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**URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2022**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Buono, Bove, Collins, Cronan, Cushman, Del Bonis, Johnson O, Tyson, Sutton, Goswami, James, Leggett, Bailey, Bose, Breese, Gibson, Montoya, Summerson, Waryas, Chadronet, Johnson N, Scotti, Peckham.

Absent: Rizk, Palmer, Myers, Galliano.

Guests: Kiernan, Gamache, Hoover, Eustis, Njeru, Theil, Stiles.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Senator Bove motioned to remove reports except for that of the DOT, and approval of minutes from the agenda. Seconded by Senator Summerson.

Motion Passes.

Senator N. Johnson motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Senator Summerson.

Motion Passes.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

F. PUBLIC FORUM .

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Executive Committee

Director Hoover reported that he and Senator Bove will be working on a budget correction bill. This bill will be introduced next week.

H. REPORT OF THE COURT

I. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

J. SPECIAL ORDERS

Swearing in of Members of the General Assembly

Nomination of the Acting Speaker of the Assembly

President Kiernan nominated Senator Bove.

Nomination and Confirmation of the Director of Communications

President Kiernan nominated Peyton Thiel.

President Kiernan: Peyton is a great person for this position. He has been in the senate as long as I have. If you've seen him around you know he's Mr. URI. He knows what he's doing when it comes to social media. Having him as DOC will be an asset for the Student Senate.

Peyton Thiel: I have big shoes to fill with Leila holding the role for three years. My job is to continue what she started. If you're just coming in you don't know the impact we've had. I am ready to get to work.

Ayes: Buono, Bove, Collins, Cronan, Cushman, Del Bonis, Johnson O, Tyson, Sutton, Goswami, Leggett, Bose, Breese, Gibson, Montoya, Summerson, Waryas, Chadronet, Johnson N, Scotti, Peckham.

Nayes: None.

Abstentions: None.

The Nomination is Confirmed.

Nomination and Confirmation of the Director of Treasury

President Kiernan nominated Christopher Hoover.

President Kiernan: Chris was DOT in the last term and he's done so much for clubs. He came in as a sophomore and exceeded a lot of people's expectations. I think this is the perfect position for him. It's helpful to have someone who knows what they're doing in this role.

Chris Hoover: I enjoy working with the clubs and making an impact on the student body. It's the driving factor behind what I do. Ever since I've been at URI I've always loved it here.

Ayes: Buono, Bove, Collins, Cronan, Cushman, Del Bonis, Johnson O, Tyson, Sutton, Goswami, Leggett, Bose, Breese, Gibson, Montoya, Summerson, Waryas, Chadronet, Johnson N, Scotti, Peckham.

Nayes: None.

Abstentions: None.

The Nomination is Confirmed.

Nomination and Confirmation of the Director of Information

President Kiernan nominated Willy Njeru.

President Kiernan spoke on Willy's behalf, saying how even though he's a fairly new senator he's going to do great work in this new role.

Willy Njeru: This position is going to provide a platform for growth and change. Even though I'll just be collecting documents, I believe I'll be able to expand the duties for DOI and other directors in the future can follow suit as well. I'm excited for what we're going to accomplish.

Ayes: Buono, Bove, Collins, Cronan, Cushman, Del Bonis, Johnson O, Tyson, Sutton, Goswami, Leggett, Bose, Breese, Gibson, Montoya, Summerson, Waryas, Chadronet, Johnson N, Scotti, Peckham.

Nayes: None.

Abstentions: None.

The Nomination is Confirmed.

Nomination and Confirmation of the Director of Operations

President Kiernan nominated Jack Eustis.

President Kiernan: Jack and I go way back to 5th grade. He is one of those people that will do what you ask of him. He's a really hard worker and always makes time for the senate. He's pretty good at math and DOO has a lot of math in their duties.

Jack Eustis: I'm grateful for this nomination. I promise I won't take this position for granted. I'm going to work to give the senate a better outreach to clubs. I'll ensure a smooth transition.

Ayes: Buono, Bove, Collins, Cronan, Cushman, Del Bonis, Johnson O, Tyson, Sutton, Goswami, Leggett, Bose, Breese, Gibson, Montoya, Summerson, Waryas, Chadronet, Johnson N, Scotti, Peckham.

Nayes: None.

Abstentions: None.

The Nomination is Confirmed.

Nomination and Confirmation of the Jurists of the Court

Nominations for Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Tyson nominated Senator Bove. Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Nominations for the Chair of the Student Organizations Committee

Senator Tyson nominated Senator Gibson. Seconded by Senator Bove.

Nominations for the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Tyson nominated Senator Summerson. Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Nominations for the Chair of the External Affairs Committee

Senator Summerson nominated Senator Bose. Seconded by Senator Tyson.

Senator N. Johnson nominated Senator Scotti. Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Nominations for the the Chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee

Senator Peckham nominated Senator Tyson. Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Nominations for the Chair of the Campus Affairs Committee

Senator Gibson nominated Senator Chadronet. Seconded by Senator Summerson.

M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

President Kiernan: Thanks to everyone. Great first meeting.

Senator Gibson: Welcome to all new senators. Before I joined the senate I was very shy. I cannot encourage you enough to go to senate events.

Carl Stiles: Send contact information and a headshot, if you want. Send to info@rhodysenate.org

Chris Bove: For new senators, send an email to speaker@rhodysenate.org. Later this week I'm going to send out an interest form for committee assignments.

Senator Sutton: Who do I talk to about attendance?

Senator Bove: Me.

N. ADJOURNMENT - Speaker Bove adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.