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University of Rhode Island Student Senate
April 1st, 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

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

I. REPORT OF THE COURT

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

M. NEW BUSINESS

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

K. SPECIAL ORDERS

Pass the gavel

Induction of 2026/2027 President and vice president

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: