

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
4TH SEPT 2024

REPORTS:

- Student body President
 - summer trip and working in Prov
 - ID cards for cabinet members
 - Lauren: where would we wear them?
 - Wear them for where you deem them appropriate for gatherings/events; open to designing them differently
 - Dress code: Be presentable and wear business casual
 - Lauren: can we not wear them on days that officials aren't in the room? Meilin: what would be defined as business casual?
 - don't wear casual/PJs and on picture days/important meetings, dress appropriately
- Student body VP
 - spent the summer in RI; with family and friends
 - Focus on figuring out the manner in which we collect/clock in time
 - New system called Clockify; requires students to sign up
- Director of Treasury
 - Internship in Prov and Boston
 - talking about finance training (required for president and treasurer) in the upcoming general meeting
 - will provide makeup trainings
 - open to hear ideas on fundraising
 - Meilin: collaboration idea, a big Holiday party with charity and fundraiser
 - planning to check in with Cheryl
- Director of Communications
 - Wondering if it is possible to mandate booth hours for monthly events
 - once office hours are figured out, shall be doing headshots
 - general and presidential social media difference
 - Meilin: have a subcommittee to assist with supporting and cleaning up the event
 - Argha: open to that
- Speaker
 - introduced herself; applying to law school; family commitments
 - speaking with intention and focusing on minimizing discussions in the general meeting
 - if you have a question, suggest asking earlier rather than asking during the meeting
 - emphasis on aye or nay concept, rather than speaking on the floor to merely emphasize your yes/no
 - Keep updated if you are looking to invite a speaker, trying to keep speakers maximum to 2 people
 - open communication is valued on speaker invites
 - fill out NorthWoods challenge course, highly suggests team bonding

- Argha: create a subgroup on GroupMeet
 - you can but it isn't
- Student Organizations Committee Chair
 - Busy but summer went smoothly
 - Getting club recognition done
- Academic Affairs Committee Chair
 - Worked and interned during summer; graduates in summer
 - Emphasis on academics committees' foundation and their potential
- Cultural Affairs Committee Chair
 - Vermont and RI; summer classes
 - Engage more with cultural orgs
 - wishes to go to full potential
 - create more in-depth transitional material for cultural orgs
 - working with Sophia and Hannah on mental health initiative
 - do more wellness nights for senators during general meeting
 - looking to get merch for senate
 - Madison: looking to narrow down the numbers due to minimum merch requirement
- Campus Affairs Committee Chair
 - spent summer in RI
 - looking to expand menstrual products and initiatives across campus
 - New vending machines with hot food with diverse selection
 - Meeting with transportation
 - waiting for committee assignments
 - Lauren: assignments will be dropped this Friday

Committee meetings count as 1 hour of office hours

Discussion on whether or not ZOOM counts as office hour

Office

EVENTS: FlourishFest on Sept 11th

QUESTIONS: No questions

SUGGESTIONS:

- URInvolved is a good platform to use resources; Argha shall meet with Lucas
- Argha went over the rules to set the tone for future meetings
- Keep yourself accountable for your respective position, creates a collaborative atmosphere and prevents ostracization
- Meilin added that people should not be telling people how to do their job
- Argha agreed and said how it creates an uncomfortable atmosphere; wishes for senate to be a team and maintain professionalism
- Argha emphasized speak directly to the person rather than engaging in gossip; while some conversations are difficult, do your best to get over it; be a strong team and be constructive rather than accusatory

- Lauren brought up team bonding at the NorthWoods course; allows for fun stuff
- Hannah clarified more on how the course works and very inclusive; in agreement with every point made by Argha; consider collaborating with CSLD
- Sanah added her experiences and emphasized “compliment not criticize”; treat people with grace
- Hannah emphasizes the importance of being welcoming with the new senators; reflects on being a freshman
- Argha added on her experiences and how it reflects for the new group
- RHODYFEST:
 - Lack of signups
 - People who did not sign up showed up; people who signed up did not
 - Maddie wishes to mandate an hour to the booth
 - Maddie felt she wasn’t qualified to speak about URI Senate
 - Sophia considering incentives or reprimand the absence of volunteers at the booth
- Everyone got agreed