

**URI STUDENT SENATE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

3 February 2021

- **CALL TO ORDER - 6:32 p.m.**
- **ROLL CALL**
 - Present** - Bentley, Blake, Cajigas, Campion, Diaz, Eustis, Gamache, Gibson, Henry, Hilyard, Hoover, Johnson, Kiernan, Kittel, McGrath, North, Shindler, Siegle, Taiwo, Thiel, Turano, Tyson, Urena, Williams
 - Absent** - Alryati, Bove, Degnan, Gleason, Khalfayan, Lewin, Parker, Pitts, Roufail, Salvo, Schreiner, St. Germain
 - Guests** - Campbell, Jedson, Margolin, Markward, Olivos, Perrone, Silva, Ramsey A
- **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** - The agenda for tonight's meeting was approved by unanimous consent.
- **READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** - The minutes from the meeting of January 27, 2021 were approved by unanimous consent.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - There were no announcements.
- **PUBLIC FORUM** - Chair Bentley reported that he along with President Ramsay and some other student Senate members had attended a meeting with a company that would like to work with the University to bring a scooter rental service to campus. The scooters would be available for rental and they were similar to scooters that were currently being used in Providence. The rental system employs an app that is used to locate and rent the scooter when available. They are electric scooters but do not require a docking station to recharge. To gauge interest, a survey was going to be developed and sent to the entire student body. Many senators raised questions from cost to potential for vandalism and insurance issues. Chair Bentley advised the group that further information would be forthcoming from the scooter company as the meeting that had taken place was only an introductory meeting to present the concept.
- **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
 - Student Organization Committee - Chair Siegle reported that they met with a new club yesterday and would be meeting with one more tomorrow. The stipend and re-rec processes were ongoing.
 - Academic Affairs Committee - Chair McGrath reported that he had attended the Faculty Senate meeting last week and the committee meeting for this group was scheduled for Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
 - External Affairs Committee - Chair Kiernan reported that she met with the 2100 organization. In addition, there was going to be a launch of a presence on some social media platforms. Finally, she was going to attend a meeting of the Narragansett Town Council and one of the items up for discussion was an ordinance which could affect housing for next year.
 - Cultural Affairs Committee - Chair Taiwo reported that this committee meeting would be taking place on Thursday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. to discuss upcoming events.
 - Campus Affairs Committee - Chair Bentley reported on a pilot program to be implemented in conjunction with the Memorial Union. If this pilot program proved to be successful, it could possibly be rolled out campus wide.
 - Instruments Committee - No report.
 - Executive Committee
 - Director of Information - Director Margolin reported that the link for the kudos had been incorrect but was now corrected. She read some kudos that had been received.
 - Director of Communications - No report.
 - Director of Treasury - It was reported that the budgets were sent out and due back March 1, 2021.
 - Director of Operations - No report.
 - Vice President - No report.

- President - President Ramsay reported that the re-election process would begin on April 1, 2021.
- **REPORT OF THE COURT** - Ethan Jedson reported that he was going to attend a meeting with Director Stiles on Thursday.
- **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**
 - Liaisons - No report
- **SPECIAL ORDERS**
 - Nominations for Elections Committee - President Ramsay and Chair Bentley were both nominated and the nominations seconded at last week's meeting. In addition, Director Margolin was nominated and the nomination was seconded. The vote took place and all three candidates were elected. Ramsey received 20 votes, Bentley received 21, and Margolin received 20.
 - Nominations for College of Arts and Sciences Representative - None
 - Nominations for University College Representative - Ethan Bose was nominated for this position and the nomination was seconded. The vote took place and he was elected. Bose received 18 votes.
 - Nominations for Off-Campus Representative (6 seats available) - None
 - Nominations for At-Large Representative (2 seats available) - Indy Silva and Evelyn Olivos were both nominated and the nominations were seconded. The vote took place and they were both elected. Silva received 21 votes, and Olivos received 20.
 - Nominations for College of Health Sciences Representative - None
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - No unfinished business.
- **NEW BUSINESS** - No new business.
- **GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM**
- **ADJOURNMENT** - 7:27 p.m.