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University of Rhode Island Student Senate
September 4th, 2024 General Assembly Agenda Minutes

Recording Secretary: Lynn Sawyer

Meeting Start Time: 6:42PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Acharya, Ahmad, Buono, Cayer, Collins, Emami, Estes, Gonzalez, Hailu, Hinrichs, Hook, Hudson, Milner, Naidoo, Njende, Pramuka, Reyes, Reffelt, Rinne, Sawyer, Santos, Scola, Sorto-Justiniano, Stadtman, Sundell, Wentworth, Williamson

Absent: Bahra, Boucher, Chamberlain, McCloskey (excused), Parvaresh, Walding

Executive: Goswami, Feroz, Kolterjahn, Cronan, Peckham

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Reyes moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Chair Buono

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Buono moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Chair Reyes

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Maureen McDermott, new Interim Director of the URI Memorial Union and Advisor to the Student Senate

- *Been at URI for 44 years*
- *Now advising the Student Senate*
- *Student Senate are the voice for the undergraduates*
- *Emphasis on attentive listening in Senate Meetings*
- *Hopeful of General Assembly body's decisions will make URI better for the undergraduate students that we represent*

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organizations Committee

-Chair Hook reminds everyone to fill out the committee form

- Academic Affairs Committee

- Chair Collins "Happy FDOC"; any questions about the committee reach out to her

- External Affairs Committee

- Senator Cayer reporting on behalf of the external affairs committee

-Excited to get year started any questions meet with the Chair of the committee

- Cultural Affairs Committee

-Chair Reyes, no report

- Campus Affairs Committee

- Reach out to Chair Buono with any questions about the committee

G. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH/CABINET

- Speaker of the Assembly

- Speaker: Lauren Peckham, excited for this year and what is to come

- Please fill out the committee request form by Friday at noon or random assignment!

- Committee assignments will be out Friday night

- Northwoods Challenge course interest form due Friday as well

- Any questions on upcoming bills should be addressed/discussed in the office before the meeting

- If anyone has specific guest speakers or groups that you would like to come in reach out to Speaker

- Student Body President : Argha Goswami

- Tracking office hours Clockify

- Happy to welcome 2028 class to URI

- 5 spots open on Senate

- General Meeting Discussions in GroupMe

- Booths: Emphasis on showing up for booths, counts as office hours for that week

- Sign up for the Committees please

- New Senators: Reach out to any chair members and use their expertise

- Student Body Vice President: Sanah Feroz

- Time sheets: senators have mandated 2 office hours every week

- *Clockify app should be used by every senator*
- *No mandated office hours this week for senate*
- *Please try to get into Clockify this week*
- *Be kind and allow for grace with others*
- Director of the Treasury: Nicholas Cronan
 - *Finance training on Thursday: 7pm next thursday (9/12)*
 - *Anyone that isn't able to attend should reach out to Cronan*
 - *Any fundraising ideas for senate please reach out to Director Cronan*
- Director of Communications: Madison Kolterjahn
 - *Booth hours are now being mandated*
 - *If you sign up for a booth, they will count as your office hours for the week*
 - *FloURish fest next week, counts as booth hours/office hours*
 - *Reach out to DOC for updated headshots*
 - *Merch: order minimum; merch interest form coming soon*
 - *Please make sure to accept URI Involved invitation*

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

I. REPORT OF THE COURT

None.

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Buono: Meeting for HRL, TAP, and other meetings coming up. Form will be going out soon anyone who has any ideas about any of these groups should fill out the form

Vice President Feroz: Reach out to Feroz to be part of her women leader panel on campus that have served on executive board for more than one year

K. SPECIAL ORDERS

Appointment of Recording Secretary: Senator Lynn Sawyer

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

M. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

N. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

Chair Reyes: If anyone has questions about what each committee does, they can stay after the meeting to gain further understanding

President Goswami: Reminders to correct pronouns on name tags and download

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O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting End Time: 7:15