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University of Rhode Island Student Senate
November 12th, 2025 General Assembly Agenda

Recording Secretary: Lynn Sawyer

Meeting Start Time: 6:31

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve tonight agenda made by chair hudson and seconded by senator Roach

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

E. PUBLIC FORUM

- Vice president for student affairs and campus living - Tom Colly
 - Given a challenge that a few of the senator to come with gifts
 - Pass out a giveaway, housing chip clip and a bag of goodies
 - Please feel free to grab a goodies to distract you a little bit as meeting goes on..
 - Fancy pens as well
 - Important to introduce myself: tom Cooley: associate vice president of student affairs and campus living, has been here for two years.
 - Dining services works up to me
 - Went into college housing and never left
 - First job out fo college was being the advisor for student senate
 - What you do is very important
 - I have had the pleasure of being asked to come every semester
 - Have some opportunity to bring some joy
 - Very important to think about our accomplishments, for those that are here now and those that will come after

- how many of you have lived on campus before?
- How many of you live on campus now?
- Good opportunity to show you what we've done and where we're going from that
- I'm here to listen and support students, best avenue to handle question and concerns. I am available
- What is housing and residential life: 6,000 students living on campus, 20% of the campus,
 - Axillary services: self funded, no state funding, investing based on what you pay through your rentals
- Revenues: putting back to the debts and breaks up
- Looking at west alumni and butterfield avenue, putting in a generator farm to generate
- Looking at the infrastructure and doing outside and inside work on the building
- Adams: putting in thermostats
- Investing in common spaces: new furniture, fun moveable soft and comfortable
- Putting in outside furniture
- Enhanced service spaces
- Wanted to upgrade community kitchen: piloted community kitchen. Modern fresh and clean look going forward and enhance the experience living in residents hall
- Put in more outside furniture to create space outside, functional and comfortable seats
- Able to have 400 residents life programs this academic year
- Housing and residential life responsible for campus mail: 80,000 packages coming through a semester.
- Residents hall association: governing and where things are, leaving that work to you. What do students want and what are they excited to do.
- New University Housing: new renderings
 - Project is moving forward,
 - I know you guys are having an issue with parking this is on parking and effecting parking, not going to address that. Exciting time.
- Cam can be a way to communicate and get into communication with me.
- You have a voice to use, do it
- Willing to meet, have met with the leadership
- Little by little a little becomes a lot

Chair gonzales:

– I heard you referencing weldin in getting new furniture, I do recall some of the couches in weldin having numerous stains, is the new furniture going to be in by the time the talent development scholars come in new summer?

- Goal is to get some of the things in before the end of the semester next semester, if things are not meeting standards let me know. Including cleanly standards. Just the other day, if you have something please let me know.

Senator Wadell: The sort of market thing that there will be a meal plan cost because of it?

- The market will working like the corner store, have not been in the plan yet

Motion to go into new business made by speaker rinne and seconded by chair milner to respect the clubs members that are present

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organizations Committee

Chair Milner:

Time yielded to vice chair dickson

Chair dickson:

- President meeting tomorrow 6 o'clock pastore 124
- There will be pizza
- Please tell the presidents to go
- Not going to spoil the agenda you have to go to find out

Floor yielded to senator d'aiello

– holistic survey till december 10th would appreciate if you guys took it

Chair Singh:

- Will there be a make up session for the presidents meeting

Chair milner:

- We ask that they send just one representative from their organization, we will try to accommodate, but tried to give ample notice
- Academic Affairs Committee
- External Affairs Committee

Chair singh:

- Good evening everyone, this week I had a great meeting with the vice president of communication to make the off campus newsletter a thing. Next week we will be meeting with a representative with someone from the south kingston town council. I will be going on something called the blue light walk with the campus chairman. I will now take a moment and speak from my hear. Thank you for making tea with town council such a great events. Thank you to the external affairs committee: I love you all, you are my best friends support, you showed everyone what leadership looks like. Thank yo
- Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair Gonzalez:

- MUSIC is having a ball, cultural achievement awards will be presented
- This saturday is the military ball. On uri involved is free and will have food. I think you guys should go.
- Campus Affairs Committee

Chair hudson:

- I emailed health services about making health notes even for small visits
- Haven't gotten a reply from Brian Gorilo
- Haven't gotten a reply from the gym about hairdryers
- There is a clock now in Butterfield which workers have wanted for a while now
- Please come to the blue light walk, is better if you come: Monday, November 17th 4m to 5:30 meeting in front of the student senate office
- Weight equipment will be ready by January 19th, have all policy and procedures ready to go for them
- Blue light walk: checking to make sure all the emergency service lights on campus work, making sure the campus is as safe as possible

Chair Singh:

- We will also be looking at every parking lot on campus to make sure they are all safe

Speaker:

- In the event that there is inclement weather is there a second date

G. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH/CABINET

- Speaker of the Assembly

Speaker Rinne:

- This meeting after our reports we will be voting on and swearing in new academic affairs chair
- Next week swearing in and doing internal elections
- In process of putting in a professional development session for us: this session will be for Roberts rules and tools for student leaders
- Idea is that an advisor will speak and help you guys grow your skills a little bit
- Student Body President

President Reyes:

- Meet with Provost Walby this morning, she is behind the syllabus bank and bring this to faculty senate floor, we will also be presenting the presidents list to the faculty senate next week
- Student Body Vice President

VP Hailu:

- Hello guys, how are you doing I am doing well kind of; please show up next week to cultural affairs, external affairs and I have spent a lot of time setting up the event. November 19th 12-2pm, cultural affairs
- Director of the Treasury
- Director of Communications

DOC Heinrichs:

- Hey guys hope you're having a great week
- Sending out spring merch form so keep an eye out for that

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Constitutional Review Committee

Chair niro:

- MU 314 for next week, 2 o'clock till 3:15 next friday

- Elections Committee

Chair Sawyer:

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- Podcast Committee

Chair niro on behalf of Chair Neighbors:

- Miscommunication on publications of the episode, episode will be going up tomorrow. Is with senator roach and ebrihampour

I. REPORT OF THE COURT

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker:

- **We will be having two more meeting after this meeting, this semester 11/19 and december 3rd. The wednesday before thanksgiving there will be no classes. So I encourage you that if you have any business please do that now**

Cordinator Dewitt:

- **New supervisor for office of student office is starting on monday, if you see her welcome her to campus. I'm sure we'll bring her around too she is going to have a lot of information and projects and tasks. Give her time to settle in but make her feel welcome. December 10th join us at sugar rush 6-9pm.**

K. SPECIAL ORDERS

Election of Academic Committee chair between the three nominations:

- Andrew D'Aiello
- Ryleigh Dionne
- Jackson Troxell

Senator D'Aiello rescind his candidacy and takes a step back.

Ryleigh Dionne:

- Good evening everybody I won't take up to much of your time. Thank you to each and every one of you for putting me in a position to feel comfortable to run for academics affairs chair. Very thankful for everyone that has helped me in this campaign. I had just one goal when I was sworn into office that was to positively affect my constituents. I believe that I have tried everything in my power to accomplish that goal. I will fight for my initiative: pushing for more reforms on things such as ecampus, improvising the outreach of academics. As academics affairs chair I will keep an open mind, just to wrap this up I am a person that take into account. There is a great candidate running against me I would like to wish him the best of luck. Vote for change vote for Riley

Senator troxell:

- As you may know I have served as vice chair under senator swntworth. Senate has helped me a lot in my journey at URI, senate has helped me find my voice. Especially academics which I have been on since I joined. This semester you all know I have been working on the presidents list. Gotten pretty far on this semester. I'm glad that I have gotten far enough to make change in the university, and not just in our groups. As chair I would like to be someone that can change the exposure of the resources on campus. Another thing that chair wentworth did last semester and I would like to keep going. Is all the college representative meet with their deans twice a semester. To make sure we can make change within the college. Good luck Ryleigh.

Senator Stover:

- I wanted to read the endorsement

Senator Troxell:

- Senator sawyer read it last meeting

Chair Milner:

- I would like to endorse senator troxell, I've seen his dedication not just in this office but in tour guiding. As his education major he is really focused on academics as a whole. I can see him expanding upon and making new initiatives. I

Senator Bremer:

- I can personally attest as well as everyone in the room right now about senator

Senator d'aiello:

- I just wanted to echo Chair Milner, troxell knows everything that there is to know about academics

Senator Stover:

- I can say that senator troxell has been very diligent and in meeting.

Chair gonzalez:

- Senator Dionne will help anyone, this is a great trait and he's not even on my committee and he does things to help out.

Vote is a Tie: 14-14.

President Reyes votes to break the tie and votes: Jackson Troxell

Jackston Toxell will be the next Academic affair Chair

Jackson Troxell is sworn in

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

SS-25/26-23 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “INFLUENCE CAMPUS MINISTRY” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Influence Campus Ministry” mission statement is, “To create a space where students can explore faith through the lens of real-world application—specifically, by learning biblical principles that foster strong character, ethical decision-making, and servant leadership. Through workshops, discussions, and mentorship, students will gain tools that support their spiritual growth and prepare them to lead with integrity in corporate, academic, and civic spaces”, and

Whereas, Influence Campus Ministry 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 Influence Campus Ministry as a recognized organization, and be it

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BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Milner
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RECOMMENDATION:	(6-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Hi everyone I’m representing influence, influence is not just a campus ministry but is a place to connect ministry and real world application. Core mission: utilize influence god gives us to influence the world. Pillars: leadership training, service, and impact. Goal is to launch leaders into the next season in wherever they live

Motion to begin voting made by Speaker Rinne
Bill passes unanimously

SS-25/26-24 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “THE GARDEN” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “The Garden” mission statement is, “To spread love, healing, and open arms through the gospel of Jesus Christ. It aims to be a light and a safe place where people can turn for guidance, prayer, healing, community, and understanding. The organization seeks to demonstrate the love of Jesus, to change the perception that Jesus and his followers are judgmental, and building connection and support among members”, and

Whereas, The Garden 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 The Garden as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that The Garden 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.

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Chair Milner yield time to representative from gardner

- Hi I'm Justin I'm the representative for the garden, I know that there is a false vision on some college campuses, I wanted to make sure that people on campus knew a loving god. We like to build people up as a relationship and friendship. We like to build community, love is an action and not just something that you say and feel. Rebuilding our relationship with Christ. People that come to the garden are different people than you, they have found something to push them and we just want to help people

Senator Stover :

- How do you plan to make sure that everyone feels accepted

Justin:

- The whole point of Christianity and faith is to focus on Jesus and build a relationship with him. First through love and then respecting the truth. Including what is said in the scripture.

Chair Singh:

- I really support the way you're going about this and I completely support this organization

Moving on to voting

Bill passed unanimously

SS-25/26-25 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “COLLEGIATE RECOVERY PROGRAM: RAMS TOGETHER FOR RECOVERY AND WELLNESS” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Collegiate Recovery Program” mission statement is, “To create a supportive, inclusive community for students in or seeking recovery, as well as allies who wish to support recovery efforts on campus. The organization will provide opportunities for connection, peer support, advocacy, education, and leadership development”, and

Whereas, Collegiate Recovery Program 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 Collegiate Recovery Program as a recognized organization, and be it

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RECOMMENDATION:	(5-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

There is not a representative:

Chair Milner:

- Collegiate recovery program is located on the bottom floor of the memorial union, tries to support our recovery population. Host AA and NA style meetings. They do art and yoga. They have lots of support off campus as well something that is a national program as well. We are pretty into the mission. Looks super cool and has a lot of cool stuff. They add a lot to our campus population. Beautiful space to work with.

Senator Abrahampour;

- My org is neighbors with that organization, they are lovely to work with

Senator Stover:

- Have been in that office is really nice and really welcoming. Anyone can go in there whether you are in recover or not

Senator Bremer:

- Really nice space

Motion to begin voting

Bill passes unanimously

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

Chair Milner:

- **Just to speak to the student issues survey more, hopefully we'll have a flyer and media. Hoping this will be a student wise initiatives. One way we can craft policy. Once we get the posters, I really hope that we will get a good number of responses. I really encourage you to get that out**

Senator Stover:

- **Musician guild is hosting a rock and swap, 11 bands. MU 5-9 on friday**

Chair Troxell:

- Can academics stay after

President Reyes:

- Last meeting of the semester, more of a casual meeting and maybe we had a dinner and get together. To end on a good note. If yall are in favor I can plan and send details

Senator Ebrhamipous:

- Leaving at end of semester, in favor

Chair Sawyer:

- One Pelham East is hosting a fundraiser for

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: 8:30