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## **URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

**April 12, 2023**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Barbosa, Breene, Buono, Chadronet, Collins, Corsi, Cronan, Cruz, DeLorenzo, Dumas, Emami, V Johnson, N Johnson, Mayers, Mehorter, Milner, Newman, Peckham, Reyes, Rudolph, Sama, Scola, Shazad, Small, Sundell, Goswami, Hurwitz, Rinne, Hoover, Gamache.

Absent: Confessore, Kelling, Nyugen, Palmer, Sadwin.

### **B. ROLL CALL**

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

Senator Rudolph motions to approve the minutes, Seconded by Senator Peckham

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

### **E. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **F. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

- Student Organization Committee

- Academic Affairs Committee

- External Affairs Committee
- Cultural Affairs Committee
- Campus Affairs Committee
- Executive Committee
  - Speaker
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Director of Treasury
  - Director of Communications

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

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

## **J. SPECIAL ORDERS**

*Nominations and Elections for Off Campus Representative (3)*

Current Nominees: Chris Hoover, Emily Gamache

Results: Chris Hoover: 21      Emily Gamache: 21      Abstentions: 1

*Nominations and Elections for On Campus Representative (2)*

Current nominees: Cole Rinne

Results: Cole Rinne: 22

*Nominations and Elections for At-Large Representative (2)*

Current Nominees: Argha Goswami

Senator Milner nominates Zachary Hurwitz, seconded by Senator Rudolph

Results: Argha Goswami 21 Zachary Hurwitz 23

Nominations and Elections for College of Education and Professional Studies Representative (1)

Swearing in of New Senators

Nomination and Confirmation of the Jurists of the Court

*President Rizk nominated Waseem Bahra and Daniel Tarazi*

Confirmation of Bahra. *Passed 30-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

Confirmation of Tarazi. *Passed 28-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

Confirmation of Director of Treasury

Current Nominee: Ethan Bose

Ethan Bose. *Passed 30-1-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

*Confirmation of Director of Communication*

Current Nominee: Sanah Feroz

Sanah Feroz: *Passed 22-5-3 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

*Nominations and Elections for Speaker of the Assembly*

Current Nominee: Senator Chadronet

Cameron Chadronet: *Passed 26-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

*Nominations and Elections for the Chair of the Student Organizations Committee*

Current Nominee: Senator N. Johnson

Nicholas Johnson: *Passed 28-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

*Nominations and Elections for the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee*

Current Nominees: Senator Peckham

Lauren Peckham: *Passed 26-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

*Nominations and Elections for the Chair of the External Affairs Committee* Current Nominees: Senator Small, Senator Mayers, Senator Newman, and Senator Confessore

Senator Cronan nominated Senator Hoover, seconded by Chair Johnson

Senator Newman: *Failed 11-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

Senator Smalls: *Failed 2-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

Senator Mayers: *Failed 1-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

Senator Hoover: *Failed 13-0-0 (yes, abstain, no)*

Senator Confessore: *Failed 1-0-0 (yes, abstain, no)*

*No nominee received a majority.*

*Speaker Chadronet declared that the vote would be settled by plurality.*

Senator Hoover: *Passed 18-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

Senator Newman: *Failed 11-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

*Nominations and Elections for the the Chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee*

Current Nominees: Senator Quiora Reyes, Senator Goswami

Senator Breene nominates Senator Goswami, seconded by Senator Rudolph

Senator Goswami: *Failed 3-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

Senator Quiora Reyes: *Passed 26-0-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

*Nominations and Elections for the Chair of the Campus Affairs Committee*

Current Nominees: Senator Buono

Senator Buono: *Passed 23-2-0 (Aye, Abstain, Nay)*

*Swearing in of Members of the Cabinet, Committee Chairs, and Jurists of the Court*

#### **K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **L. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM**

*President Rizk met with faculty members who oversee the university's social media and the Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Ellen Reynolds. Mentioned initiatives on his presidential agenda*

#### **N. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Chadronet adjourned the meeting at 9:30PM