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URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

October 25, 2023

Recording Secretary: Chair Peckham

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Buono, Chadronet, Clyde, Confessore, Corsi, Cronan, Cruz, DeLorenzo, Gamache, Hook, Hoover, Hurwitz, R Johnson, Kelling, Mayers, Mehorthor, Milner, Newman, Peckham, Rinne, Rudolph, Scola, Sundell.

Excused: McCloskey, Ndonye, Reyes, Sama.

Absent: Collins, Dumas, Emami, N Johnson, Palmer, Walding.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Peckham moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Senator Mehorthor.

The motion passes.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Speaker Chadronet informs the Senate that there is a clerical issue with the minutes. Senator Newman moves to table the approval of the minutes, seconded by Senator Mayers.

The motion passes.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Chadronet reminds the Senate that President Parlange's pumpkin carving event will be next week.

F. PUBLIC FORUM

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organization Committee
 - i-Stand presidents meeting thursday november 9th 5-7PM edwards hall, email coming out soon
- Academic Affairs Committee
 - Chair Peckham encourages all present to be respectful to Speaker Chadronet and avoid disrupting meetings.
 - First generation college student celebration November 8th between 2 pm and 4 pm on the Quad
 - Follow the Academic Affairs Instagram @rhodysenateacademics
 - National Domestic Violence hotline: 800-799-7233
 - Reminds everyone of the importance of personal responsibility and respect for cultures over the Halloween weekend

- External Affairs Committee
- Cultural Affairs Committee
- Campus Affairs Committee
 - Chair Buono announces that the Blue Light Walk sign up has been sent out.
 - Gives Kudos to her committee for dining hall tour
- Executive Committee
 - Speaker
 - Senator Barbosa has resigned from his seat
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Vice President Steinweh-Adler tells the Senate that the Senator of the month will be announced next week,
 - The executive branch has reached out to Housing and Residential Life about having Senate outreach and flyers posted in residence halls
 - HRL is creating a student advisory group for HRL, they are looking for students to be active voices for HRL
 - There will be a Senate photoshoot after the elections
 - There was a productive meeting with Dining Services Director for composting
 - Getting funding from 11th Hour Foundation for sustainability efforts, school is investing in composting
 - Suggests a Senate town hall event and would like to hear from people about how they feel about it, potentially a town hall with the Cabinet and General Assembly
 - Director of Treasury
 - Director of Communications

H. REPORT OF THE COURT

I. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Elections Committee

- Chair Rudolph reminds everyone that next Friday is final day for voting,

J. SPECIAL ORDERS

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. NEW BUSINESS

SS-23/24-23 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EXAM AND PRACTICAL SCHEDULING LENIENCY

Whereas, students' academic performance and success are of paramount importance within the education system, and

Whereas, the equitable treatment of students in all academic assessments is essential to uphold the principles of fairness and academic integrity, and

Whereas, the current practice at the University of Rhode Island grants students specific rights and protections during final exams that may not be extended to other syllabus specified exams, and

Whereas, the final exam rights allotted to the student body include having no more than two exams scheduled for the same day, and

Whereas, exams are defined as a formal assessment tool designed to gauge a student's comprehension of a specific subject. Exams may manifest in various formats including written assessments encompassing multiple choice questions, short answers, essays, and free-response, as well as practical demonstrations of skills or oral examinations, and

Whereas, the implementation for equitable rights for all syllabus specified assessments that constitute a significant portion of a student's final grade should be afforded the same level of protection and consideration as final exams, now therefore be it

Resolved, the University of Rhode Island Student Senate asks that all singular assessments weighted 20% or above of the final grade be provided leniency when exam scheduling conflicts arise, and be it further

Resolved, the University of Rhode Island Student Senate formally requests that professors collaborate with students who are given more than 2 exams on one day to offer flexibility, enabling the affected students to reschedule one of their exams.

SPONSOR:	Academic Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chair Peckham
DATE:	October 25, 2023
RECOMMENDATION:	(7-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until Reviewed
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

*Senator Johnson asks if we have collaborated with the Academic Enhancement Center.
Chair Peckham responds by saying once the bill is passed, she will reach out to the AEC.
Resolution SS-23/24-23 passes.*

SS-23/24-24 – BILL CALLING FOR THE REACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “PUBLIC HEALTH CLUB” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Public Health Club” mission statement is, “Advocate for, promote, and improve public health on campus and in the surrounding community through 4 goals; Goal I - Fulfill the mission statement through a project based design

Goal II - Advocate for public health on campus, in the surrounding community, and in the region via an advocacy committee or project

Goal III - Address relevant public health news at meetings i. Discuss how to incorporate implications of news into projects,” and

Whereas, Public Health Club meets the requirements to be a Senate-recognized student organization, and

Whereas, it is custom for the Senate to do so, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges Public Health Club as a recognized organization, and be it further,

Resolved, that Alumni of Color Student Leadership is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$75 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:	Student Organizations Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chair Johnson
DATE:	October 25, 2023
RECOMMENDATION:	(5-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Senator Mayers moves to immediately consider, seconded by Senator Clyde.

The motion passes.

Resolution SS-23/24-25 passes.

SS-23/24-25 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “WOMEN IN PRE-MED” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Women in Pre-Med” mission statement is, “

The purpose of Women In Pre-Med is to encourage women of all racial backgrounds to pursue and attain a degree in the medical field, to provide opportunities to further strengthen the knowledge of one's understanding, and to establish service to communities, both globally and locally," and

Whereas, Women in Pre-Med meets the requirements to be a Senate-recognized student organization, and

Whereas, it is custom for the Senate to do so, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges Women in Pre-Med as a recognized organization, and be it further,

Resolved, that Women in Pre-Med is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$75 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

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*Senator Clyde moves to immediately consider, seconded by Senator Hook.
The motion passes.*

Resolution SS-23/24-26 passes.

SS-23/24-26 – BILL CALLING FOR THE REACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “TALENT DEVELOPMENT STUDENT BOARD” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “Talent Development Student Board” mission statement is, “To provide TD students and all students with opportunities to meet and develop professional skills and meet new people to build lasting connections,” and

Whereas, Talent Development Student Board meets the requirements to be a Senate-recognized student organization, and

Whereas, it is custom for the Senate to do so, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges Talent Development Student Board as a recognized organization, and be it further,

Resolved, that Talent Development Student Board is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$75 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

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*Senator Scola moves to immediately consider, seconded by Chair Peckham.
The motion passes.
Resolution SS-23/24-27 passes.*

SS-23/24-27 – BILL CALLING FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF “AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ” AS A SENATE-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the “American Society of Landscape Architecture” mission statement is,

“ASLA STUDENT CHAPTER AND STUDENT AFFILIATE CHAPTER MODEL BYLAWS

Article 2. Purpose

201. The purpose of the Society is the advancement of knowledge, education, and skill in the art and science of landscape architecture as an instrument of service in the public welfare. To this end the Society promotes the profession of landscape architecture and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship.

202. The purpose of the Chapter shall be to bring students together through organized activities that: 1) are consistent with the purpose and policies of the Society; 2) enhance understanding of the Society, the profession, and related disciplines; 3) improve skills and knowledge and complement the educational curriculum; and 4) encourage participation in the programs and activities of the Society, its professional chapters, and other student and student affiliate chapters," and

Whereas, American Society of Landscape Architecture meets the requirements to be a Senate-recognized student organization, and

Whereas, it is custom for the Senate to do so, now therefore be it,

Resolved, that the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges American Society of Landscape Architecture as a recognized organization, and be it further,

Resolved, that American Society of Landscape Architecture is provided with the first-year financial benefits package of \$75 which is to be paid out over the course of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

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*Chair Hoover moves to immediately consider, seconded by Senator Clyde.
The motion passes.
The bill passes.*

M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

Dr. Stiles reminds the Senate that it is not always in everyone's best interest to immediately consider a bill, and that the email list is for Senate business only.

N. ROLL CALL

O. ADJOURNMENT