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## **URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES September 28, 2022**

**A. CALL TO ORDER** - Speaker called to order at 6:32pm

### **B. ROLL CALL**

Present: Bailey, Bose, Bove, Breese, Broccoli, Buono, Chadronet, Cronan, Del Bonis, James, Johnson N, Johnson O, Johnson V, Montoya, Newman, Palmer, Peckham, Perrone, Rudolph, Scotti, Summerson, Sutton, Tyson, Waryas.

Absent: Breene, Collins, Emison (excused), Galliano (excused), Gibson (excused), Goswami, Leggett, Myers, Piacentini (excused), Santos.

Guests: Stiles, Kiernan, Gamache, Gamgebeli.

### **C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Summerson motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Senator Montoya.

*Motion Passes.*

### **D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Speaker Bove, at the urging of Dr. Stiles determined that senators did not have a sufficient amount of time to review last week's meeting minutes prior to the start of the meeting, and therefore decided that the minutes would be considered at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

### **E. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Montoya announced that the External Affairs Committee would be making a comprehensive informational post on its Instagram account detailing the election rules and deadlines, including rules for absentee voting, of each individual state in order to help students participate in this year's midterm elections.

### **F. PUBLIC FORUM**

Chair Summerson motioned to add Anna Gamgebeli to public forum. Seconded by Senator Peckham.

*Motion Passes.*

Anna Gamgebeli introduced herself to the senate as a leader in the Club Sports and Intramural Council (CSIC). She then gave brief remarks about CSIC, detailing their recent accomplishments, student participation data, and their current struggles to find training space.

## **G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **- Student Organization Committee**

- Senator N. Johnson reported that the Student Organizations Committee will be sending three bills to the floor next week. He also urged senators to attend the finance training happening at next week's presidents meeting. He concluded by reminding senators to sign up for the Student Organizations fair being held on October 6.

### **- Academic Affairs Committee**

- Chair Summerson stated that any senator interested in working on the Women's Summit should contact either her, President Kiernan, or Vice President Gamache by Friday. She also reported that the Academic Affairs Committee and the Cultural Affairs Committee will be holding a lunch and learn with Multicultural Student Services Center on October 6th from 2pm - 3pm.

### **- External Affairs Committee**

- Chair Scotti repeated Senator Montoya's earlier statement about the committee's plans to make a comprehensive informational post about the upcoming midterm elections on the committee's Instagram page. He further reported that he is working on bringing members of the Narragansett Town Council to URI for a Town Hall event, and that he is working on a neighborhood cleanup event to be held in Narragansett sometime in October.

### **- Cultural Affairs Committee**

- Chair Tyson reported that she has appointed Senator Newman to be her liaison to the Gender and Sexuality Center. She urged senators to attend next week's lunch and learn.

### **- Campus Affairs Committee**

- Chair Chadronet reported that he is currently planning a trash clean up. He also stated the importance of reporting pests when they are seen.

### **- Executive Committee**

- President Kiernan reported that the FallFest Committee will be meeting on Tuesday. She also reported that she will be sitting down with a reporter from the Providence Journal to discuss the Narragansett Housing Ordinance.

- Vice President Gamache reminded senators to sign up for upcoming events.

- Director Eustis reported that he will be working closely with the FallFest Committee.

## **H. REPORT OF THE COURT**

## **I. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Elections Committee

- Speaker Bove reported that he has requested promotional materials to be shown on the monitors in the Memorial Union and in the Residence Halls. He also reported that the Elections Committee will have a booth on Monday to promote fall elections.

**J. SPECIAL ORDERS**

**K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

**M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM**

- President Kiernan reminded everyone to be kind to each other. And she also stated that anyone looking to be a senate liaison should reach out to her.

**N. ADJOURNMENT** - Speaker adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.