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URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

March 1, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Chadronet called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Bailey, Barbosa, Bose, Breene, Buono, Chadronet, Collins, Confessore, Cronan, DeLorenzo, Galliano, Goswami, Johnson N, Johnson V, Mehorter, Mayers, Milner, Montoya, Newman, Palmer, Peckham, Piacentini, Reyes, Rudolph, Sama, Stahl, Summerson, Sutton

Absent: Bove, Dumas, James, Scotti, Small

Guests: Kiernan, Gamache, Hoover, Thiel, Stiles

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion Passes.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Montoya motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Senator Rudolph.

Motion Passes.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-President Gamache asked senators to follow the Women's Summit Instagram page. She also thanked everyone who supported her campaign, and reminded seniors to let her know if they want a student senate stole for graduation.

F. PUBLIC FORUM

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organization Committee

No report.

- Academic Affairs Committee

Chair Summerson, Reported that Senator Galliano will be running a professional headshot event on Friday March 24th. She also reported that the committee will be holding an exam preparedness event soon and that Senator Galliano will be giving a presentation.

- External Affairs Committee

Chair Montoya announced that the committee will be disseminating TAP information for next year. He also reported that he will be continuing to work to establish a legal fund to support students having legal issues with their landlords. He concluded by saying the committee will soon be holding a few voter registration drives.

- Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair Bailey reminded everyone that the committee will be holding their multicultural student organizations dinner on Monday at 5:00pm, and asked senators to direct any logistical questions to Senator Reyes.

Chair Summerson announced that her committee is meeting at 5:00pm and that her members are going to arrive at the dinner at 5:30pm.

- Campus Affairs Committee

Chair Chadronet reported that his committee's top priority for the remainder of the current senate term will be to get the university to include the Aunt Flo program as part of its budget.

- Executive Committee

President Kiernan reminded cabinet members and committee chairs that their transition materials are due by March 10th. She also reminded everyone that she would like as many people as possible to attend RhodyThon and all of the Welcome Days.

Director Hoover reported that budget presentation meetings are still ongoing, and that he will have his budget proposal available the week after Spring Break. He also reminded everyone that Pie a Senator will be held on March 29th from 11:00am - 3:00pm.

Director Thiel asked everyone to fill out the new Senator Spotlight form.

H. REPORT OF THE COURT

I. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

J. SPECIAL ORDERS

Nominations and Elections for Off Campus Representative (6)

Nominations and Elections for On Campus Representative (1)

Nominations and Elections for At-Large Representative (1)

Nominations and Elections for College of Nursing Representative (1)

Nominations and Elections for College of Health Sciences Representative (1)

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. NEW BUSINESS

SS-22/23-44 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “URI Be The Match Campus Chapter” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “URI Be The Match Campus Chapter” mission statement is, “Be the official chapter partnering with the Be The Match representative to educate and engage the university or college community in this unique opportunity to save lives.”, and

Whereas, URI Be The Match Campus Chapter 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 Be The Match Campus Chapter as a recognized organization, and be it further,

Resolved, that URI Be The Match Campus Chapter is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$75 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

SPONSOR: Student Organizations Committee

BILL HANDLER: Chair Johnson

DATE: March 1, 2023

RECOMMENDATION: (5 - 0 - 0)

EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition

ACTION: Vote Next Week

Chair Johnson stated that Be the Match is an organization which strives to connect donors to patients needing Bone Marrow and Stem Cell transplants. He added that they also want to work with the RI Blood Center.

Chair Johnson motioned to immediately consider. Seconded by Chair Montoya.

Motion Passes.

Bill Passes.

M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

Chair Montoya stated that he is going to attempt to build a full undergraduate student email list so that the Senate can contact all students.

Chair Summerson wished everyone a happy Women’s History Month, and asked senators to sign up to help with the Women’s Summit.

Senator Breene asked everyone to vote in the Senate Elections if they have not already, and commended Chair Chadronet for filling in as Speaker.

Senator Reyes reported that she is starting an advocacy group for DACA and undocumented students, and suggested that people reach out to her if they are interested in helping out.

N. ADJOURNMENT - Chair Chadronet adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.