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University of Rhode Island Student Senate
February 5th, 2025 General Assembly Agenda

Recording Secretary: Lynn Sawyer

Meeting Start Time:

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

E. PUBLIC FORUM

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organizations Committee
- Academic Affairs Committee
- External Affairs Committee
- Cultural Affairs Committee
- Campus Affairs Committee

G. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH/CABINET

- Speaker of the Assembly
- Student Body President
- Student Body Vice President
- Director of the Treasury
- Director of Communications

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Elections Committee

I. REPORT OF THE COURT

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

K. SPECIAL ORDERS

Swearing in of Newly Elected Senators

Nominations for Constitutional Review Committee

Internal Nominations

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

SS-24/25-29 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF THEATER TECHNOLOGY” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “USITT” mission statement is, “Provide a community for designers, technicians, managers, any anyone interested in theatre technology to learn new skills, network, and be part of a nationally accredited organization”, and

Whereas, USITT meets the requirements to be a senate-recognized student organization, and

Whereas, it is custom for the senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges USITT as a recognized organization.

SPONSOR:	Student Organizations Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Milner
DATE:	Wednesday, February 5th, 2025
RECOMMENDATION:	(7-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-24/25-30 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “URI WOMEN IN SPORTS” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “URI Women in Sports” mission statement is, “To empower members through professional development, networking, and mentorship opportunities while fostering a space that champions gender equity and diverse voices in the sports industry.”, and

Whereas, URI Women in Sports meets the requirements to be a senate-recognized student organization, and

Whereas, it is custom for the senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges URI Women in Sports as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that URI Women in Sports is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$75 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:	Student Organizations Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Milner
DATE:	Wednesday, February 5th, 2025
RECOMMENDATION:	(7-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-24/25-31 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “WOMEN IN DATA SCIENCE” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Women in Data Science” mission statement is, “To offer community to female identifying students in Data Science, and to develop a community of support to aid in networking, resume building, internship searches, and to hear from professionals with industry experience”, and

Whereas, Women in Data Science meets the requirements to be a senate-recognized student organization, and

Whereas, it is custom for the senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges Women in Data Science as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that Women in Data Science is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$75 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:	Student Organizations Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Milner
DATE:	Wednesday, February 5th, 2025
RECOMMENDATION:	(6-1-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-24/25-32 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A \$2,000.00 GRANT OUT OF THE TRAVEL AND LODGING CONTINGENCY LINE TO THE URI POWERLIFTING CLUB

Whereas, the URI Powerlifting Club submitted a budget request on time for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, and is thereby eligible to apply for contingency grants, and

Whereas, on January 22nd, 2025, the URI Powerlifting Club submitted a contingency grant for \$2,364.00 to Director Cronan to cover travel and lodging expenses for the USAPL 2025 Collegiate Nationals in Oklahoma City, OK, and

Whereas, Director Cronan has met with the E-Board of URI Powerlifting and has determined the club’s participation in the tournament will encourage greater participation, enhance their reputation, and represent the University of Rhode Island’s dedication to athletic growth and sense of community, and

Whereas, in accordance with the Student Senate Finance Handbook, contingency grants for travel and lodging expenses are awarded on a 50% cost-sharing basis, requiring student organizations to supplement the remaining costs through fundraising efforts, and

Whereas, the URI Powerlifting Club has demonstrated their commitment to this requirement by securing the necessary funds in their Fundraising (900) line, and

Resolved, that the URI Powerlifting Club receive a \$2,000.00 contingency grant from the Travel and Lodging Contingency line to help cover the costs for the USAPL Collegiate Nationals in OKC from April 3rd to 6th, 2025, which will both boost the club's athletic standing and strengthen URI's reputation as a competitive institution.

SPONSORS: Speaker Peckham, Chair Buono, Senators Acharya, Sawyer, Singh
BILL HANDLER: VDOT Njende
DATE: Wednesday, February 5th, 2025
EXPIRATION: Valid Until Reviewed
ACTION: Vote Tonight

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

Matt Cayer ~ Bill and Resolution Writing Presentation

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: