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**University of Rhode Island Student Senate**  
October 2nd, 2024 General Assembly Agenda

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*Recording Secretary: Lynn Sawyer*

*Meeting Start Time:*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**E. PUBLIC FORUM**

*Pierre St-Germain, Director of Dining and Conference Services*

**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**

- Elections Committee

**I. REPORT OF THE COURT**

**J. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**K. SPECIAL ORDERS**

**L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

**SS-24/25-06 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “URI Photography Club” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, the “URI Photography Club” mission statement is, “To give URI students the opportunity to express themselves through photography. To provide a collaborative environment for members to enhance their technical skills and artistic vision through workshops, critiques, and hands-on practice. The club often organizes photo shoots, exhibitions, and discussions, fostering both creative growth and technical proficiency. By bringing together students from levels of experience, the club also encourages networking and the exchange of ideas, creating a supportive network for aspiring photographers to learn from one another and share their work with a broader audience”, and

Whereas, URI Photography 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 URI Photography Club as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that URI Photography Club is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$100 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:	Student Organizations Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Hook
DATE:	September 25th, 2024
RECOMMENDATION:	(4-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**SS-24/25-07 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “URI Surf Club” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, the “URI Surf Club” mission statement is, “Bring the sport of surfing to the URI campus. Making it more accessible and enjoyable to the student body and providing connections outside other student organizations”, and

Whereas, URI Surf 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 URI Surf Club as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that URI Surf Club is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$100 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

SPONSOR: Student Organizations Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Hook  
DATE: September 25th, 2024  
RECOMMENDATION: (4-0-0)  
EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

**SS-24/25-08 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “URI Badminton Club” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, the “URI Badminton Club” mission statement is, “Unite players all over the URI campus who have a love for playing badminton. This organization strives to teach other students the ins and outs of badminton while being able to have fun with their friends, meeting new people, and playing matches with people of all different levels of experience. Badminton is a sport that requires endurance, strength, strategy, and patience. Members of the club will learn these skills and the importance of working together”, and

Whereas, URI Badminton 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 URI Badminton Club as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that URI Badminton Club is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$100 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

SPONSOR: Student Organizations Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Hook  
DATE: September 25th, 2024  
RECOMMENDATION: (3-1-0)  
EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

**SS-24/25-09 – BILL CALLING FOR THE NAME CHANGE OF “STUDENT ALLIANCE FOR THE WELFARE OF AFRICA” TO “AFRICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, the organization “Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa” will change their name to “African Student Organization”

Whereas, African Student Organization continues to meet the requirements to be a senate-recognized student organization,

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges African Student Organization as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that African Student Organization will keep the financial status of Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa.

SPONSOR: Speaker Peckham, Chair Buono, Senators Stadtman, Sawyer, Estes  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Hook  
DATE: October 2nd, 2024  
RECOMMENDATION: (4-0-0)  
EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

**N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting End Time:*