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URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES October 13, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER - Speaker Bove called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

B. ROLL CALL

- **Present** - Alryati, Asante, Beazley, Blake, Bose, Breene, Cahdronet, Del Bonis, Eustis, Fielder, Gamache, Gibson, Goswami, Johnson (Nick), Johnson (Olivia), Kiernan, Kittle, Palmer, Scotti, Siegle, Summerson, Turano, Williams
- **Absent** - Aidala, Harnett, Peckham, Schindler, Theil, Tyson
- **Guests** - Taiwo, Cox, Hoover, Diaz, Urena

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Kiernan motioned to move Searing in of New Senators to after reading and approval of the minutes, second by Chair Siegle

Approved Unanimously

Senator Gibson motioned to approve the agenda, second by Chair Siegle.

Approved Unanimously

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Siegle Motioned to accept the minutes second by Chair Kiernan

Approved Unanonously

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Bove welcomes new senators

Chair Kiernan announces for Theil that OL applications are open so apply if interested!

F. PUBLIC FORUM

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organization Committee
 - Chair Siegle reported that SOC met with two clubs at weekly meeting - likely to have new bills next week
 - Excited about new bill on floor

- Academic Affairs Committee
 - Senator Blake announced that the distress event tomorrow on Quad at 1:00-3:00
 - Goodie bags, color books, stress balls

- External Affairs Committee
 - Chair Kiernan asked senators to let her know if there are issues with landlords
 - Chair Kiernan reported that disciplinary stickers are down in comparison to 2019 - not as many as there have been in last year
 - Senator Torano asks about stickers - Kiernan explains (\$500 per person in house)

- Cultural Affairs Committee (Chair Siegle yields Director Diez time to discuss events)
 - Senator Alryati reported that the scarves, hats and headwraps drive is still going until Oct. 18th - boxes in front of women center and memorial union
 - Friday 22nd pumpkin painting event in Memorial Union Ballroom from 8:00-10:00pm

- Campus Affairs Committee
 - Chair Gamache reported that the nluelight walk will be held tomorrow October 14th starting at 7:00pm
 - Please email Chair Gamache if you would like to join or can no longer attend

- Executive Committee
 - Director Cox - no report
 - Director Hoover - asking senators for help on budget and if anyone is interested to join send email to dot@rhodysenate.org and moderator@rhodysenate.org
 - Director Diez - no report
 - Director Uriana - no report
 - Vice President Ramsay - will be holding new member orientation, providing information on duties - held this upcoming monday or tuesday - senators reach out if they cannot attend - there will be an email sent out. Senate wellness week at the end of October - there will be a schedule sent out. New paper sign in sheet for office hours - please fill out and log them. Emails will be going out to those in the yellow zone (not logging in or attending office hours)
 - President Taiwo - welcomed all new senators - don't forget to sign up for committees, volunteering at student senate events

H. REPORT OF THE COURT

I. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Elections committee: elections will be held october 22nd - 27th

J. SPECIAL ORDERS

Swearing in of New Senators

(Moved Prior to Public Forum)

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. NEW BUSINESS (Moved Prior Prior to Public Forum)

SS-21/22-10 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “URI ROLLER HOCKEY” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “URI Roller Hockey” mission statement is “to allow the URI community to have the opportunity to be apart of a competitive but supportive team that prioritizes academics before anything else. This club is also meant to be an affordable alternative to ice hockey for those that love the sport of hockey but would otherwise not be able to play due to time and fund constraints.”, and

Whereas, URI Roller Hockey meets the requirements to be a senate-recognized student organization, and Whereas, it is custom for the senate to do so, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges URI Roller Hockey as a recognized organization, and be it further,

Resolved, that URI Roller Hockey is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$100 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

SPONSOR: Student Organizations Committee

BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Siegle

DATE: October 13, 2021

RECOMMENDATION: (5-0-0)

EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition

ACTION: Vote Next Week

Chair Siegle motioned to immediately consider the bill second by Senator Gibson

Motion Passes

Bill Passes

M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

Chair Siegle discusses great things about SOC and wants new senators to join!
Senator Eustis asks for clarification on committee groups

N. ADJOURNMENT - Speaker Bove Adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm