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

Recording Secretary: Lynn Sawyer

Meeting Start Time: 6:32

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by chair gonzalez and seconded by senator Capraro

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes made by senator ebrahimpour and seconded by senator troxell

E. PUBLIC FORUM

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

- deputy chief mike chaley as well: Criminal investigation oversight and helps the detective investigate what's going on on campus
 - congrats , know it's been a long semester
 - Alumni of URI, wife and 2 of his 3 children went here
 - Really important for me what you do in advocating for students here
 - Really putting our campus and university on the map globally, part of that is because of all of you
 - I just wanted to also start off by saying that your police department is now accredited, our policies are constitutional and non-discriminatory, doing it right and meeting standards. In compliance with state and federal law, this is how we build trust and confidence with our very diverse community
 - Mike and I came from larger relationships, where we could build relationships and always rely on them, however here the people change basically every four year

- I see cam over there, cam is part of our public safety advisory council
- Now that we are going to have daylight saving we are going to our safety walk coming up
- We can talk through some safety protocol, don't know if you have had a change to get to our clairy report, required by the department of education and the federal government to report our crime stats
- While I want to take credit for it, it is really all of us on campus
- If you see something say something
- Swatting events that happened at different universities and colleges and were working on it
- Best part of our crime stats document is the resources that we have, when our community members suffer from food insecurity or mental health it is important that we can get those resources to them quickly
- Can I anwser any speciific questions?
- I know VP reynolds just put out a message about upcoming halloween weekend
- Looking at safety protocols both on and off campus
- Feedback that I have heard from off campus officers is that we have had good positive interactions with the students

Speaker Rinne: This year, parking has been scarce, but which areas do you guys ticket vs. others

- Very concerned about the towing practices that are happening at the emporium, seeing if that is correct with what is happening. IT doesn't seem to be in good faith. Working with the south kingston police department, towing the town members vehicle to places that are inexhesible

Chair milner: Quite timely, my car was towed this afternoon, was told by TAP that if there was unfair treatment I could report it to the police

- Compiling complaints and forwarding them to the south kingstown police, that falls under their jurisdiction. Getting dispatched to try and assist our students in terms of what they are doing. A lot of them are going to buy things and getting towed

Chair milner: a little bit jarring for me, I showed up and my car was gone. I was just told to speak to the south kingstown police

- Create a pile of complaints, to be able to show a pattern

Chair milner: This is great information to know, it was difficult to show up and not know where to go and who to talk to

- To just give a broader answer to your question, if you don't know where to go come to us, if you come to us we will get you headed in the right direction

Senator Stover: Do you know what's going on with the flag road lot for parking?;

- Just closed today and that is where the new residency hall is going to go

Senator Stover: Where are those people going to park now?

- Moved to plains road lot instead of flagg road lot

Chair Singh: Meeting with the sk police on the third of november? If you could make it that would be great. I know it's halloween week, what is historically the complaints?

- Off campus: excessive parking all over the place, blocking roadway and driveways. WE get noise complaints. There is different types of levels down there, us working with narragansett and south kingstown. They want to work with you, they are not there to sticker you or send you to criminal court. Want to make sure everyone is pleased with the result. Those students want to have a small party but sometimes they get excessive. ?becomes a safety issue because of criminal activity, property and assault.
- Double edged sword, because halloween is on a friday, one of the biggest issues that we have is when there are parties that are thrown on URI campus, and non community members that don't care about the campus like you guys do. I'm sure you've all seen the hot dog guy, we are going to be out there at barlow circle from 9pm to 1am giving out hotdogs and grilled cheese sandwiches in barlow circle. Amazed at some of the great costumes that students wear. Were going to be watching what going on, have a little patients for your RA's for sure.
- Echoed that message with housing and the Ra's to call if they feel unsafe, sometimes people bring their friends from other communities and colleges. Where people start to tailgate and sneak their way into the residence halls. Serving food for free this weekend on friday, well be out there until we run out. Just make sure that there is no distracted driving, and please be careful where you are walking. Just be mindful of that.
- Want to make sure that all of these things are taken care of and everyones doing their part to keep themselves safe. Amazed at the number of rideshare vehicles that are coming onto campus, that shows a lot fo responsibility for people realizing what can happen when you drive drunk
- Expanded shuttle system lates at night, extended rhody safe rides till 1am. Added the weekend. As it gets darker sooner please utilize this. Hopefully we addressed your concerns.

President Reyes: I noticed that on upper college road there is speeding display now

- Pilot program, can gather statistics. They don't take pictures on the trailer but they can still gather the data. Part of the traffic safety grant, eventually were going to tie this to the physical security. Feeling pretty good about that

President Reyes: What is the data looking like for the first month of the semester

- Just received septembers, let me look at it a little better and I can tell you. We didn't deploy them as effectively as we should. Use them for event parking and special events. Not useful in terms of speed and number of vehicles coming through.
- Get the one's november 1st. It will give us a better picture. Going to add more at cross walks

Speaker Rinne: noticed coming back for the summer that the speed tables on flagg road, they have been extended to go the full length of the road

- Consulted on that, part of it was they took out the old ones, vehicles used to get bottomed out and damaged was caused. Seemed more useful to slow down traffic.
- Student still able to park next to the speed bumps
- Tried to give you as many spaces as possible
- Make sure to stop at the grill

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organizations Committee

Chair Milner:

- Were having our one and only major presidency meeting this semester, for those of us that don't know the student organization meeting host a monthly thing, where 130 senate recognized clubs precedence all in the same place. November 13th at 6pm in pastore hall room 124. This is specifically to talk about conduct policies, rereognition. Real goal to build the club community, one of the main goals is to make sure everyone feels connected as they are all students with passions. Really interested in getting those people in a room. Best part of the job. Pizza. Hoping this is really productive 45 minutes to an 1 hour of programing. You may ask why would you do that? They need to be attending these meeting it is mandatory or they will be getting delayed in booking for the next academic year. They will also not be considered in the same way when there are vacant office spaces in the next semester! AND THERE WILL BE SOME. If you can not go your next highest ranking executive needs to go. This is akin to the finance

Senator stover: What if there are two presidents

- Both can go
- Academic Affairs Committee

Chair Wentworth:

- Not really a report but thank you for a great first couple months this semester. Think you are all fantastic. Want to yield the rest of my time to the vice chair senator troxell

Senator Troxell:

- Next week we will have a bill on the floor that would establish a precedence list for a 3.8 gpa level requirement. An increasing amount of students are achieving higher than that for the students that are achieving higher than that. A ton of schools around us are doing

similar things. Working with a member of the faculty senate to try to get this legislation change. Other members of the committee have reached out to the deans of our colleges, discussing that internally. Hoping to gain that support from them. Any questions send me a message

- External Affairs Committee

Chair Singh:

- Meeting with the south kingstown chief of police on the third of november, dm with any issues
- Tried to set up a meeting with the URI communications department ofr the off campus news letter, I will be updating you more as we move forward
- Want to do a booth before going home in december, to promote the parking referendum with cultural and campus
- Tea with town council event, we have three town councilers are coming so try and show up
- Sent my invitations out
- Have a good rest of your night
- Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair gonzalez:

- Tarot card fundraiser went great we raised over 100 dollars.
- Advertising a class that isn't commonly filled, look at our page. LDR 291, rose butler brown mentoring program
- Campus Affairs Committee

Chair hudson:

- Some new concerns for on campus
- Thanks to senator mcconvilles efforts tom colley is now thinking about implementing a peanut free option on the housing preference form
- Residence can't part in faculty lot after 5 want to work with TAP on that to try and extend the time
- Health services have stopped providing doctors notes for certain visits, however professors do require doctors notes to be excused. Kinds need this back
- Gym: want to put hairdryers in the gym and want to see where the URI themed weights are, that were promised to us a few meeting ago
- Want to put a clock in the butterfield dining hall dish room, which has been pestering the workers
- Corillo has not responded to us, and neither have his assistance
- Maybe thinking about doing pie and senator, bake sale, or some coupons

G. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH/CABINET

- Speaker of the Assembly

Chair Rinne:

- Nothing so much tonight, a lot on the agenda
- By law change on the agenda, hope it passes but if you have any reservations please look at it now
- Student Body President

President Reyes:

- First I want to start with the portsmith
- Thank you to those that went to the pumpkin carving with president parlang, they were really excited to see such a good turnout
- Shared the google drive with everyone
- In previous meeting i mentioned that we are reaching out to other senates at other universities have heard back from two
- Have 3 of the 4 jury nominations.
- Highly encourage you guys to go to the events that are put on by the senate, make yourself present because that encourages everyone to do events
- Multicultural formal, november 21st at 8pm be on the lookout for that, dress nice. Come out, there is going to be a prom king and queen scenario. You'll be hearing more from me when it comes to the nomination of the jury. Be mindful of your tone and your questions when asking them

- Student Body Vice President

VP Hailu: NO REPORT! I WISH YOU A VERY NICE WEEK STAY SAFE

- Director of the Treasury

DOT UNJENDE:

- Good evening fellow senator and chairs, bill on the floor essentially to transfer 2,000 dollars from travel club equipment to travel account. Want to get this transferred asap. They do more traveling
- 77,000 dollars from yearbook to the memorial union seal account, reminder that the yearbook has previously been taken care of by a club that can not fulfil there duties in light of events. Again it is up to you to decide if you want that to happen. We'll be able to make a great informed decision
- Director of Communications

President Reyes on behavior: Next week we will be doing a fit check reel for the senators, if you want to come, come as best dressed professionally. Probably doing a poll for best dressed. Doing a bracket. Come out and be dressed.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Constitutional Review Committee

Chair Niro: No report

- Elections Committee

Chair Sawyer:

- Podcast Committee

Chair neighbors:

- Not much tonight, last week we filmed with arpan, it was a very very entertaining filming session highly recommend everyone watch, filming a veterans day episode next week keep your eyes out for that.

I. REPORT OF THE COURT

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Troxell:

- Another organization in apart of the college of education, film night
- November 6th at 7pm

Chair Singh:

- Off campus code of conduct, made by nominations any still thinks or feels they are going to be on that board, madam president if you could just approve it that will be good

Senator Ebrahimpour:

- Military ball on november 15 rsvp, memorial union ballroom, fill out this form. We do have options for plus 1, 2, and 3, and other option.

Senator Stover:

- Uri musician guild show in the atrium, \$5 going to the Palestine childrens relief fund. Show up in costume

Chair Milner:

- Are you in the band, and what do you play/sing

Senator Stover:

- One URI affiliated band, and two off campus non affiliated band. I am in a band and i'm a vocalist.

Chair hudson:

– post out in collaboration with cultural and external like it and interact

K. SPECIAL ORDERS

Pass the gavel for our dear Wentworth that is moving on (**cole makes a kissy face, and starts crying**), don't feel pressured to say anything. If you don't have anything to say just say good luck and move on.

- Pass the gavel going on.

Nomination and interview of prospective Jury members

President reyes:

- The jury consists of five jurors, currently four nominees only three are present. Be mindful of you tone and the questions you are asking back to you guys for questions

Cam cameron:

- Freshman
- Psych major, I'm looking for ways to get involved on campus
- Thinking of switching from psych to law
- Want to make sure their issues are heard and addressed

Chair Milner:

- Did you interview to be a tour guide, mentioned you had a interest in law can you connect that for me

Cam cameron:

- Good at argumenting
- Wants to make a lot of money

Molly crows:

- Double major, a ton of credential
- Interested in a member of the jury, wants to make sure that everyone gets respect regardless of their situation

Senator dickson:

- Where does your interest in majoring in chinese come from

Molly crows:

- Started and just didn't want to stop, learned for so long I don't want to stop

Senator dickson:

- Have you studied abroad

Molly crows:

- Want to study abroad and work abroad, maybe become a full bright scholar

Speaker Rinne:

- Can you tell me about performative rather than punitive measures with senate, members that tend to get expelled would have no come to senate meeting

Molly crows:

- An approach would be why they aren't coming to the meetings but also reinforce that you have to make an effort if you want to be a member. Continue to operate with a level of success that they have. Don't really know a lot about how this works

Senator niro:

- Going forward with complaints your going to be likely to need to be withdrawn, is there anybody in this room that you would subscribe to, is there anybody in here that you would listen to given a complain

Molly crows:

- I would still hold to the bylaws and constitution first and foremost, try my best to leave my bias at the door because that is not relevant to what goes on

Senator niro:

- Have you read the section on the judiciary already

Chloe:

- I'm from maine, I'm a freshman here at URI and I am part of the leadership minor and majoring in psychology. In high school I was the class representative and I dealt with student affairs. I really appreciate the work you guys do

Chair Singh:

- Confidentiality is a big part of jury, how do you plan to maintain confidentiality while giving out the right information. What kind of respect do you have toward the student senate?

Owen: seems like you guys do a lot with the senate

End of questions

President reyes: volunteered to be a part of this, and is going to receive training. One more individual next week!.

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

Senator Stover:

- Is this just saying that you don't need someone to be present

Chair Milner: as part of the recognition process a member of the club needs to be present, give people a stake in what they do, and analyzes with the club can add to campus. Gives everyone a reason to come to general

Speaker Rinne:

- When they don't come to the meeting and provides programing,

Senator Ebrahimpour:

- Good idea and requires them to actually put some skin the game

Speaker Rinne:

- The period that we are deliberating on clubs is shortening, this isn't going to allow for them to change.

Voting by secret ballot, 15 yes and 8 no's bill does not pass

**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

President Reyes:

- Basically like I explained last couple of meeting, yearbook was originally done by students but this year the memorial union director has asked that the money goes to the memorial union for the budget was originally intended to. If the bill does not pass then the money just sits there. This way we could still have a yearbook for those who potions it

Motion to start voting by senator singh and senator hudson.

Motion passes with 1 opposed

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.

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

Unjende: amazing club and has a lot of outing activities toward the end of the semester, and exchange students get to go and has big participation. Find outing club is a great way to go to outing around the state and neighboring regions. Not giving money just relocating this money for them. Rest my case.

Motion to begin voting made by chair singh and seconded by senator ebrahimpour

Bill passes unanimously

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

Senator dickson: I just wanted to touch point on the bill two previously, I just wish that there was more discussion. Cole talked to everyone about this in SOC. I wish that if people had an issue they would speak up and collaborate with us. I guess just for future bills I wish for some discussion

President Reyes:

Today during the guest speaker I saw most of you on your computers and phones and side conversations. I think it's a little disrespectful, realistically there should only be typing from the recording secretary and the cigar representatives. I just urge you to be mindful. The more talking there is the longer you are here. Be mindful of each other and don't pack up during roll call.

Chair milner: thank you for getting that point out vice chair dickson I wish we had that discussion. Potential judiciary members, need to be mindful of the types of questions that within their breadth of knowledge. I don't think right now is the time to ask questions about the bylaws. Make sure they feel welcomed into the space.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: 8:24