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## **URI STUDENT SENATE-GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA 21 FEBRUARY, 2024**

Recording Secretary: Chair Peckham

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

### **B. ROLL CALL**

Present: Buono, Cayer, China, Clyde, Corsi, Cronan, Cruz, Ebrahimpour, Hlaskova, Hook, Hoover, Hurowitz, McCloskey, Milner, Ndonge, Newman, Njende, Peckham, Reyes, Rinne, Rudolph, Sundell, Wentworth, Walding

Excused: Della Selva, Hudson, Mehorter

### **C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Senator Cronan moves to amend the agenda to add new bills to new business, seconded by Chair Peckham

Senator Newman moves to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Chair Buono

### **D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chair Peckham moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Chair Clyde

### **E. SPECIAL ORDERS**

Election for Speaker of Assembly

Senator Newman and Ebrahimpour pull their nominations

David Rudolph officially elected speaker

### **F. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Peckham describes what the Women's Summit is and expresses interest in creating a special committee to help plan and will vote on it next week.

President Rizsk will not be re-running for president next year.

Vice-President Steinweh-Adler is also not running next year.

Chair Buono wants to extend appreciation to Speaker Rudolph for taking on the role so quickly and doing a fantastic job.

Senator Alina H. speaks about the Major Fair for incoming freshman and current freshman/individuals who are looking to connect with careers within their majors/minors. Would love to help work on a plan and get the ball rolling on this project.

**G. PUBLIC FORUM**

**H. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Student Organization Committee
  - presidents meeting monday 6PM via zoom
- Academic Affairs Committee
  - sign up for fundraising booth hours for March 5th (tuesday) 1-4PM!
- External Affairs Committee
  - RIPTA discussion, URI and state issue
  - trying to get more updates regarding the RIPTA bill
- Cultural Affairs Committee
  - Narcan Training event, informative, thanks to everyone who came! Shoutout to Senator Newman
  - Next Narcan training on March 4th
- Campus Affairs Committee
  - Meeting with Peirre/monthly dining services meeting Friday 23rd 5PM
  - created outlines/roles/definitions for the liaison positions → want to create defining role documents for transition materials
- Executive Committee
  - Speaker
    - rescheduling previously canceled meeting about URInvolved now scheduled for March 20th
  - President
  - Vice President
    - Dr. Reynolds to possible reinstitute sustainability department chair
    - all sustainability ambassadors positions have received applications!
  - Director of Treasury
    - two emergency treasury bills on the floor
    - beginning process of the budget, deadline submission was today
  - Director of Communications
    - encourage your peers to run for senate, please share the post that's on the instagram
    - new communications liaison from the campus committee

**I. REPORT OF THE COURT**

**J. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Elections Committee

**K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

- TWO NEW TREASURY BILLS

**SS 23-24-48 [DIRECTOR BOSE] BILL CALLING FOR THE \$3,886.00 PURCHASE OF THE STUDENT**

SENATE COPIER FROM THE TAX APPORTIONMENT ACCOUNT

Whereas, the Student Senate currently leases a copier from Ricoh, and

Whereas, the lease for the Student Senate copier is about to expire, and

Whereas, the copier provides essential services for the Student Senate, and

Whereas, by purchasing it, it would give the Student Senate access to the copier for years to come, and

Whereas, purchasing the copier outright would save the Student Senate money in the long run, and  
therefore it is, now therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Student Senate General Assembly approve the outright purchase of the Student  
Senate

copier for \$3,886.00, with the funds coming from the Tax Apportionment Account

SPONSORS: Chairs Hoover, Peckham, Clyde, Buono, Senator Palmer

BILL HANDLER: VDOT Cronan

DATE: February 21, 2024

EXPIRATION: Valid Until Reviewed

ACTION: Vote Next Week

Chair Clyde moves to immediately consider, seconded by Chair Peckham

The bill passes with unanimous approval

### **SS 23-24-49 [DIRECTOR BOSE] BILL CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF A \$7,000 CATEGORY**

#### **TRANSFER REQUEST FOR WRIU RADIO**

Whereas, WRIU radio has overdrawn their operations (213) account, and

Whereas, WRIU radio requesting a category transfer of \$7,000 from the Utilities line (234) to  
Operations

(213), to cover outstanding balances and future expenses, and

Whereas, WRIU radio has been in constant contact with the Director Bose as well as the accounts office  
regarding this matter, and

Whereas, Director Bose has determined that this category transfer request is in the best interest of WRIU  
radio's future success, and therefore it is, now therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Student Senate General Assembly approve a \$7,000 category transfer request from  
utilities (234) to operations (213) account for WRIU radio so they are able to continue operating and  
cover

any expenses needed with this transfer request

SPONSORS: Chairs Hoover, Peckham, Clyde, Buono, Senator Palmer

BILL HANDLER: VDOT Cronan

DATE: February 21, 2024

EXPIRATION: Valid Until Reviewed

ACTION: Vote Next Week

Chair Peckham moves to immediately consider, seconded by Senator Ebrahimpour

The bill passes with unanimous approval

**M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM**

Dr. Stiles asking for a mental health/campus suggestion box or make it better box → DO NOT PAINT IT BLACK

Dr. Stiles also asking for a student senate representative to serve on the commencement committee, cannot be a senior

Chair Hoover recommends mailing and calling your senators and representatives and governor!

Dr. Stiles wants to clarify that you're protesting as an INDIVIDUAL, do not call and say you are representing URI Student Senate

RIPTA is not part of URI, it is a state-funding issue, we need student voices as much as possible!

**N. ROLL CALL**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**