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**University of Rhode Island Student Senate**  
February 18th, 2026 General Assembly Agenda

*Recording Secretary:*

*Meeting Start Time: 6:36pm*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

Abbot, Tailah

Keomany, Annie

Ranieri, Caterina

Capraro, Melanie

Lin, Kyanna

Rinne, Cole

Connolly, Olivia

Macrae, Lyla

Rosa, Sebastian

Curry, Caitlin

Martin, Beyonce

Singh, Arpan

D'Aiello, Andrew

McConville, Max

Utkarsh

Danis, Alexis

Neighbors, Isabella

Troxell, Jackson

Dickson, Tyler

Niro, Ryan

Dionne, Ryleigh

Ramos, Aaron

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Chair Troxell moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Senator Connolly*

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

*Chair Curry motions to amend minutes from last meeting to read Senator Curry*

*nominates Senator Connolly*

*Chair Troxell moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator McConville* **E.**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

SK Chief of police:

- Quick introduction- used to work in narcotics/canine, former captain of state police
- Discussed the major issues that are being seen close by and around the nation

- Expressed that there is a great communication between SK and the University
  - Appreciates the leadership of Student Senate in communicating with students
  - Also appreciated the responsible decisions made by students on transportation means when consuming alcohol
  - Message to students: respect the speeding limits and of your neighbors
  - Also have internship program, currently have 4 uri students
    - Last season had 2 interns and both are now in the policy academy
- If you see something, say something; confide in someone

DOC: as a CCJ ambassador, would like to have Chief to come in and talk about internship opportunities for students

Speaker Rinne: What would your advice be for students facing ICE agents on college campuses?

- Active communication
- The SK police is not going around chasing people, ICE agents are enforcing their laws, we don't do that, we do not cooperate with them, we have policies and we follow them through

Chair Singh: they have supported initiatives from the Senate in regards to emporium parking situation

- Been working on towing problems for 4 years, it's not fair to not have proper signage displayed

Speaker Rinne: shared that there are people not attending that are in paid positions, did the math and it amounts to \$8000, attendance is important!

## **F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Student Organizations Committee

Chair Milner: VC Senator Dickson

- Organization bills will be on the floor next week
  - Academic Affairs Committee

Chair Troxell:

- Will be doing class spotlight, will create a video to highlight your favorite class
- Echoed Speaker Rinne sentiment
  - External Affairs Committee

Chair Singh:

- Mark calendars [March 18th]: first edition of off campus rhody senate newsletter
- Echoed Speaker Rinne sentiment
  - Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair Gonzalez: VC Ryan Niro

- GSA collaboration more info to come
- Poetry slam has been tabled due to unforeseen circumstances
  - Campus Affairs Committee

Chair Hudson: VC Aaron Ramos

- Survey going out to ask about dining hall options

## **G. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH/CABINET**

- Speaker of the Assembly

Speaker Rinne:

- Stated previous remarks
  - Student Body President

President Reyes:

- URI at State House: Thursday March 26th 2-4pm, email sent out for transportation
  - Student Body Vice President

VP Hailu:

- You better do your office hours, let me know if you need an exception
- Stay on top of Elections
  - Director of the Treasury

DOT Njende:

- Presidents/budget meeting went well, submissions are coming in that is good
  - Director of Communications

DOC Hinrichs:

- Merch is coming, recommendations are taken for this

## **H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- Constitutional Review Committee

Chair Niro:

- This friday @3pm in MU for meeting this week
  - Elections Committee

Chair Curry:

- Declaration period opened, closes Thursday 26th by 4pm
- Make up meeting for mandatory- Monday on zoom @6pm [5 minutes]
- Senate chambers and office are off limits, and no one on elections committee can sign
- Reminder signature is not a vote

## **I. REPORT OF THE COURT**

## **J. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator D'aello second, Senator Mcconville motioned to amend last week's meeting minutes to read voting as 27-1-0

Voting to approve proceeds, 1 abstention

Speaker Rinne motions to move to open forum for guests

## **K. SPECIAL ORDERS**

Jury Nomination

Devon Butziger: introduced himself and his previous experience in student government

Chair Singh: appreciated his interest in the Senate Jury

President Reyes motions to call the question, seconded by Chair Singh

Voting proceeds - nomination passes, Jury is approved

## **L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **M. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Joey Cardullo: as a transfer student, want to inquire about parking transportation

- Shared experiences with TAP

- Chair Singh shared that we have worked with administration
- President Reyes shares updates from most recent meeting with TAP
- Chair Milner asks for guest to share their experience

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting End Time:7:37pm*