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University of Rhode Island Student Senate
October 22nd, 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

- Chief Michael Jagoda Assistant Vice President of Public Safety, Chief of Police.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organizations Committee
- 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

Nomination and interview of prospective Jury members

L. UNFINISHED 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:	Student Organizations Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Speaker Rinne
DATE:	10/22/25
RECOMMENDATION:	(6-0-0)
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

M. NEW BUSINESS

**SS-25/26-19 – BILL CALLING FOR THE TRANSFER OF \$77,893.44 FROM THE
REINASSANCE YEAR BOOK CATEGORY TO THE MEMORIAL UNION**

Whereas, the University of Rhode Island Student Senate serves as the official representative body of undergraduate students, holds the authority to allocate the Student Activities Tax, which funds URI student organizations and university initiatives, and

Whereas, the University of Rhode Island Student Senate currently holds a budget line of seventy-seven thousand eight hundred ninety three dollars and forty four cents (\$77,893.44) originally allocated to the Renaissance Yearbook held in the Renaissance Yearbook Category 221 Printing Line, and

Whereas, the Renaissance Yearbook is no longer an active student led initiative, and

Whereas, the responsibility for the production and management of the University yearbook has transitioned to the Memorial Union, and

Whereas, it is in the best fiscal and administrative interest of the Student Senate to transfer said funds to the appropriate department now overseeing this function, therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate authorizes the transfer of seventy-seven thousand eight hundred ninety three dollars and forty four cents (\$77,893.44) from the Renaissance Yearbook Category 221 Printing Line to the Memorial Union account designated for yearbook production, and

Resolved, that the Memorial Union shall assume full responsibility for all financial and operational aspects of yearbook production henceforth and so be it.

SPONSORS:	Chairs Singh, Niro, and Gonzalez and Senators Volek, D'Aiello
BILL HANDLER:	VDOT Keomany (DOT Njende)
DATE:	Wednesday October 29th, 2025
RECOMMENDATION:	(5-0-0)
ACTION:	VOTE TONIGHT

SS-25/26-20 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A \$2,000.00 CATEGORY TRANSFER FROM THE EQUIPMENT RENTAL LINE TO THE TRAVEL AND LODGING LINE FOR THE URI OUTING CLUB

Whereas, the URI Outing Club submitted a budget request on time for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, and is thereby eligible to apply for category transfers, and

Whereas, on October 08th, 2025, the URI Outing Club submitted a Category Transfer Request Form to transfer \$2,000.00 from Category 230 (Equipment Rental) to Category 700 (Travel and Lodging) to cover out-of-state travel accommodations including cabin rentals and equipment rentals for mission-related trips, and

Whereas, the Director of Treasury has met with the E-Board of the URI Outing Club and has determined that this category transfer will better align the club's budget with their operational needs for out-of-state travel experiences that promote outdoor recreation and education for URI students, and

Whereas, in accordance with the Student Senate Finance Handbook, category transfers exceeding \$1,000 require approval by the Student Senate General Assembly, and

Whereas, the URI Outing Club has demonstrated fiscal responsibility and has sufficient funds in Category 230 (Equipment Rental) to complete this transfer without compromising their equipment needs, and

Resolved, that the URI Outing Club receive a \$2,000.00 category transfer from Category 230 (Equipment Rental) to Category 700 (Travel and Lodging) to cover out-of-state travel accommodations, including cabin rentals and equipment rentals for their outdoor programming trips, which will enhance the club's ability to provide quality outdoor experiences and strengthen URI's commitment to student recreation and leadership development.

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N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: