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University of Rhode Island Student Senate
March 11th, 2026 General Assembly Agenda

Recording Secretary:

Meeting Start Time:

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Senator/Chair ____ moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Senator/Chair ____

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator/Chair ____ moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator/Chair ____

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Justin Watkins – GSA

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

- Constitutional Review Committee
- Elections Committee

I. REPORT OF THE COURT

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

K. SPECIAL ORDERS

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

SS-25/26-44 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “URI CHAMBER MUSIC CLUB” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “URI Chamber Music Club” mission statement is, “to establish a pool of URI musicians with interest in enrolling in chamber music ensemble courses within the URI Music Department; to provide an ongoing opportunity for enthusiastic chamber musicians among the URI community to explore and enjoy the vast repertoire of instrumental chamber music;”, and

Whereas, URI Chamber Music Club 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 Chamber Music Club as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that URI Chamber Music Club is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$50 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:	Student Organizations Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Milner
DATE:	Wednesday, March 11th, 2026
RECOMMENDATION:	(7-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-25/26-45 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A \$5,000.00 PROGRAMMING CONTINGENCY GRANT TO THE ASIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Whereas, the Asian Students Association submitted a budget request on time for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, and is thereby eligible to apply for contingency grants, and

Whereas, on March 6th, 2026, the Asian Students Association submitted a Programming Contingency Grant Request Form to cover the cost of a headliner performer for their annual ASA Culture Show, and

Whereas, the Director of Treasury has met with the Executive Board of the Asian Students Association and has determined that their existing programming budget is insufficient to secure a headliner performer given the total costs associated with the event, including travel expenses, backline, lighting, technical equipment, sound, and additional band expenses, and

Whereas, the ASA Culture Show is a mission-aligned programming event open to the URI campus community that promotes cultural appreciation, diversity, and inclusion, and that the inclusion of a headliner performer is integral to the quality and purpose of the show, and

Whereas, in accordance with the Student Senate Finance Handbook, Programming Contingency

Grants are available to fund student programming consistent with the mission of the student organization for the URI campus community, and grants exceeding \$800 require approval by the Student Senate General Assembly, and

Whereas, the Asian Students Association has demonstrated fiscal responsibility and has sufficient funds available in their Fundraising Line (900) to supplement remaining event costs, and

Resolved, that the Asian Students Association receive a \$5,000.00 Programming Contingency Grant from the General Programming Contingency Line (130) to cover the costs of a headliner performer and associated event production expenses for their annual ASA Culture Show, which will enhance the organization's ability to deliver meaningful cultural programming and strengthen URI's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

SPONSORS: Chairs Singh, Hudson, and Senators Niro, Ramos, Waddell

BILL HANDLER: VDOT Keomany (DOT Njende)

DATE: Wednesday March 11th,
2026

RECOMMENDATION: (5-0-0)

ACTION: VOTE TONIGHT

SS-25/26-46

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF RHODY CLUB CONNECT, A CENTRALIZED WEBSITE FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Whereas, student organizations form the foundation of campus involvement and leadership at the University of Rhode Island, and

Whereas, providing student leaders with efficient access to information, forms, and policies is crucial to supporting organizational success, and

Whereas, the Student Organizations Committee has identified the need for a centralized platform to streamline communication and reduce administrative confusion among student organizations, and

Whereas, Rhody Club Connect is being developed under the guidance of the Student Organizations Committee as a comprehensive website for all student organization needs, including access to Senate policies, recognition guidelines, budgeting procedures, and instructional materials, and will be affiliated with the Student Senate while operating independently from the official University of Rhode Island websites, and

Whereas, this platform will enhance transparency, efficiency, and accessibility, ensuring clubs have the resources necessary to operate successfully and in accordance with Senate regulations, and

Whereas, the active participation of the student organization community is key to ensuring *Rhody Club Connect* is a practical and user-friendly resource, and

Whereas, the Student Senate recognizes the efforts of the Student Organizations Committee in developing this initiative in service of long-term student engagement and organizational sustainability;

So Be It Resolved That, the University of Rhode Island Student Senate supports the continued development and promotion of *Rhody Club Connect* and recognizes its existence under the Student organization committee as a centralized digital hub for student organizations, and encourages all Senate-recognized clubs to participate in the feedback process to ensure the platform meets the needs of the campus community.

SPONSOR(S): Student Organizations Committee

BILL HANDLER: Chair Singh

RECOMMENDATION: 7-0-0

DATE: March 11, 2026

ACTION: Vote now

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: