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University of Rhode Island Student Senate
February 25th, 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

Angela Quagliaroli – LinkedIn Training

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

Discussion and preliminary planning of club sports bill – open session for feedback and interface with CSIC and members of club sports.

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

SS-25/26-38 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “E-COMMERCE CLUB” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “E-COMMERCE CLUB” mission statement is, “ to explore and grow student’s interests in E-Commerce/online sales, to properly design their storefront to appeal to customers as well as regularly analyzing the market for trending products for a chance to boost sales and increase revenue, and to learn how to deal with customer relations”, and

Whereas, E-Commerce 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 E-Commerce Club as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that E-Commerce 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 4th, 2026
RECOMMENDATION:	(8-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-25/26-39 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “DIVERSITY DIALOGUE” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Diversity Dialogues” mission statement is, “to create a safe space for the exploration and discussion of difficult topics centered around race, social inequality, diversity, and social justice”, and

Whereas, Diversity Dialogues 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 Diversity Dialogues as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that Diversity Dialogues 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 4th, 2026
RECOMMENDATION: (8-0-0)
EXPIRATION: Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION: Vote Tonight

SS-25/26-40 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “MODEL UNITED NATIONS” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Model United Nations” mission statement is, “to offer students hands-on experience in diplomacy, public speaking, research, and global problem solving through simulations and statewide conference participation”, and

Whereas, Model United Nations 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 Model United Nations as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that Model United Nations 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 4th, 2026
RECOMMENDATION: (8-0-0)
EXPIRATION: Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION: Vote Tonight

SS-25/26-41 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “URI AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “URI Amnesty International” mission statement is, “to promote and protect human rights through education, advocacy, and action in accordance with the principles of Amnesty International.”, and

Whereas, URI Amnesty International 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 Amnesty International as a recognized organization, and be it

Resolved, that URI Amnesty International 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 4th, 2026
RECOMMENDATION:	(8-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-25/26-42 BILL CALLING FOR THE REASSIGNMENT OF CURRENT STUDENT SENATE SPORTS CLUB ORGANIZATION TO CAMPUS RECREATION/CLUB SPORTS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE CLUB SPORTS AND INTRAMURAL COUNCIL (CSIC)

Whereas, the URI Student Senate currently allocates the Board of Trustees endorsed student activity fee of \$42/student to the Club Sports and Intramural Council (CSIC) in support of the 21 URI recognized Club Sports organizations under CSIC (approximately \$520,000/year), and

Whereas, the URI Student Senate additionally provides approximately \$60,000 in support to 14 currently Senate recognized sport clubs annually, and

Whereas, CSIC has a successful record of providing extensive resources in partnership with Campus Recreation to these organizations including relationships with national governing boards, fiscal management, peer governance, fundraising support, scheduling assistance, liability support, and

Whereas, the URI Student Senate does not have the same ability to provide content specific knowledge or support to the 14 current Student Senate sports club organizations or future sports club organizations, and

Whereas, CSIC and Club Sports have proposed serving as the responsible entity for effectively supporting these 14 club sports organization at URI in partnership with the Student Senate, and

Whereas, there are enhanced benefits available to currently recognized Student Senate Sports groups under this proposed reassignment, therefore it be

Resolved, that the URI Student Senate endorses the reassignment of all existing Senate club sport groups to the oversight of CSIC in partnership with Campus Recreation and Club Sports, and will support the successful transition of these organizations by:

Maintaining, at minimum, current financial allocation levels for two years, and enacting a moratorium on the *transfer* of ownership and oversight from URI student senate to Club Sports of any new sports-centered organizations unless approved jointly by URI Student Senate and Club Sports.

SPONSORS: Speaker Rinne, Chair Milner, Senators D'Aiello, Curry, Dickson
BILL HANDLER: Speaker Rinne, Chair Milner
DATE: Wednesday, March 4th, 2026
RECOMMENDATION: (5-0-0)
ACTION: Vote Tonight

**SS-25/26-43 BILL CALLING FOR THE REFERENDUM POLLING THE STUDENT
OPINION ON INCREASING THE CSIC TAX APPROPRIATION:**

Whereas, the Club Sports and Intramural Council, hereafter referred to as CSIC, only received \$42 the Student Services Fee, and

Whereas, Club Sports, CSIC, and existing Senate sports clubs have expressed concern that the budget appropriation last adjusted in 2019 is not sufficient to provide current and future CSIC recognized organizations with the desired levels of support and competition, and

Whereas, there has been extensive research conducted by the staff of the Memorial Union and Campus Recreation/Club Sports in collaboration with CSIC on the budget constraints of CSIC and student club athletes, and

Whereas, there are 14 current Senate sports club organizations in addition to the 21 existing recognized Club Sports groups that could benefit from an increase in the CSIC appropriation of \$10/student in FY '28 and 'FY '29, therefore it be

Resolved, that a referendum is put forward to the undergraduate student population to gauge their opinion on supporting the proposed CSIC Tax Appropriation increase through elections beginning on March 6th.

SPONSORS: Speaker Rinne, Chair Milner, Senators D'Aiello, Curry, Dickson
BILL HANDLER: Speaker Rinne, Chairman Milner
DATE: Wednesday, March 4th, 2026
RECOMMENDATION: (5-0-0)
ACTION: Vote Tonight

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: