



Student Senate Logo

University of Rhode Island Student Senate

General Assembly Agenda

Location: Memorial Student Union, Room 201, 50 Lower College Road, Kingston, Rhode Island, 02881

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Time: 6:34–7:53

Recording Secretary: Max McConville

1. Call to Order

Time called: __6:34pm__

2. Roll Call

Present:

Absent:

3. Approval of The Agenda

Motion: *Chair Singh moves to approve the agenda*

Second: *Seconded by Senator Niro*

4. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Previous meeting date: 3/25/26

Motion: *Senator Rosa moves to approve the minutes*

Second: *Seconded by Chair Hudson*

Result: Approved

5. Public Forum

Notes: **No guest speaker**

6. Reports of Standing Committees

- Student Organizations Committee
 - Chair Milner :
 - No official SOC businesses
 - Endorses Chair Singh for SOC chair
- Academic Affairs Committee
 - Chair Troxell :
 - Extension of withdrawing a course later on without a reason in September
 - Thank you for a great year!
- External Affairs Committee
 - Chair Singh :
 - Thank you! Impact fest was a success!
- Cultural Affairs Committee
 - Chair Gonzalez :
 - Thank you to my committee for their support

Yields the floor to Senator Bremmer

- Senator Bremmer :
 - We have a connection with DEI to encourage activism, inclusivity, etc...
- Campus Affairs Committee

- Chair Hudson :
 - Thank you. We had fun together. Can't wait for the next semester
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7. Executive Branch / Cabinet Reports

- Speaker of the Assembly : Speaker Rinner
 - Quick business
 - New senators being inducted by VP-elect Lin
 - Explains how the night will go
 - Endorsements for the next meeting. A bit can be said now though to be fair
- Student Body President : President Reyes
 - No report
 - Congrats to all
 - Seniors wait in the office for a gift
- Student Body Vice President : VP Hailu
 - No report
- Director of the Treasury : DOT Njende
 - Bill on the floor for the Student Alumni Association for Oozeball
 - Budget. Thank you for your patience. It has been revised and on the floor today
 - We all have to keep the money safe
 - [1 minute recess]

Speaker Rinne :

 - New budget sent on the same email chain as the agenda
- Director of Communications : DOC Hinrichs
 - Merch available till Friday

Notes:

8. Reports of Special Committees

Notes: None

9. Report of the Court

Notes: None

10. Announcements

Notes: None

11. Special Orders

- Pass the gavel :
 - [Various senators provide their thanks. Many congratulate the Seniors]
 - Induction of 2026/2027 President and Vice President :
 - *President-Elect Hinrichs is sworn in by President Reyes as the 26'-27' President of the URI Student Senate.*
 - *Vice-President elect Lin is sworn in by President Hinrichs as the 26'-27' Vice-President of the URI Student Senate.*
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12. Unfinished Business

Bill Number : SS-25/26-56 – [DIRECTOR NJENDE] BILL CALLING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND STUDENT SENATE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL/ACADEMIC YEAR OF 2026/2027

Whereas, the Treasury Committee is presenting the Fiscal/Academic Year 2026/2027 Budget, now therefore be it,

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate hereby approves of the following fiscal amounts according to the final recommendations of the Treasury for all entities eligible for (and granted) funding.

SPONSOR(S):	Treasury Committee
BILL HANDLER:	VDOT Keomany (Director Njende)
DATE:	Wednesday, March 25th, 2026
RECOMMENDATION:	[5 - 0 - 0]
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until Next Annual Budget
Review ACTION:	Vote TONIGHT

13. New Business

DOT Njende:

- Thank you for your patience.
- Many changes. Our accountant is on leave.
- Moved from paper to URI Involved.
- Thank you for your patience again.
- Allocation is from what they asked for from what they used and what % of fundraising they do, # of events, etc...

[proceeded to lead the Senate through the 2026/2027 Student Senate budget]

DOT Njende:

- Clubs that failed to re-recognize on time lead to re-distribution. Many clubs met their goal for payment.
- CSIC is money that has been allocated to. We are not liable for CSIC clubs.
- Sailing Club removed.

Chair Hudson:

- What is the Student Senate admin subscription accounts paying for?

DOT Njende:

- URI Involved

DOT Njende:

- The contingency has increased after various calculations and clubs not re-regonizing.
- Clubs who re-recognize late will have \$100 in their account and access contingency but will not be given what was asked for.
- Thank you, it's been a pleasure.
- Money is safe.

The motion is immediately considered

Voting proceeds

Bill SS-25/26-56 passes unanimously

SS-25/26-57 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A \$6,000.00 GRANT OUT OF THE PROGRAMMING CONTINGENCY LINE TO THE STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Whereas, the Student Alumni 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 24th, 2026, the Student Alumni Association submitted a Contingency Grant Request to Director Njende to cover operational expenses for Oozeball, the annual mud volleyball tournament, and

Whereas, Director Njende has met with the E-Board of the Student Alumni Association and has determined that this event will provide a unique and engaging programming opportunity for the URI student body, continue a beloved campus tradition, and promote community engagement and school spirit, and

Whereas, the Student Alumni Association is a new addition to Student Senate and does not have the financial support that it received in years past from the URI Foundation, requiring additional support to maintain this traditional student event, and

Whereas, in accordance with the Student Senate Finance Handbook, contingency grants exceeding \$1,000 require approval by the Student Senate General Assembly, and

Whereas, the Student Alumni Association has demonstrated fiscal responsibility and has provided a detailed breakdown of necessary expenses totaling \$6,000.00, including police detailing, food, fire lights, EMS, electricity, grounds maintenance, supplies, transportation, trash removal, and human waste disposal—all essential for the event to run properly and safely, and

Resolved, that the Student Alumni Association receive a \$6,000.00 contingency grant from the Programming Contingency line to cover operational expenses for Oozeball, the annual mud volleyball tournament, which will continue a cherished URI tradition, bring the student community together for an unforgettable campus experience, and demonstrate Student Senate's commitment to supporting events that build lasting memories and strengthen Rhody pride.

SPONSORS:	Chairs Singh, Hudson, and Senators Niro, Ramos, Waddell
BILL HANDLER:	VDOT Keomany (DOT Njende)
DATE:	Wednesday, April 1st 2026
RECOMMENDATION:	(5-0-0)
ACTION:	VOTE TONIGHT

DOT Njende:

- Contingency grant for Oozeball.
- The student Alumni Association president and VP are here

Emilia and Ashley (Pres and VP of Student Alumni Association)

- ASA has stopped giving us funds. Leading us to not have the funds for Oozeball.
- This pays for food, staff, clothes, ensure's the safety and organizes events. If not we won't be able to hold it.

DOT Njende:

- This money comes out of the current year's budget, a lot is left over for programming. Only one or two have been given this year.

Speaker Rinne:

- A large majority is needed for the bill to pass.
- That was the last bill many of you voted on.

Voting proceeds

Bill SS-25/26-57 passes unanimously

14. General Discussion & Open Forum

Notes: None

15. Adjournment

Time adjourned: ___7:53pm___