High School Dean of Students*
 - *Requested Senators to show up for a panel for their Leadership Academy*

- Monday November 3rd 2-3pm
- Working on Syllabus Bank & Access Code Removal Initiatives (Bill & Resolution)
- Student Body Vice President

VP Hailu:

- UCS 160: "uri 101" for international students is in last stages, hopefully will be running in the spring semester (mandatory for freshman, hopefully will go into upper classmen)
- Met with Tom Cooley: reported some complaints, he will be working to find solutions and reporting back to properly advertise
- Director of the Treasury

Director Njende:

- Stipend paperwork submitted tomorrow, submit that asap if you haven't
- Working on the bill for the Year Book Money Transfer
- Next week will have a category transfer bill, voting required, essentially just moving money from one category to another
- Senator Abrahimpor asked what categories specifically
- Director of Communications

Director Hinrichs:

- Merch, if ordered should be in before thanksgiving break
- Keep filling out the senator spotlight form

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Constitutional Review Committee

Chair Niro:

- First meeting held, talked about elections and jury process
- Elections Committee
 - President Reyes: Elections are running until Tuesday 10/28 5pm
- Podcast Committee

Chair Neighbors:

- Recording tomorrow, 2nd part of SOC podcast to be posted

I. REPORT OF THE COURT

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Singh:

- External Affairs committee stay behind

Chair Gonzalez:

- Cultural Affairs committee stay behind

K. SPECIAL ORDERS

N/A

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

M. NEW BUSINESS

SS-25/26-17 – BILL AMENDING THE STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS TO REQUIRE CLUB PRESENCE DURING RECOGNITION VOTES

Whereas, the URI Student Senate General Assembly is responsible for voting to recognize prospective new clubs,

Whereas, currently no members from the club undergoing recognition vote are required to be present for questions or to speak in support of their club,

Whereas, Student Representatives require the ability to interface with club leadership about their operations in order to informing voting and vet clubs with adequate rigor

Therefore, requiring prospective clubs to send a representative will ensure that the General Assembly can make informed decisions about recognition.

Resolved, be it enacted by the University of Rhode Island Student Senate that the Student Senate Bylaws Article 6, section 2 include the following additional subsections:

2.11 The President or Treasurer of any prospective new club must be present at the Senate General Assembly meeting during which the club's recognition is to be voted on. The Student Organizations Committee Chair will introduce the club and yield their speaking time to the representative before the recognition vote. During this time, the representative must read the club's mission statement in full and respond to any questions posed by the General Assembly and other attendees recognized by the Speaker including visitors, advisors, and members of the public.

2.12 The Student Organization Committee Chair will work with the President or Treasurer of the prospective club to determine which assembly meeting they will attend. The vote shall occur within three General Assembly meetings following the Student Organizations Committee's invitation to the representative.

2.13 In the event that neither President nor Treasurer is available within three general assembly meetings of the Student Organizations Chair inviting the representative to attend, the Student Organizations Committee may vote to either (a) permit another member of the prospective club to appear in their stead, or (b) defer the recognition vote to a later term.

SPONSOR:

BILL HANDLER:

DATE:

RECOMMENDATION:

ACTION:

Student Organizations Committee

Speaker Rinne

10/22/25

(6-0-0)

Vote Next Week

Speaker Rinne:

- *Wrote with SOC Committee, bill requires representatives (President or Treasurer) to be present at the meeting in which they will be recognized, there is space for flexibility given that these members can not be present*

Chair Milner:

- *How does it work with the new recognition cap legislation?*
- *Speaker Rinne: Would not change, orgs given 3 weeks to appear to be recognized after meeting with the Student Organizations committee and being invited officially.*

SS-25/26-18 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Student Alumni Association” mission statement is, “to generate spirit surrounding the University among the student body, to provide information about the Alumni Association to the student body, to prepare students to become active alumni, and offer a well-rounded undergraduate experience”, and

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

Resolved, that Student Alumni 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 22nd, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

(6-0-0)

EXPIRATION:

Valid Until next re-recognition

ACTION:

Vote Tonight

Chair Milner:

- *This org holds many annual events, formally with Alumni center, seeking recognition for further support*

Chair Singh:

- *Clarification on membership process*
- *Chair Milner: run the same way as any other organization*

Voting Begins via unanimous consent

Bill SS-25/26-18 passes

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

N/A

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: 7:05pm