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University of Rhode Island Student Senate
October 8st, 2025 General Assembly Agenda

Recording Secretary: Lynn Sawye r

Meeting Start Time: 6:30

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Present

Abbot, Tailah
Bremer, Conlan
Capraro, Melanie
Connolly, Olivia
Curry, Caitlin
D'Aiello, Andrew
Dickson, Tyler
Dionne, Ryleigh

Gonzalez, Kairy
Hudson, Cameron
Martin, Beyonce
McConville, Max
Neighbors, Isabella
Niro, Ryan
Ranieri, Caterina
Ramos, Aaron

Rinne, Cole
Roach, Clayton
Sawyer, Lynn
Singh, Arpan Utkarsh
Stover, Madeliene
Troxell, Jackson
Volek, Paige
Wentworth, Molly
Williamson, Alexa

Absent

Acharya, Sudishma
Conte, Isabella
Ebrahimpour, Andrew
Keomany, Annie

Macrae, Lyla
McTernan, Madeline
Milner, Jacob
Paulino, Victor

Torres, Alli
Waddell, Dylan
Yehle, Kaitlyn
Zelano, Keegal

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 from last week's minutes made by Senator Dionne and seconded by Senator Capraro

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Envision Consulting Team and Pierre St-Germain Director of Dining Services

Envision Consulting Team:

- Before we get started I just wanted to let you know that we are using an AI notetaking app that will strip your names but I wanted to let you know
- Consultant with an independent dining firm, travels all over the country for meal plans studies
- Usually hired by the university to help understand what that contract means, look through financials and meal plans and do master plans to look at what dining plans will look at 5 years from now
- Help with any dining information gathering that is needed
- On URI campus: look at the student feedback for dining
- Want to hear open and honest feedback for dining
- Would like you jump in to get some feedback
- If you speaking tell her what meal plan you have
- Want to maximize our time together
- Totally open and honest
- I may jump from person to person

Senator Curry: Don't have a meal plan currently but did, I kinda wish URI had more of grab and go options. I know they have some options in the corner store. Maybe having one that has fresher options, I'm here all day that's something that I would like to see. Something that is not like just sitting in a refrigerator all day. People who are gluten free can not just pick up sandwiches or grab and go options. Almost like make your options.

- More sustenance

Chair Gonzalez: I do not currently have a meal plan. Something I wanted to talk about is the ingredients being used in the dining hall and allergies. For example a friend of mine had an allergy to sesame and they did not accommodate that. I get that in terms of food sometimes you do have use food before they go bad. I get why they would think that they would have to use it up. Not having other options and maybe thinking more about allergies. Maybe like different meals in different dining halls.

- Just for clarification for me, if there is a theme for a week does it occur at Butterfield and

mainfaire

Chair Gonzalez: She said this was just one specific week, in which someone had to pay out of pocket because they

Senator D'Aiello: Heard some complaints about brookside bistro hours, for specifically commuters this is a spot on their way to their cars to grab a bite. I've heard some frustrations with them closing early on fridays

Senator stover: I personally don't go to the dining halls very often but I like the dining dollars and ram account. I think it would be a good option to just have dining dollars and ram account. You can't load dining dollars, but ram a account

Speaker rinne: if you have to load money onto your ram account can you use your aid to help pay for it, but if it's the ram account could you use aid.

- If you have something left for your financial aid you could put it toward your ram account but you can not put your ram account toward your tuition bill

Vice President hailu: You know how mainfaire has fusion food, I love it but you can't use your ram account for that. It would be a good option to allow this for accessibility purposes. Cooking style: Day to day mainfaire and butterfield there is times in which they have fried food for the whole day, it is not a variety between meals. For someone who has dietary restrictions due to religion if they go to the dining hall and request something there is sometimes the option for oily food, which is sometimes an allergy. They have an option for fresh food tuesday and thursday but no other days.

- You said you had the full meal plan for the first two years and then went down? Do you feel like you cook more or don't use your swipes

VP hailu: I live in an apartment style building, after that i can make my own accommodations, but when I get busy sometimes I can't find fresh food in the dining hall

Senator McConville: For the past two weeks, I've been going to the deli and getting food but theres always the same chips do you think we could change up the chip style

Senator Capraro: I just think sometimes the dining halls close a little early, i think it's 9 but if you get there at 8 everything is pretty much packed up. I think if students have an option for maybe just an hour later for students who have late classes or need that later dining hall would be able to eat

- Show of hands how many people would be benefit

Dot Unjende: I just want to clarify an hour but with the food still available

Senator Capraro: I get it we want to go home but by the time that we get there and it's 8 everything is practically packed up

Chair Singh: I completely seconded Carpraros notion, because on the wednesday after this meeting, and go eat. Every time I go it is cold or packed up already. After a long long senate meeting I at least want something. I'll be honest the food isn't that good. I mean the food is decently good I'm just an internation food

- Does anyone use the rams den for late night, and is that something you use throughout the week
- Current late night options are only on wednesday

Senator Voglek: I just remember freshman year people being frustrated that butterfield isn't open on the weekends. Is that going to change

- Right now we are just in the fact finding phase to see what people think on campus, really trying to understand why or when people are eating at certain places. We will be doing a survey on campus

Senator Voglek: Are brownie night no longer a thing

- Nope

Senator Bremer: On the weekends I realized that at 12 or 2pm they are just serving breakfast and you can't find any lunch. There is no variety on campus.

Vp Hailu: I do not understand why we do brunch till night, that definitely needs to be changed. If there is one thing that we could emphasize is changing this one thing to make lunch accessible on the weekends. You can move on

Senator Troxell: one thing going off on the opening later and staying open later. I think it could be nice to have swipes accepted at the late night options we could potentially use this.

Senator Dickson: I'm on campus a lot and i probably eat on campus 2 or 3 times a day, the biggest issue i have is the same cycle of food at the rams den. I'm kind of sick of eating the same thing at the rams den. Maybe like a monthly cycle.

- What do you want to see

Senator Dickson: haven't thought about that

Chair Gonzalez: Pizza

President Reyes: No

DOT Unjende: I initially did not want to share thing but I think it would be beneficial. I personally use the rhody late nights a lot. Made me reflect on a lot of the options that we have and I feel like there is not a lot of vegetarian or vegan options. I just think that is something that we should consider.

- What i'm hearing is variety, hours, and rotation
- Typically we hear this on campus is price, either that is a good thing. Meal plan cost and

what you are paying. In the rhody corner store, or wherever. Thoughts?

President Reyes: I just find it unnecessary to purchase a meal plan that is out of my budget, Something we had talked about with pierre was having a discounted price options either biweekly, ever other day. Prices in the rams den went up significantly this year, including having to pay for protein options now. Maybe having some sales where something becomes more affordable. If we could introduce something like that I feel as if students would appreciate it.

- If you could see anything you wanted what would that be?

Chair Singh: Restaurant on campus

- I want to see that too

Senator McConville: Lobster

Senator Volek: just for butterfield to be open on campus

Senator Roach: Oysters

VP hailu: Steak and cultural variety food

Senator stover: More vegan options, freshman year and sophomore year I had a friend that struggled a lot to find food options on campus, I like vegan food and I would love vegan food in the dining hall

President Reyes: More variet of breakfast options in the rams den

Speaker Rinne: bring the soft serve machine back

- A lot times when we work with universities that do specialty nights, we were in boston a week ago they did do lobster nights and themed night like [that.Do](#) you guys do themed night

Senator Dionne: We do stuff for the holidays, like lunar new year

Senator Volek: They do martigras

Senator D'aiello: They have a nice on on 420

Senator Singh: Dawalli night which was nice

- Is there a singular night that everyone looks forward too. Like night before exams
- Is there a part of campus that doesn't have food options

Vp hailu: south side of campus,

Dot Unjende: the library, last year I really love the vending machine that would supply hot food. It is not there anymore

Senator Singh: coastal institute

President Reyes: going off of what arpan said, white hall, science buildings. There is students with back to back classes that have to go all the way across campus to eat. They had a dunkin in cels before but dunkin is just dunkin.

Chair Wentworth: as someone who has classes in those buildings and 8am, there is nothing around that area. I can't get breakfast anywhere on campus before 9 am

Lucas Dewitt: I would say here in this building outside of wednesdays, there is that general perception that the university shuts down after the professionals go home, but knowing that the memorial union is here on campus, but needing something to tie it in as students are studying late at night having access to their food there

- May have hit the time limit
- Survey going out, please fill it out and tell your friends to fill it out.
- If there is a need to get in touch with us @ejnnings@envstrategies.com

Pierre St.Germain

- Directors for dining services here at URI for 7 years, having to listen to that there is so many thing I had to bite my tongue at but I wanted you be able to feel like you can talk to them about that stuff. I know that there is some thing you have questions about and I will try to be as open and honest as possible

Chair singh: Thank you for being here. We love you and thank you for coming

- Want to walk away and be able to give you the satisfaction you are looking for

President Reyes: I had a good question and I just forgot it. Has the new franchise that is being added been announced yet

- It has not been announced yet, they have that contract that is with legal services and I have nothing to do with it

President Reyes: Do you think students will like it

- Is it going to speak to students that are looking for more ethnically diverse options on campus? Not really. Unless someone gives me the pointed request or demand to say we want taco bell on campus (example) I would have to outline that and reach out and they would have to also be interested. WE have a very interesting place on campus where we have a bigger school but not big enough to sustain being on campus during the summer. We have to be very specific when we make requests, or anyone could apply. As we look at any changes it is important for you all to submit feedback

President reyes: so after the franchise comes what happens if the students say they don't like it

- You can't do it in a year, it would have to be at least two. The first two years is outlined in the contract as being a probation period and if students don't like it, it can be terminated.

President Reyes: Will students be able to use their ram account or dining dollars on campus

- So far just ram account because they are outside of the program, asked to hire student employees and give some benefits to the student sort of like a scholarship program.

Price point - looking at a company that had an appropriate price point

Vp hailu: Sustainability is very important to me, is there is anything that you guys are doing to avoid food waste. I know that there is an assistant sustainability advisor

- New sustainability office on campus, we have always kept our own accountability on campus
- Also with the student worker =s who are ambassadors of campus.
- Overproduction is the enemy of any food service.
- Trying to get students to try something rather than dislike it and waste it.
- When you come to the dining hall at 8pm and we are out of food that is because of people wasting food. We try to use a software to work those numbers out and use feedback, and make sure there is a

Vp Hailu: sometimes there is a case where certain food is not liked, how does this play into it

- This is tract so that we can see what is coming back and what we need to address

Vp hailu: For people thaat have dietary restrictions, is there a way to work with nutritionist on campus to provide a meal that fits the diet

- Karen Orvona: license dietitian, and beth carnan who is also a license dietitian. If any student has a concern whether it is by choice or allergy we will work with them to help get them specific suggests and plans

Vp hailu: Do they have to go to them

- They do have to email and contact them, and convey their needs

Speaker Rinne: I guess most of my data is anecdotal, but you talked about food hoarding. From what I can tell this is from the large lines where students think, they don't want to wait in line twice if they want seconds

- More so with butterfield, that is something we have looked at, we are planning in place to do a renovation of mainfaire this summer. The day that classes end mainfaire dining hall goes offline and rip apart and renovate mainfaire. Changing the options of the rhody market, adding seats, and turning the current deli into an allergen friendly station. Turning that into a cold and hot deli.

Senator Abott: I don't know if this something that you control but I can't order ahead with a flex slipes on grubhub for the brookside bistro.

- We recently changed the system, but we might not have made the correct adjustments so I'll look into that

Senator Abott: I work at butterfield and some of my coworkers have expresed that the Sobat machine is broken

- We had requested from the company that they fix that but are still looking for certain communication
- I hope that next week if anyone gets to come by, we are doing a special dinner called the food show, so you can try other options of things that we might be offering in the next year. Wednesday and thursday next week we are having a latin heritage meal

President Reyes: The tamales were good!

- Any other questions feel free to reach out

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organizations Committee - Dickson in Milner's absence.

Senator Dickson:

- Jakes not here today
- Three bills on the floor today
- 2 clubs and Senator D'aiello
- Please be respectful for any members of any clubs that are here
- Vote how you feel
- General student inquiry survey on the docket soon, we have ambassador events where we are trying to get the word out to help run the clubs efficiently
- Rhody club connect which jake keeps harping about
- DOT Unjende helped with the financial training
- On the podcast next week, sure jake will say something stupid so keep on the lookout
- Academic Affairs Committee

Chair Wentworth:

- Know exams are coming up prioritize self care :)
- External Affairs Committee

Chair Singh:

- Great report from chairman dickson, good evening everyone
- On monday I met with the narragansett town council and senator conte gave a speka good public relations
- Met with the narragansette chief of police, party complaints have gone down
- Booth tomorrow at 2pm collaboration with campus and elections
- Disciplinary board seats available to work with anrragansette police
- At a recent narragansett town council meeting a certain someone suggested the URI contributes nothing, I stand unshaken and unapologetic. **ASK Arpan for his speech later**
- Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair Gonzalez:

- Hey guys so in two weeks on october 21st from 12-2pm and October 24th from 2-5pm, we are doing fundraising for the halloween times, if yall want to pull up that would be great
- Campus Affairs Committee

Chair hudson:

- I know pierre went over alot with us, but i wanted to add
- Currently 524 seats in mainfair dining going to about 800 seats in mainfair
- Meeting with tap today with external, cultural, and president reyes, TAP really isn't in

control of us. Abby corillo is the one making the prices more expensive

- Joe paradise from TAP actually supported our petition which is amazing
- Vice Chair: Senator Ramos. (Claps)

G. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH/CABINET

- Speaker of the Assembly

Speaker Rinne:

- If your starting to have exams I hope you guys remember to take care of yourselves during your exam
 - Great to see everyone give honest feedback to the dining services consultants
 - That is the most alive I have seen this senate
 - Bylaw Change later: please open the agenda now and look through it before you vote on it
 - Won't be voting on it tonight but abstain if you don't read it
- Student Body President

President Reyes:

- Meet with the faculty senate president and VP on monday, they have expressed extreme support with our initiatives that have been taken for TAP. They have suggested that we collaborate. They would back it up by passing a second resolution. We have also decided to add the graduate student senate. This way we have all three senate power when discussing these bills. It is kind of hard to ignore when we collaborate
 - Couple bills on the floor in the faculty senate that has to do with academic stuff
 - Met with marcesha minor she expressed the need for us to advocate for a survey that we only got 5% of undergraduate students to vote on the survey last year. They asked that once this survey is realised everyone please share this. This is important for them to understand what the vibes are on campus and how they can improve on that.
 - With all the changed in government, students have questions about how URI is supporting students. She Dr. Minor has asked that we all look through the website to familiarize ourselves so that when students have questions we can answer them or advise them to the website. So you can properly advocate for the student body
 - Will be meeting with faculty senate again so if anyone has any concerns please tell me and I can bring them up
- Student Body Vice President

VP Hailu:

- I want to announce that november 19th from 12-3 at the memorial union cultural fest
 - Working on student life skill hub: meant to be a single space for every how to resource almost like an access highway to get this information. If you personally have ideas or resource that you would like students to know please let me know
 - If you guys know anyone who is an RA or has a bad experience with an RA or an Ra that is having a bad experience with a resident. I would have to report it back
 - I got an email this week there was a listen and learn about the ADA compliance with the office of equal opportunity and DAI. With that being said if anyone wants to be apart of it please let me know, they will be sending me the minutes soon so please let me know and I'll let you know about next steps
- Director of the Treasury

DOT Unjende:

- Had our finance training as well as our makeup at 5pm
- Thank you for relaying that information
- There still a couple club presidents and treasurers that have not done the

finance training, need to reach out to cheryl when she return october 17th to find a time to do the finance training. If they have any other question email me @DOT@rhodysenate.org

- Talks about a yearbook,

President Reyes:

- In our budget there is an allocated 77,000 dollars to create a yearbook that was managed by a student organizations. In the last few years it was done by mauren mcdermot who put together the yearbook. However, the new memorial union director has asked that student senate put a bill that this 77,000 be transferred to their account to work with a company to put together the yearbook. That is something to be considered, we had a vocal conversation about it to have a discussion about. Can we open real quick.

- Director of Communications

Madison heinrichs:

- Hope your having a great week, work order does close monday
- Please continue to fill out the senator spotlight photo, feel free to send me a fun photo for it

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Constitutional Review Committee

Chair Niro:

- Nothing much to report we have our first committee meeting this friday at 2 o'clock please continue to read the packets and
- Elections Committee

Chair Sawyer

- Booth @2 on thursday for elections
- looking for first year representatives to run
- Flyers up on the screen in the memorial union
- encourage your friends to run
- if you know of anyone that has filled out the google form and not the packet or vice versa please remind them to do both
- Podcast Committee

Chair Neighbors:

- Hey guys not much to say tonight
- Second episode came out last week, it was with election chair sawyer, highly suggest go watch it. Talked about the elections and her experience as the secretary
- Next episode being filmed tomorrow is with chair milner and vice chair dickson stay tuned
- Dress nicely :) for the committee pictures for tomorrow.
- Besides that have a good night

I. REPORT OF THE COURT

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair hudson:

- **Campus affairs has a new instagram made by senator dionne**

Senator Dionne:

- Going to be working on that this week and doing some outreach

Chair Singh:

- External affairs is making a tik tok!

President Reyes:

- There is already a previous campus affairs instagram, we would have to work to get that removed because it is associated with the student senate instagram

Chair Hudson:

- When I got the information for that account it was wrong and we are locked out so that is the only option

K. SPECIAL ORDERS

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by speaker Rinne to push bill SS_25/26-13 to the top of our agenda and seconded by senator Dickson.

Motion Passes

- Through culture events, social gathering, and education workshops (i.e. drinking and driving; parents sometimes don't teach about this kind of stuff)
- Safe space creation
- Creating a community
- Want to hear your voices
- By adding RCC to the URI community you are supporting a greater unity, and vibrancy on campus
- **GO RAMS**

Speaker Rinne: In the bill it is mentioned that you guys are going to be given 100 dollars for the first fiscal year,

- Once we are recognized we definitely will be getting snacks for during meetings and drinks during meetings.

Chair Gonzeles: As someone in an organization that does facilitation, I love that you guys are doing that as well. I'm just curious about how you are going to go about facilitation

- We definitely for exposure we want to be an outlet for students, want to be there for them

Chair Gonzles: For these workshops how long are they

- In the works, we would like to have a full week during certain awareness months, having speakers come in for certain day.

Chair gonzalez: I think it's a good idea for next fall to reach out to URI 101 to do these facilitations, and thinking ahead. Asking for facilitation during these classes.

President Reyes: You said your doing education, I'm just questioning where this information is going to be coming from and the accreditation for you being able to hold these workshops

- **Speakers with accreditation, networking. Meeting will be half and half one meeting with a guest speaker and another with just member sharing a their experience**
- **Chair Niro: Fundraising?**
- **Talk to multicultural for help, reach out to other organizations**
- **Alot of simple events; pumpkin painting, pie in the face etc**
- **Colan: relationship with the health center?**
- **Talk with their e-board aswell as health service along with recovery to see what they have**

Bill passes unanimously

SS-25/26-13 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “RAMS AND CULTURE COLLECTIVE ASSOCIATE ” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Rams and Culture Collective Associate” mission statement is, “To create a vibrant community that celebrates strength and boldness (rams) while embracing culture, traditions, and shared experiences. RCC provides a safe and inclusive space for students to connect, celebrate diversity, and build community through social events, cultural exchange, and educational activities”, and

Whereas, Rams and Culture Collective Associate 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 Rams and Culture Collective Associate as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that Rams and Culture Collective Associate 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:

BILL HANDLER:

DATE:

RECOMMENDATION:

EXPIRATION:

ACTION:

Student Organizations Committee

Chairman Milner

Wednesday, October 8th, 2025

(7-0-0)

Valid Until next re-recognition

Vote Tonight

SS-25/26-10 – BILL ESTABLISHING THE CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT LIAISON FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND STUDENT SENATE

Whereas, Much of URI Kingston Campus needs renovating and many students desire this inside dorms, academic buildings, recreational spaces and outside such as parking, sidewalks, roads, etc.

Whereas, There is no liaison seat in place in the University of Rhode Island Student Senate to directly address all types of infrastructure

Therefore, The creation of the Campus Development Liaison position will allow Student Senate to better represent and advocate for its constituents, and so be it

Resolved, That the University of Rhode Island Student Senate establishes the campus development liaison whose responsibilities shall include but are not limited to:

1. Dealing with and advocating for improvements to indoor and outdoor campus infrastructure including but not limited to parking lots/spaces, resident and academic buildings, sidewalks, etc.
2. Being the primary contact for planning and real estate development and a contact for the division of administration and finance whenever it relates to campus infrastructure.

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

Speaker Rinne: The following bill comes from chair hudson

Chair hudson: We don't have a liaison for general infrastructure around campus, in order to get certain things done we need to go to planning relastate development. Encompasses a lot infostructure wise, this is important to do for parking

Chair Singh: When I was going through this bill, why don't you just do it on your own.

Personally I do not trust liaison, and I urge you to handle it on your own as a chairman

Chair hudson: We do have liaisons so that's my reasoning

Chair Singh: It is not about having a position but having an effective one

President Reyes: As a chair they need to meet with every single person in your sphere. Having this liaison might be good when talking about infrastructure. This liaison would be very beneficial to the Chair

Chair Singh: If the president says it will be effective it will be effective

Chair Bremmer: This would be great with collaboration with the DAI liaison to go to when talking about physical infrastructure when the DAI liaison might not be as versed in this infrastructure that the infrastructure liaison would be versed in

Unanimously consent to begin voting

Bill passes 22 - Yays and 3 Nays, but position passes

SS-25/26-11 – BILL AMENDING THE STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS TO REFLECT NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION POLICY

Whereas, the Student Organizations Committee is responsible for recognizing and supporting student organizations on campus; and

Whereas, student organizations currently may submit recognition applications and model constitutions at any point during the academic calendar; and

Whereas, the lack of submission structure creates administrative challenges and restricts organizations from having adequate time to transition into Senate recognition and utilize funds; and

Whereas, establishing a six-week deadline ensures sufficient time for Senate review, while providing organizations with time to apply; and

Whereas, organizations that miss the deadline will retain the ability to apply and be reviewed the following semester; and

Whereas, following the deadline, the Student Organizations Committee will utilize the remaining weeks of the semester to advise, support, and run programs to assist the existing club roster

Resolved, be it enacted by the University of Rhode Island Student Senate that:

Section 1. Definition

- 1.1 The Student Senate may recognize student organizations whose missions and actions are unique and serve to better the University community.
- 1.2 Recognition may be granted by a majority vote of the Assembly.

Section 2. Eligibility for Recognition

- 2.1 No student organization may be recognized which does not have at least ten (10) members, of whom a majority are undergraduate students.
- 2.2 The Student Organizations Committee will maintain a Model Constitution and no student organization may be recognized unless it has approved a constitution containing all provisions of the Model Constitution or reasonable substitutes therefor.
- 2.3 No student organization may be recognized which cannot demonstrate that it does not present an undue risk to the health, safety, and welfare of its membership or the student body.
- 2.4 Student organizations must meet and follow the proper election rules for officers provided by the Student Senate. Student organizations must meet weekly or monthly.
- 2.5 The Student Organization Committee will advise the Assembly on whether or not a student organization should be recognized based solely on the provisions of the Student Senate's instruments of organization.
- 2.6 No student organization shall be recognized unless at least one (1) member of the executive board have received Bystander Awareness Training through the i-Stand Program.
- 2.7 Training sessions will be offered at the first and last Presidents Meeting of the year.
- 2.8 If members are not able to attend these trainings offered at the President's Meeting, they must set up their own training through the i-Stand office within a reasonable time as deemed appropriate by the Student Organizations Committee.
- 2.9 Following the elections for the executive board in the Spring, clubs will have until the first President's meeting of the following semester to train their executives.
- 2.10 The Student Senate functions as though it were inherently recognized.

Section 3. Senate Recognition Period

- 3.1 All student organizations seeking Senate recognition must submit their recognition application and model constitution within the first six (6) weeks of the academic semester; deadline to be advertised and disseminated by the Student Organizations Committee and the Student Senate Director of Communications.
- 3.2 Applications submitted after the six week deadline shall be processed the following semester with no delay or late penalty.
- 3.3 Exceptions to the deadline may be granted only in cases of administrative error or extenuating circumstances, at the discretion of the Student Organizations Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- 3.4 Organizations that miss the deadline are encouraged to attend workshops and advising sessions hosted by the Committee during the remainder of the semester to prepare for future recognition.

Section 4. Rules for Recognized Student Organizations

- 4.1 The President of each Senate recognized organization must attend a monthly Student Organizations Meeting hosted by the Student Organizations Committee either in person or by proxy to discuss upcoming events and reflect on relevant experiences. Five (5) business days' notice will be given for these meetings.
- 4.2 Student organizations, once recognized, must reapply annually in order to be re-recognized.

- 4.3 If student organizations have a problem or dispute between them, the officers may reach out to the Student Organizations Committee to mediate the issue. This complaint must be made in writing or through an email

Section 5. Non-Discrimination Clause

- 5.1 No student organization shall be permitted to discriminate, limit membership, or in any way impede equal opportunity on the basis of race, color, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, age, marital status, political affiliation, nor religious affiliation nor any other non-merit factor unless limitation in membership is relevant and important to the mission of the organization.
- 5.2 Limitation in membership is relevant and important to the mission of the student organization if including members whose nature or viewpoint disrupts the functioning of the organization in such a way that the organization's freedom to associate is compromised.
- 5.3 The Student Organization Committee determines whether limitation in membership is relevant.

Section 6. Revocation of Recognition

- 6.1 The Senate may, at any time, cease to recognize any student organization which poses a clear and direct threat either to the Student Senate or the Student Body, jeopardizes the Student Senate's status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, or fails to meet recognition requirements. Such an act must be done through legislation proposed by the Student Organizations Committee.

SPONSOR:

BILL HANDLER:

DATE:

RECOMMENDATION:

ACTION:

Student Organizations Committee

Chairman Milner, Senator D'Aiello

Wednesday, October 8th, 2025

(7-0-0)

Vote Next Week

Senator Diello: Trying to keep this as brief as possible, bill is in the agenda but not everyone has read it so i will give a brief summary. Proposing that there will be a deadline for the student organizations to be recognized. We emphasis that transparency and communication is a must, very operational in just how we recognize these clubs. Breaks semester into two halves, one where they can be recognized and one where we can't. This helps us have time as a committee to work through recognition process. Simple enough and ebenfical for the lungevity of our committee

President Reyes: for the student organizations that know about this change has they expressed any concerns. Do they have any concerns

Senator Diello: Have not heard about it, not really something on their minds. Takes more of a structural role. Doesn't make much of a difference that is my perspective (for the clubs).

Speaker rinne: On the floor till next week, and need 75% to pass, any club members that have any grievance we encourage you to come in and speak your mind

SS-25/26-12– BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “CROCHET CLUB” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Crochet Club” mission statement is, “Creating a space of both experienced and brand new crocheters, focusing on teaching crochet and improving the mental health of the student population”, and

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

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Student Organizations Committee

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Valid Until next re-recognition

Vote Tonight

Senator Dickson on behalf of crochet club:

- Does anyone here crochet at all or ever? Do you want to speak about what that is

Senaotr beyonce:

- You have one needle and a hook that you basically make a bunch of hoops until you make a scarf or a garment

Senaotr dickson:

- Trying to create a space for new or advanced members to chat or learn. Mentioned that there aren't any current crafting club. They have had multiple events with LSA to make flowers and have worked with sororities. Donated squares for blanket. Stress busters in the library proposed for future

Senator Stover: Are they asking for any money

Senator dickson: No, sorry I shoulve said that

Motion to being voting passes unanimously

Bill passes unanimously

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

Senator Singh:

- About the referendum, DM me

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: 8:27