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**University of Rhode Island Student Senate**  
March 26th, 2025 General Assembly Agenda

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*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**

*Dan Graney, Dean of Students and Vice-President Ellen Reynolds ~ Division of Student Affairs*

**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*

*Constitutional Review Committee*

**I. REPORT OF THE COURT**

**J. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**K. SPECIAL ORDERS**

**L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

**SS-24/25-41 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “SANKOFA CHRISTIAN MINISTRY” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, the “Sankofa Christian Ministry” mission statement is, “*A Bible Based Multicultural organization that is dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ at the University of Rhode Island*”, and

Whereas, Sankofa Christian Ministry 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 Sankofa Christian Ministry as a recognized organization, and be it

SPONSOR:	Student Organizations Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Milner
DATE:	Wednesday, March 26th, 2025
RECOMMENDATION:	(6-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**SS-24/25-42 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “URI MED LIFE” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, the “URI Med Life” mission statement is, “*To improve access to medicine, education, and development for underserved communities while empowering students to make a difference. Through fundraising, volunteering, and educational events, we aim to raise awareness about global health disparities and take action locally and internationally. Our club provides opportunities for students to engage in hands-on service, including Service Learning Trips that support sustainable healthcare initiatives*”, and

Whereas, URI Med Life 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 Med Life as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that URI Med Life 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.

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**SS-24/25-43 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “THE RHODY EXCHANGE” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**

Whereas, the “The Rhody Exchange” mission statement is, “*Build a collaborative community for students to explore and engage in finance, investing, financial reporting and personal finance. Provide opportunities for hands-on learning through research-driven trading simulations, collaborative discussions, and educational workshops.*”, and

Whereas, The Rhody Exchange 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 The Rhody Exchange as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that The Rhody Exchange is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$50 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

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Student Organizations Committee

BILL HANDLER:

Chairman Milner

DATE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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EXPIRATION:

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ACTION:

Vote Tonight

**SS-24/25-44 – BILL ADDING AN “Off-Campus Renter Liaison” TO THE STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS**

Whereas, the population of students who rent houses off-campus do not have guaranteed representation from the Student Senate Constitution or Bylaws, and

Whereas, the current off-campus seats do not guarantee representation of students who rent off-campus and thus do not guarantee that their needs will be heard or understood, and

Whereas, there is no efficient way to add a full representative seat for renters as it is not possible to confirm which students rent off-campus and thus cannot form a definitive constituency for the election of such position, and

Whereas, a liaison position would allow for there to be guaranteed representation and specific duties stated for the off-campus student renters without the need to add an extra representative seat, therefore be it

**Resolved,** that Article 2, Section 9, Part 4 of the Student Senate Bylaws shall add the following clause after 9.27: “9.28 The committee shall appoint an Off-Campus Renter Liaison from any member of the Assembly, under the preference that they rent a house off-campus during that term, to speak on behalf of the population of students who rent houses off-campus. The liaison shall report a minimum of once a month to the external affairs chair and may be asked by the chair to attend off-campus housing related meetings as a representative of the Student Senate and the off-campus student renter population.”

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External Affairs Committee  
Chair Cayer  
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**N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting End Time:*