

URI STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
17 February 2021

- **CALL TO ORDER** - 6:32 p.m.
- **ROLL CALL**
 - Present** - Alryati, Bentley, Blake, Bose, Bove, Cajigas, Campion, Diaz, Eustis, Gamache, Gibson, Gleason, Henry, Hilyard, Hoover, Johnson, Kiernan, Kittel, McGrath, North, Parker, Salvo, Schindler, Siegle, Silvia, Taiwo, Thiel, Tyson, Williams
 - Absent** - Degnan, Olivos, Pitts, Roufail, Schreiner, St. Germain, Turano, Urena
 - Guests** - Asante, Campbell, Markward, Perrone, Ramsay A., Ramsay M., Stiles
- **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** - Bove made a motion to add Bill SS 20/21-19 under New Business to the agenda. This motion was seconded by Bentley. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.
- **READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** - The minutes from the meeting of February 10, 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 the stipend review process was ongoing and mentioned that if anyone was still interested in joining the Treasury Committee, there were still seats available.
 - Academic Affairs Committee - Chair McGrath reported would be attending another meeting with the Provost before the end of the month. There was a Faculty Senate meeting planned for tomorrow. Someone from the University of Connecticut had contacted him to discuss the effects and challenges of remote learning.
 - External Affairs Committee - No report.
 - Cultural Affairs Committee - Chair Taiwo thanked everyone who attended their most recent event. There was another event planned for next week. Also, committee members were reminded to respond to the chat when information was posted.
 - Campus Affairs Committee - Chair Bentley reported that a survey had been sent out regarding the Spin proposal. Only 64 responses had been received. Of those 64 responses, most were positive but with the same concerns of the potential for vandalism and misuse being highlighted. There was another meeting planned for next week. With regard to the Menstrual Product Bill, quotes were being gathered to decide which company to purchase items from.
 - Instruments Committee - Chair Bove reported that there was a bill on the floor to amend the constitution and a bill regarding the by-laws would be following.

- Executive Committee
 - Director of Information - Director Margolin read the various kudos received throughout the week.
 - Director of Communications - No report.
 - Director of Treasury - Director Asante reported that meetings were ongoing with the various organizations regarding the budget process. All budgets were due by March 1, 2021.
 - Director of Operations - No report.
 - Vice President - Vice President Ramsay reported that the meeting minutes were being reviewed and issues were being addressed. Also, information would be forthcoming regarding the Presidential Search Committee results.
 - President - President Ramsay reported that she had been a part of the Young Adult Task Force and the outreach from that group was trying to be expanded. In addition, she reminded the group that office hours need to be completed on a weekly basis. Committee work was considered as office hours. Two office hours were required per week.
- **REPORT OF THE COURT** - No report.
- **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**
 - Liaisons - No report.
- **Special Orders**
 - Swearing in of new senators - New senators were sworn in by President Ramsay
 - Nominations for the Elections Committee - There were no nominations for the Elections Committee.
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - No unfinished business.
- **NEW BUSINESS** - Bill SS 20/21-19 - Bill Calling for the Revision of the Third Amendment of the University of Rhode Island Student Senate Constitution was put on the floor by Chair Bove. This bill will be voted on in three weeks.

SS 20/21-19 Bill Calling for the revision of the Third Amendment of the University of Rhode Island Student Senate Constitution

Whereas, the Instruments Committee has fulfilled its charge in completing the University of Rhode Island Student Senate's Instruments of Organization, and therefore has found it necessary to amend the University of Rhode Island Constitution as follows, now therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Moderator of the Assembly shall henceforth be known and referred to as the Speaker of the Assembly and all references to the Moderator of the Assembly in both the University of Rhode Island Student Senate Constitution and the University of Rhode Island Student Senate Bylaws shall be amended accordingly, and be it further,

Resolved, that the word "elected" in Article V, Section D, Part 6, be struck from the University of Rhode Island Student Senate Constitution and replaced with the word "confirmed", and be it further,

Resolved, that Article VI, Section D, Part 2, Subpart f, be struck from the University of Rhode Island Student Senate Constitution, and that Article 2, Section 2, Part 2, as well as Article 2, Section 9, Part 6, be struck from the University of Rhode Island Student Senate Bylaws, and be it further,

Resolved, that Article V, Section D, Part 2, be amended to read as follows,

"Part 2. Director of Information

The Director of Information maintains the Senate's instruments of organization, records, and reports, and responds to requests for information regarding the proceedings and history of the Senate."

and be it further,

Resolved, that the following lines be added to Article 3, Section 6, of the University of Rhode Island Student Senate Bylaws,

"6.07 Oversees and maintains the updating of the Senate's governing documents and articles online and in the office, and promotes and expands literacy regarding them.

6.08 Keep up to date with changes to the Student Handbook and University Manual"

and be it further,

Resolved, all other references to the Instruments Committee or its Chairperson in any of the University of Rhode Island Student Senate's Instruments of Organization not specified above shall be struck, and be it further,

Resolved, that the Instruments Committee is hereby dissolved as a standing committee of the University of Rhode Island Student Senate, and be it further,

Resolved, that this legislation shall take effect upon ratification of the 3rd Amendment of the University of Rhode Island Student Senate Constitution

Sponsor:	Instruments Committee
Bill Handler:	Chair Bove
Date:	February 17, 2021
Recommendation:	4 – 0 – 0
Action:	Vote in Three Weeks

- **GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM** - President Ramsay reported that Senator Rossvierlin was working on setting up a game night. Details would be available shortly.
- **ADJOURNMENT** - 6:54 p.m.