



**URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES - A
7 April 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:34 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present – Alryati, Blake, Bove, Cajigas, Eustis, Gamache, Gibson, Henry, Hilyard, Johnson, Kiernan, Kittel, North, Salvo, Siegle, Schindler, Thiel, Tyson, McGrath, Silva, Bentley, Diaz, Hoover, Taiwo, Urena, Williams

Absent – Bose, Champion, Gleason, Henry, Olivos, Parker (Excused), Pitts, Roufail, Schreiner, St. Germain, Turano

Guests – Aidala, Asante, Cox, Duarte, Harnett, Jedson, Lepore, Longolucco, Margolin, Perrone, A. Ramsay, M. Ramsay, Stiles

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Chair Bove made a motion to move the reading of the Superlatives to the beginning of the Special Orders. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements.

F. PUBLIC FORUM – No one spoke during the public forum.

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organization Committee – Chair Siegle reported that there were two bills on the floor tonight.

- Academic Affairs Committee – No report.

- External Affairs Committee – No report.

- Cultural Affairs Committee – No report.

- Campus Affairs Committee – Chair Bentley reported that there was good news and bad news. The good news was that the menstrual products had been delivered to the Union on Monday. However, the bad news was that the box could not be located at this time. Earlier today, a meeting had taken place between SPIN representatives and university leadership to try to get the ball rolling on the scooter program. Look for updates to follow. Finally, Chair Bentley

reported that a student had contacted him to request that personal safety alarms be stocked and sold at the bookstore. This would require a bill to be submitted at a future meeting.

- Executive Committee – No report.

H. REPORT OF THE COURT – No report.

I. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES – No report.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was no unfinished business.

K. NEW BUSINESS

SS-20/21-33 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF “TIMMY GLOBAL HEALTH”

Whereas, the “Timmy Global Health” mission statement is, “to fundraise and advocate for the many people around the world who do not have access to healthcare. Through raising awareness of global health disparities, as well as for healthcare disparities in the United States, we can make a difference in improving healthcare accessibility. Our chapter will also be involved in fundraising for Timmy Global Health medical service trips to communities in Ecuador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Nigeria. Additionally, our chapter will be involved in local service outreach in Rhode Island. This will consist of volunteer work in areas of the state where healthcare disparities are most prevalent, education to communities about these healthcare disparities, and strategies on what we can do as communities to improve them. There are also opportunities for our chapter members to complete service outreach in the countries listed previously.”, and

Whereas, Timmy Global Health 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 Timmy Global Health as a recognized organization.

SPONSOR: Student Organizations Committee

BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Siegle

DATE: Wednesday, April 7, 2021

RECOMMENDATION: (5-0-0)

EXPIRATION: Valid Until next re-recognition

ACTION: Vote Tonight

Chair Siegle said that this group had met the requirements to become recognized. Chair Bentley asked where the funding for their budget would come from as the budget had been finalized last week. They would be awarded a budget of \$100 which was standard for a newly recognized organization.

This motion was voted on and passed with 21 votes.

SS-20/21-34 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF “URI MUSIC BOOSTERS”

Whereas, the “URI Music Boosters” mission statement is, “to promote the ensembles on campus, and enrich and support music making on campus.”, and

Whereas, URI Music Boosters 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 URI Music Boosters as a recognized organization.

SPONSOR: Student Organizations Committee

BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Siegle

DATE: Wednesday, April 7, 2021

RECOMMENDATION: (5-0-0)

EXPIRATION: Valid Until next re-recognition

ACTION: Vote Tonight

Chair Siegle reported that this group had met the requirements to become a recognized organization. This motion was voted on and passed with 20 votes.

L. SPECIAL ORDERS

- The superlatives were read by Speaker Hilyard.
- Pass the Gavel – Director Margolin, Chair Bentley, Senator Cajigas and President Ramsay all gave remarks regarding their time spent in Senate.
- Swearing in of the President and Vice President – President Ramsay swore in Chair Taiwo as President and Vice President Ramsay.
- Swearing in of new senators – President Taiwo swore in all of the newly elected senators.
- Appointment of Interim Moderator – President Taiwo appointed Caleb Hilyard as the Interim Moderator.
- Nominations for the cabinet
 - Director of Communication – No one was nominated for the Director of Communication.
 - Director of Information – President Taiwo nominated Yasmin Diaz for the Director of Information.
 - Director of Operations – President Taiwo nominated Randy Urena for the Director of Operations.
 - Director of the Treasury – President Taiwo nominated Chris Hoover for the Director of the Treasury.

-Nominations for the court – President Taiwo nominated Ethan Jedson to serve on the court.

M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM – Chair Bentley recognized his committee members for their outstanding work this past semester.

Chair Siegle thanked her committee members for their great job.

Vice President Ramsay remarked that she is looking forward to next year and thanked everyone.

Former President Ramsay thanked everyone.

Director Stiles thanked everyone and congratulated the graduates.

Chair Bove again recognized former President Ramsay for her hard work and dedication.

Chair Kiernan thanked her committee members.

N. ADJOURNMENT – 7:18 p.m.