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URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES March 23, 2022

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

B. ROLL CALL -

Present: Blake, Bose, Bove, Breene, Buono, Chadronet, Collins, Cushman, Del Bonis, Eustis, Gamache, Gibbs, Goswami, James, Johnson N, Johnson O, Kiernan, Montoya, Murray, Palmer, Peckham, Rider, Rizk, Scotti, Schindler, Siegle, Thiel, Tyson, Williams.

Absent: Aidala, Alryati (Excused), Asante (Excused), Kittle (Excused).

Guests: Hoover, Njeru, Cox, Stiles, Leggett.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Shinlder motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Senator Peckham.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Shinlder motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Chair Kiernan.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Bove announced that tonight is the final night to purchase tickets for Student Senate Formal.

F. PUBLIC FORUM .

Chair Kiernan

Chair Kiernan announced her priorities as President-Elect. She stated that her top priority is to increase the visibility of the Student Senate, and ensuring that all students have a voice on campus, not just members of the senate. She also expressed her desire to improve student and faculty relations. She then announced her intended nominations for her cabinet.

Director of Treasury: Chris Hoover

Director of Operations: Jack Eustis

Director of Communications: Peyton Thiel

Director of Information: Willy Njeru

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organization Committee

Chair Siegle reported that SOC continues to meet with clubs. She then spoke about the re-recognition, and new club recognition bills on the floor.

- Academic Affairs Committee

Chair Shindler reported that she expects an increase in academic complaints over the next few weeks. She stressed the importance of making sure students know their academic rights.

- External Affairs Committee

Chair Kiernan reported that Senate Assisans is now a free for all for those who are still in the game. All current safe spaces remain in place.

- Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair Tyson reminded the senate that the Cultural Committee will be holding narcan training 6:00-7:00pm on March 31 in the Kirk Auditorium.

She thanked everyone who volunteered to work the Cookie for a Cause fundraiser. Over \$220 was raised for the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County.

- Campus Affairs Committee

Chair Gamache reported that the Bluelight Walk will be held on March 31st at 7:30pm.

She asked senators to stop by the booth for the Aunt Flow survey. Results will be shared with Vice President Rider.

- Executive Committee

Director Hoover: Director Hoover reported that the FY23 Budget has been completed. He pointed out that IFC and Panhel will not receive a budget this year, and also that the senate's contingency line will be lower than in previous years. He asked senators to do their part and read the budget ahead of next week's meeting.

Director Cox: Director Cox reported that annual is two weeks away, and told senators to look out for a superlative poll. She stated her intention to interview the President and Vice President Elect and write a profile on them ahead of the new term. She will be making a slideshow for graduating seniors.

Speaker Bove: Speaker Bove reported that we are on track to sell about 100 tickets for formal. He said that he'll be giving a dinner speech to honor seniors, and he is really excited that this event is finally going forward after two years.

H. REPORT OF THE COURT

I. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Election Committee: Senator Rider reported that the election certification bill is nearly complete. He stated that internal elections will likely be needed to fill vacant seats. He also stated that the senate will need to conduct tie breaking proceedings both this week and next week.

J. SPECIAL ORDERS

Tie Breaking Proceedings for College of Health Sciences Representative Election

Candidates: Gianna Bococinski

Maggie Cushman

Isabella Leggett

Results: Cushman: 4

Leggett: 23

Abstentions: 1

Tie Breaking Proceedings for College of Nursing Representative Election

Candidates: Justice Douglas

Meghan Roeder

Erin McGreevy

Senator Rider motioned to table. Seconded by Chair Siegle.

Motion Passes.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. NEW BUSINESS

SS-21/22-37 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “SPIRITUALITY & MANIFESTING CLUB” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Spirituality & Manifesting Club” mission statement is to “inspire students to get involved in spirituality and manifestation. We would like to teach students about the benefits of creating a better life through techniques such as scripting, meditation, affirmations, crystals, etc.”, and

Whereas, Spirituality & Manifesting Club 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 Spirituality & Manifesting Club as a recognized organization, and be it further,

Resolved, that Spirituality & Manifesting Club 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: March 23, 2022

RECOMMENDATION: (9-0-0)

EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition

ACTION: Vote Next Week

Senator Theil motioned to immediately consider. Seconded by Chair Shindler.

Motion Passes.

Bill Passes.

SS-21/22-38 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “MUSIC THERAPY CLUB” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Music Therapy Club” mission statement is to “increase awareness and education of music therapy throughout the URI Community, increase awareness, prioritization and opportunities for mental health resources on campus, provide a space for music therapy students to discuss unique experiences, provide a safe space for music therapy students to provide peer support to the degree program, increase opportunities for learning at URI through outside lectures and workshop opportunities, increase sense of community of music therapy students at URI, engage in regional and national music therapy organization board positions (AMTAS and NER-AMTAS), participate

in and present at conferences applicable to music therapy, increase recognition of music therapy on a local, national, and international level, participate in interdisciplinary collaboration within our department and at URI, engage in active discussion, outreach and initiatives supporting DEI efforts and practice and support each other through personal growth and self care”, and

Whereas, Music Therapy Club 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 Music Therapy Club as a recognized organization, and be it further,

Resolved, that Music Therapy Club 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: March 23, 2022

RECOMMENDATION: (6-0-0)

EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition

ACTION: Vote Next Week

Chair Shindler motioned to immediately consider. Seconded by Chair Siegle.

Motion Passes.

Bill Passes.

SS-21/22-39 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “PHARMACOGNOSY CLUB” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Pharmacognosy Club” mission statement is to “to promote the growth and development of pharmacognosy, to provide the opportunity for association among students in the sciences, and to provide opportunities for presentation of research achievements. The Pharmacognosy Club supports scholarly effort and the dissemination of results in the broad, interdisciplinary world of pharmacognosy and associated natural product sciences.”, and

Whereas, Pharmacognosy Club 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 Pharmacognosy Club as a recognized organization, and be it further,

Resolved, that Pharmacognosy Club 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: March 23, 2022

RECOMMENDATION: (9-0-0)

EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition

ACTION: Vote Next Week

Chair Siegle motioned to immediately consider. Seconded by Chair Shindler.

Motion Passes.

Bill Passes.

SS-21/22-40 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “SKATEBOARD CLUB” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Skateboard Club” mission statement is “With the growing popularity of skateboarding and skateboard culture this kind of club could really shine on campus. Giving longboards, skateboards, and any looking to have fun a space to meet up with other skaters. Often it can be hard to make friends and this would give all the skaters a way to have an instant connection with peers. A club like this could also spread positive ideas for safety and how to skateboard safely.” and

Whereas, Skateboard Club 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 Skateboard Club as a recognized organization, and be it further,

Resolved, that Skateboard Club 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: March 23, 2022
- RECOMMENDATION: (8-0-0)
- EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
- ACTION: Vote Next Week

Senator Breene motioned to immediately consider. Seconded by Chair Siegle.

Motion Passes.

Bill Passes.

SS-21/22-41 BILL CALLING FOR THE ANNUAL RE-RECOGNITION OF URI STUDENT SENATE ORGANIZATIONS

Whereas, the Student Organizations Committee (SOC) must review all Student Senate-recognized organizations annually, and

Whereas, all Student Senate-recognized organizations must successfully complete the re-recognition process to be re-recognized, and

Whereas, the follow organizations failed to complete the re-recognition process, and

America's Recoverable Medical Supply (ARMS)	ACLU: American Civil Liberties Union	Comedy Club Triathlon	Electronic Music Association
Ether(bound) Magazine	Exercise is Medicine	iGNiTE @ URI Investment Club	Language Club

National Society for Collegiate Scholars	Public Health Club, URI	Society: Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity	Sustainable Fishing Club, URI	Talent Development Student Advisory Board
Thrive	Wildlife Society			

Whereas, all the organizations listed below have met the requirements for re-recognition, and Whereas, it is the duty of the University of Rhode Island Student Senate to recognize these student groups annually, now therefore be it,

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges the following organizations as Student Senate-recognized clubs until the next re-recognition process.

Active Minds, URI	Alima International Dance Association	Amnesty International, URI Chapter	Anime Club Asian Students Association (ASA)
Black Student Union	Brothers On a New Direction (BOND)	Bridge USA Cape	Chabad of URI Verdean Student Association (CVSA) (recognized 9/29/2021)
Chess Club Club, Fencing	Club Dance Club, Powerlifting	CSIC Club, Alpine Race Club, Rhody Archery	Club, Baseball Club, Sailing

Club, Scuba College Democrats	Club, Soccer, Men's College Republicans	Club, Soccer, Women's Colleges Against Cancer	Club, Softball Club, Track Community Wellness Leaders	and Field Dance Company
DRIVE: Diversifying Recruiting Inspiring Volunteering Educating	Economic Student Association (ESA)	EMPWR (Formerly WOWW)	eXposure Fashion Merchandising Society	
Fine Arts Club	Gaming Club	Geology Club	Global Brigades	Good Five Cent Cigar, The
Greek: Interfraternity Council	Greek: Panhellenic Council	Habitat for Humanity	Her Campus URI	InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Kin (Kinesiology) Club	LASA: Latin American Student Association	Marine Science Society	Middle Eastern Student Association	Mock Trial
MUSIC: Multicultural Unity and Student Involvement	Music Boosters	Musically Inclined	Musicians Guild	Muslim Student Association (MSA)

NESA: Northeast Student Affiliate	Neuroscienc e Club, URI	Orthodox Christian Fellowship	Outing Club PENS A-UR I
PINK Women Puppy Raisers Club, URI Rhody Christian Fellowship	Pre-Dental Club (recognized 9/29/2021) URI Quidditch Rhody Rhapsodies	Pre-Physica l Therapy Club Ram Hacks Renaissance Rhody Ridiculousn ess	Pre-Physician Assistant Club, URI Yearbook RhodyThon Rotaract Club, URI PRSSA: Public Relations Student Society of America Rhody Catholic Organizatio n
SAA: Student Alumni Association	SAGA: Sexuality and Gender Alliance	Sankofa Christian Ministries	SAS: Student Action for Sustainability SAVES: Students Actively Volunteerin g and Engaging in Service, URI
SAWA: Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa	SEC: Student Entertainmen t Committee	Shark Club Social Dance Club, URI	Society for Women in Computing
Society: Phi Sigma Pi, National Honor	Sojourn, URI	SOLC: Student Student	Student Advocacy for SVO:

		Organizatio Disability n Awareness/Ac Leadership tion (SADA)	Student Veterans Organizatio
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Fraternity		Consultants (recognized 11/10/2021)	n
The Daily Ram (recognized 10/6/2021)	Theme Park Engineering & Design (TPED)	Timmy Global Health	Uhuru Sasa Ukrainian Club
URI Flow	URI Roller Hockey	URI Surf Club	Women in STEM WRIU

Young
Democratic
Socialists of
America

SPONSOR: Student Organizations Committee

BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Siegle

DATE: March 23, 2021

RECOMMENDATION: (7 – 0 – 0)

EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition

ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-21/22-42 – BILL CALLING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023

Now therefore be it,

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate allot fiscal amounts according to the final recommendations of the Treasury for all recognized student organizations eligible for funding, and be it further, Resolved, the University of Rhode Island Student Senate allot the Contingency lines as provided in the final recommendation of the Treasury, and be it further,

Resolved, that the presented budget amounts are enacted for Fiscal Year 2023.

SPONSORS: Treasury Committee
BILL HANDLER: VDOT Kittle (DOT Hoover)
DATE: March 23, 2022
RECOMMENDATION: (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Budget
ACTION: Vote Next Week

M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

Director Hoover asked senators to vote in his groupme poll.

Senator Rizk expressed frustration with Chair Kiernan for not interviewing him for the Director of Communications position and was ruled out of order by Speaker Bove.

N. ADJOURNMENT - Speaker of Assembly adjourned at 7:22pm