

**URI STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
10 February 2021**

- **CALL TO ORDER** - 6:33 p.m.
- **ROLL CALL**

Present - Bentley, Blake, Bove, Cajigas, Campion, Diaz, Eustis, Gamache, Gibson, Gleason, Henry, Hilyard, Hoover, Johnson, Kiernan, Kittel, McGrath, North, Salvo, Shindler, Siegle, Taiwo (late), Thiel, Turano, Tyson, Urena, Williams

Absent – Alryati (excused), Degnan, Parker, Pitts, Roufail, Schreiner, St. Germain

Guests - Bonneau, Bose, Campbell, Cox, Jedson, Perrone, Margolin, Silva, Stiles,
- **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** - The agenda for tonight's meeting was approved by poll.
- **READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** - The minutes from the meeting of February 3, 2021 were approved by unanimous consent.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - There were no announcements.
- **PUBLIC FORUM** - No one spoke during the public forum.
- **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
 - Student Organization Committee - Chair Siegle reported that a President's meeting had taken place on Monday. Chair Siegle had participated in the virtual organization fair. The stipend review process was underway.
 - Academic Affairs Committee - Chair McGrath reported that the committee was engaged in reaching out to the different colleges to see what their needs were.
 - External Affairs Committee - Chair Kiernan reported about the Narragansett Town Council's decision to move forward with an ordinance limiting three renters to one house. A food drive was being planned for March and possibly, weather permitting, a beach clean-up in April.
 - Cultural Affairs Committee - Senator Diaz reported that an event was planned for Thursday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. It was requested that the committee check group me for updates.
 - Campus Affairs Committee - Chair Bentley reported that the committee was working on the Spin project. A survey was created to gauge interest and everyone was encouraged to respond to the survey. The Spring 2021 Menstrual Product Proposal was discussed. Discussion centered around the options to be provided but overall it received positive feedback.
 - Instruments Committee - Chair Bove reported that the committee was going to have a meeting tomorrow to finalize the items.
 - Executive Committee
 - Director of Information - Director Margolin read kudos received over the past week.

- Director of Communications - No report.
- Director of Treasury - No report.
- Director of Operations - No report.
- Vice President - No report.
- President - No report.
- **REPORT OF THE COURT –**
 - Ethan Jedson reported that the email for the court had been established.
- **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**
 - Liaisons - No report.
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - No unfinished business.
- **NEW BUSINESS** - The following two bills were voted on:

SS-20/21-17 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF “BLACK WOMEN IN MEDICINE”

Whereas, the “Black Women in Medicine” mission statement is, “to provide underrepresented black women with the skills, knowledge and experiences to professionally participate in health care fields and scientific disciplines. We strive to uplift the lives of women in the black community who aspire to obtain an occupation in medicine and/ or science. Through volunteer, unity, mentorship and research we strive to empower the minds of our future female health professionals. We plan to implement strategies for our future female physicians and healthcare professionals that will ensure that they are trailblazers in the scientific and healthcare field.”,

Whereas, Black Women in Medicine 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, The University of Rhode Island Student Senate recognizes Black Women in Medicine as a recognized organization.

SPONSOR:	Student Organizations Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Siegle
DATE:	Wednesday, February 10, 2021
RECOMMENDATION:	(5-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Chair Siegle reported that the committee met with this group last week and they met all of the requirements to be recognized. The bill was voted on and it passed with 24 votes.

SS-20/21-18 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF “AMERICA’S RECOVERABLE MEDICAL SUPPLY”

Whereas, the “America’s Recoverable Medical Supply” mission statement is, “to alleviate global health inequities and healthcare’s environmental impact by collecting and redistributing recoverable medical supplies to those in need worldwide. A.R.M.S offers programs that recover medical products that health facilities commonly throw away due to regulations, protocols, procedural

excess, or supply surplus. We then redistribute recovered supplies to communities in need worldwide so all may have the opportunity to live a healthier life.”,

Whereas, America’s Recoverable Medical Supply 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, The University of Rhode Island Student Senate recognizes America’s Recoverable Medical Supply as a recognized organization.

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BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Siegle
DATE:	Wednesday, February 10, 2021
RECOMMENDATION:	(7-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Chair Siegle remarked that this group had met with the committee last week and earlier this week. Thomas Bonneau was in attendance to explain the group's mission. The bill was voted on and it passed with 25 votes.

- **GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM** - Chair Bentley thanked everyone for their feedback on the 2021 Menstrual Products Proposal and he provided the link to the Spin survey. Chair Kiernan was requesting teambuilding ideas for future events.
- **Special Orders**
 - Swearing in of new Senators - This would have to take place next week as President Ramsay was not in attendance.
 - Nominations for the Elections Committee - None.
 - Chair Siegle made a motion to open the floor for nominations to the Treasury Committee. This was seconded by Chair Bentley and approved by 23 votes.
 - Chair Siegle nominated Isaiah Kittel and Chris Hoover to the Treasury Committee. These nominations were both seconded by Chair Bentley.
 - Chair Siegle made a motion to elect tonight. This was seconded by Chair Bentley and passed with 23 votes.
Both Kittel and Hoover were elected with 21 votes each.
- **ADJOURNMENT** - 7:14 p.m.