



**URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
4 November 2020**

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A. CALL TO ORDER at 6:39 pm

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Bentley, Bove, Cajigas, Campion, Diaz, Gleason, Hilyard, Kiernan, Khalfayan, McGrath, Parker, Salvo, Shindler, Siegle, St. Germain, Taiwo, Thiel, Urena

Absent: Akanegbu, Alam, Alryati, Eustis, Fazio, Kittle, Lewin, Mason, Nardone, Roufail (excused), Schreiner

Senators to be: Degnan, Gamache, Gibson, Henry, Hoover, Johnson, Tyson, Pitts, Williams. *Absent:* Miscia, Pine

Guests: Campbell, Perrone, Ramsay A, Stiles, Zangari

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion 1: Bove moved to move Swearing in of new Senators after Public Forum. Second by Siegel. For: 15; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approved by Unanimous Consent

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS – No announcements

F. PUBLIC FORUM – No speakers

G. SWEARING IN OF NEW SENATORS

President Ramsay welcomed the new senators and issued to the Oath of Office to Degnan (College of Environmental Life Sciences), Gamache (First Year Senator), Gibson (At-Large), Henry (First Year Senator), Hoover (First Year Senator), Johnson (First Year Senator), Tyson (First Year Senator), Pitts (College of Business), Williams (College of Education and Professional Studies)

H. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organization Committee
 - Siegel – held President’s Meeting this past Monday; clubs shared what they have been up to this semester; met with new clubs and bills will be on the agenda next week
- Academic Affairs Committee
 - McGrath – continues to work on agenda items; preparing information on Final Exam Rights; and working with Cultural Committee on a stress relief day
- External Affairs Committee
 - Kiernan – no report

- Cultural Affairs Committee
 - Taiwo – conducted the first training on Bystander Intervention and offering second training next week; committee meeting is Thursday at 7:15 pm
- Campus Affairs Committee
 - Bentley – introduced self to new senators; continuing to work on projects.
- Instruments Committee
 - Bove – working on By Laws updates due to constitutional change.
- Executive Committee
 - a. *Director of Information – no report*
 - b. *Director of Communications – no report*
 - c. *Director of Treasury – stipend paperwork being finished*
 - d. *Director of Operations – no report*
 - e. *Vice President – no report*
 - f. *President – extend welcome to new senators; reminded all senators that need to serve on at least one standing committee (meeting times and days will be verified and shared)*

I. REPORT OF THE COURT – *no report*

J. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

- a. *Liaisons – no report*
- b. *Elections – no report*

K. SPECIAL ORDERS

- Nominations for College of Arts and Sciences Representative – no nominations
- Nominations for Off-campus Representative – no nominations
- Nominations for College of Nursing Representative – no nominations

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – no unfinished business

M. NEW BUSINESS – no new business

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

- Stiles – asked Moderator Hilyard and all new senators to remain after the meeting for introductions and welcome and Q&A.

O. ADJOURNMENT – 6:45 pm by Unanimous Consent