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URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES December 7, 2022

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

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Bailey, Barbosa, Bose, Bove, Breene, Buono, Chadronet, Collins, Confessore, Cronan, Del Bonis, Galliano, Gibson, Johnson N, Johnson V, Mehorter, Mayers, Milner, Montoya, Palmer, Peckham, Piacentini, Reyes, Rudolph, Scotti, Stahl, Summerson, Sutton, Tyson.

Absent: Breese, Broccoli, Goswami, Hernandez. James (excused), Oyedele. Perrone, Rathbun (excused), Waryas.

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

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Speaker Bove motioned to strike Chair Tyson's name from the current list of nominees for the Elections Committee and add the name of Senator Stahl. Seconded by Senator Peckham

Motion Passes.

Chair Tyson motioned to move old business after announcements. Seconded by Senator Bailey.

Motion Passes/

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Speaker Bove motioned to table consideration of the minutes to the next General Assembly meeting. Seconded by Senator Cronan.

Motion Passes.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

F. PUBLIC FORUM

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organization Committee - we got a bill on the floor, we voted to put Sasa on probation. That is it for now.

Gamache - you have done amazing work. You filled in Katie's shoes very well. Good luck in the future.

Sumemrson: She even made Anabelle shoes.

Hoover: I love that I can send Anabelle a text 20 minutes before the President's meeting and she is always available.

Meyers: I would like to acknowledge the comedic void.

Bove: Nick will definitely fill it for you.

- Academic Affairs Committee

Chair Summerson - hope you are having a good week. Last meeting of the semester. Major slay. If you have any final exam rights conflicts, please reach out sooner or later. Please don't bombard me right before classes. The final exam rights will be reposted on our instagram. We just posted fun facts about committee members. Please get sleep, don't get sick.

- External Affairs Committee

Scotti - nothing new to report. Wishing everyone happy holidays, and good luck on finals.

- Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair Tyson - no report. Please give a slay to our committee. *Chamber yells slay*. No report, but since I will not be her next semester, I give my endorsement to Rosie. She is always there, always involved. Rosie is always having a helping hand, "what can I do next" mentality. She earned it and deserved, it.

Johnson: Heyyy. You got me involved. We are long ballers in America. Go out there and have fun where?

Tyson: Pensacola Florida

Johnson; I have Senate babies, like Nick Johnson and Greta.

Bove: I want to say that the Cultural affairs committee did not have the sort of presence that it does now. I feel like cultural has grown and thrived under your leadership. The things that your committee does has been great.

Bailey: Angie is my best friend and Senate big sister. I have learned so much from her this semester. Angie took me in. I met so many people. I am going to be sad, I wont cry. But I will do my best to fill her shoes.

- Campus Affairs

Chair Chadronet: Hi everyone, I sent an email to Frankie about projects we want to start. You have probably all seen the dumpsters. If everyone has heard about laundry theft, I have been handling that. I have also been

handling the shower door issue.

Meyers: What about the lights by the memorial union?

Chardonet: Already submitted a work order.

- Executive Committee

President Kiernan - Hey guys, I think we handled executive session very well. Good luck on finals, have a wonderful holiday season. I am looking forward to second semester and I think it will be gery

Vice President Gamache - nothing to report. I would like to see what was discussed today to be carried forward. Don't worry about grades, you will do great.

Hoover - We have budgeting coming up. The original deadline was December 30, now it is January 15th. Cheers.

Eustis - All stipend member of Senate can receive stipends by 13th.

Njeru - echoing what everyone else was saying. Good luck on finals and have a great holiday, encourage peers, friends, from clubs and social circles to join Senate.

Bove: Current nominees are myself, Kiernan, Monotya, Summerson, Stahl.

Voting is undertaken/

Bove - 30 votes, Summerson - 30 votes, Stahl - 30 votes, Montoya - 30 votes, Kiernan - 30 votes
- Zero abstentions, all nominees are elected

Bove welcomes graduating seniors to provide farewell statement/speech

Del Bonis: If you had asked me freshman year that I would be active in the Student Senate and active on campus issues, I would have laughed. I have allowed anxiety to run my life. The timing of me having a class with Angie was really miraculous. Shoutout to Angie for who she is and breaking through my self imposed boundaries and introducing me to the Senate and showing me how important it is to speak your mind. I am grateful to have known you all and have this opportunity. You are all valuable in your own ways and I appreciate you all. The Senate also allowed me to find a friend group. Like Cameron and Chris Bove, don't cry. These are some of the most supportive, genuine, and outright hilarious people I have ever met. Thank you everyone, and thankful for all of you.

Gibson: I felt that the only way to express myself is through a song. I am totally kidding. Anyway, I am going to keep it short and sweet. A lot of people think that I have always been super outgoing. I used to walk around the Union, and that b*tch (previous speaker) knew everybody. I treasure those talks in the office and wine nights and trips to applebees that requires intense car pool planning. I am excited to see what all of you will do afterwards.

Tyson: I want to start off by thanking my long time friend Chris Bove. I started off at a community college, so already my self esteem was not there. Then I transferred during COVID era. Then I joined Student Senate. If you want Senate as a resume builder, so be it. But you can do so much in Senate. Please remember that Senate is not your life. Care about yourself. After you graduate, Senate will not be important to you. Senate opened a lot of doors, but don't burn out yourself out for no reason. Update, I am graduating, and I am moving to Pensacola Florida. I will be working for Americorps Habitat for Humanity. It is service based, so the pay is s**t. I am here for you. I will be your biggest therapist, I am here for you. If you need help with anything, I am a phone call away. Don't text me on GroupMe, that is embarrassing. Thank you for not only being my coworkers, but also being some of my closest friends.

Bove: I didnt think I was going to cry

Summerson: He did

Bove: Mind your business. There is an endless amount of things I can say about the Seniors graduating. Fun fact, they have all at one point been my roommate. These people have been my closest friends. I am so beyond proud of the three of you. I know none of us had a typical college experience. I know that you will all blow me away in the real world. Ultimately, it is what you make of it. Love you guys.

Peckham: In hindsight, it is a bit too serious. I look up to all three of these women as my role models. I will fondly remember my time in the Senate. First I will start with Anabelle. I am so proud of you. The world will be such a better place because of you. I look up to you because I see you being so successful in all you do. You are such a hard worker. She is amazing friend and person, I have many funny memories with you. Favorite memory was going to Brittany B concert. I am so proud of you coming this far. Greta, cant believe our time together is coming to an end. Greta has been there for me and other people when they needed it the most. She is always there to give you advice when you need it. She is truly is the mom friend and one of my besties. You are going to do amazing things Greta. Angie (she says *b(tch)) I cant even begin to express how much you have meant to me. Being in PINK and Senate for the past few years has made such an impact for me. I have never met someone who is so easy to talk to about my family life. I am so grateful you are going to be out there helping people who need it. I am so thankful to have met you. I an everyone else in this room is so proud of you. Thank you for being a leader, PINK woman, and most importantly, a friend.

Summerson: Greta, you have been an amazing committee member. I hate design stuff, so Greta has chipped in. You are such a kind person. Anabelle, we have been homies since freshman year. I cannot wait to see what you do with Planned Parenthood. Angie, you have been a homie since last year. You are my therapist, very much needed. Cant wait to hear the service work you do in Florida.

Sophie: Hey guys. I just want to say, thank you for being my Senate mommies. You have given me such good advice. You guys are such big sister figures. I can't wait to see you guys change the world.

Bailey: I am going to keep this short. I am not going to cry. Okay I'm going to cry. I have only known you guys for a few months, and you have changed my life in more ways than one. I am very self conscious and anxious. In my process of healing, you have been my cheerleaders, come out of my shell. Greta, I care about you so much. I hope I see you on (formal?). Angie, you are literally my closest and biggest friend. Like an older sister like I have always wanted. You have given me so much of a leadership role to fill. You have shown me what it is like to be a roll model. You have inspired me as a leader. I am very sad that you are going to Florida. I know you are going to do amazing things for the community. Annabelle, you accepted me as a person, showing me that I

can be a person I can be friends with. You are always in the office giving me advice and have been a great supporter. Thank you.

Montoya: Anabelle, Greta, and Angie are three of my favorite Senators, by far. You guys accepted me. I am an acquired taste. I know I can be quite jarring after the first few months of knowing me. I know you guys are going to do great things. I better see you guys at formal.

Piecentinni: I feel like when people say goodbyes, people say how they hope for their future. I showed up one day, in Chris and Greta's dorm. They made me feel so comfortable. You three are going to change the world, because you have the ability to make people feel wanted and belong. It is what you do with your community, you truly make people feel loved.

Kiernan: I don't know what I would do without you three. Angie, you are a role model even to me. You all have brought so much to the Senate. We will be feeling your loss next semester. You guys killed it in your positions, and we will miss you.

Chardonet: The roles you play in the Senate. I had a tough time this semester, and traumatic *sht* that went down.

Johnson: I have a story for each Senator I would like to share. First , I will start with Greta. The other day, I left my backpack in Brookside. So I asked, Chris, my laptop with you? Chris says no. I ask Angie, she doesn't get back to me. Greta says, Ill check. And she says it is right near her. Angie, you are awesome, and great.

Cronan: I will keep this short. I am honored to congratulate these three amazing woman. I won't cry or say anything out of pocket. I thank you for making the transition easier. I want to say congrats to all of you.

Gibson: I want to say, when I joined the Senate, I wanted to be just like Katie Siegel. Hang out in the office, make friends.

Tyson: This is not a goodbye, it is a see you later.

Bove: Congrats to the December 2022 graduates. Slay.

H. REPORT OF THE COURT

I. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

J. SPECIAL ORDERS

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Senate may seek to enter into Executive Session to discuss an ongoing situation with a recognized student organization

Chair Summerson motioned to enter into executive session and to suspend the rules so as to allow members of the

cabinet to remain present. Seconded by Senator Peckham.

Motion Passes.

Chair Gibson motioned to seal the minutes of the executive session and to reopen the meeting to the public.
Seconded by Chair Summerson.

Motion Passes.

M. NEW BUSINESS

Bill SS22/23-26 - URI Hillel

Motion to immediately consider.

Motion by Gibson, Seconded by Cronan

Motion passes

M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

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N. ADJOURNMENT - Speaker Bove adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm