



**URI STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES
14 April 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:33 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL -

Present – Aidala, Asante, Blake, Bove, Duarte, Eustis, Gamache, Gibson, Harnett, Hilyard, Johnson, Kiernan, Kittel, Longolucco, North, Salvo, Shindler, Siegle, Thiel, Turano, Tyson

Absent – Alryati, Askar, Henry

Guests – Brown, Butler, Cajigas, Clark, Cox, Diaz, Dzwierzynski, Hawkins, Hoover, Z. Johnson, Lopes, Markward, McGrath, Nelson, Perrone, Sandoval, Siddiqui, Stiles, Taiwo, Thennarasu

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - Senator Bove made two motions. The first was to move the voting on the commencement speaker to the end of the special orders and the second motion was to extend public forum indefinitely. Both motions as well as the agenda were 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 -

- Kevin Lopes attended the meeting to provide an update on the ongoing work of the mural committee and to request ideas and options from the senate on the mural and its future.
- Jodi Hawkins, Director of Campus Recreation and Sean Butler, Coordinator of Intermural Sports spoke during the public forum. Ms. Hawkins thanked the senate for their recent contribution toward the new outdoor wellness center. Also, Mr. Butler elaborated on the new basketball practice facility and the impact that it would have on the availability of recreation spaces at the university.
- Undergraduate Commencement Speaker Presentations – Nine presentations were given and at the conclusion of the presentations voting was to take place to select a speaker for

commencement.

- Candidate 1 - Brown
 - Candidate 2 - Nelson
 - Candidate 3 - Cajigas
 - Candidate 4 - Johnson
 - Candidate 5 - Siddiqui
 - Candidate 6 - Thennarasu
 - Candidate 7 - Sandoval
 - Candidate 8 - Dzwierzynski
 - Candidate 9 – Clark
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- Voting – The voting for the commencement speaker was moved to the end of the special orders.

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES -

- Student Organization Committee – No report.
- Academic Affairs Committee – No report.
- External Affairs Committee – No report.
- Cultural Affairs Committee – No report.
- Campus Affairs Committee – No report.
- Executive Committee – No report.

H. REPORT OF THE COURT – There was no report of the court.

I. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES – There were no special committee reports this week

J. SPECIAL ORDERS -

- Confirmation of cabinet nominees
 - Director of Communications – President Taiwo nominated Leila Cox for the position of Director of Communications. This nomination was confirmed with 14 votes.

- Nominations for Student Organizations Committee Chair
 - Senator Siegle –
There were no further nominations for this position. Senator Siegle was confirmed for this position with 13 votes.

- Nominations for Academic Affairs Committee Chair
 - Senator Bove
 - Senator Shindler

There were no further nominations for this position. After comments by both nominees, a vote was taken, and Senator Shindler was confirmed for this position with 8 votes. Senator Bove received 7.

- Nominations for External Affairs Committee Chair
 - Senator Kiernan

There were no further nominations for this position. Senator Kiernan was confirmed for this position with 12 votes.

- Nominations for Cultural Affairs Committee Chair
 - Senator Tyson

There were no further nominations for this position. Senator Tyson was confirmed for this position with 13 votes.

- Nominations for On-Campus Affairs Committee Chair
 - Senator Gamache

There were no further nominations for this position. Senator Gamache was confirmed for this position with 13 votes.

K. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – There was no unfinished business.

L. **NEW BUSINESS** -

SS-21/22-01 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE NEWLY RECOGNIZED “TIMMY HEALTH GLOBAL” AND “MUSIC BOOSTERS” CLUBS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022

Whereas, the student organizations, Timmy Global Health and Music Boosters have been officially recognized by the Student Senate, and,

Whereas, the financial handbook states that all newly founded, officially recognized clubs receive a first year grant of \$100 which is taken from the general contingency fund, and therefore it is,

Resolved, that the two clubs, Timmy Global Health and Music Boosters will be provided with the first year financial benefits package of \$100 each which is to be paid out over the course of the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:	Treasury Committee
BILL HANDLER:	DOT Hoover
DATE:	April 8 th , 2021

RECOMMENDATION: (2-0-0)
EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Budget
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Director Hoover made some general comments regarding this bill. A motion was made to proceed with the vote on this bill. The bill was voted on and passed with 18 votes.

M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM –

Chair Siegle thanked the entire SOC committee for their work throughout the year. This included the recognition of clubs, six president's meetings, stipend review, re-recognition of all clubs, and spirit week.

Senator Duarte announced a vaccination event.

President Taiwo asked for contact information for the new committee chairs in order to form a group chat.

Director Hoover congratulated all of the newly elected committee chairs and was looking forward to working with everyone next year.

Speaker Hilyard said that a committee selection google form will be sent out tomorrow so that assignments can be taken care of before the term ends.

N. ADJOURNMENT – 9:11 p.m.