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# URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES November 8, 2023

Recording Secretary: Chair Peckham

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Chadronet calls the Senate to order.

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

Present: Buono, Chadronet, Clyde, Collins, Confessore, Corsi, Cronan, Cruz, DeLorenzo, Gamache, Hook, Hoover, N Johnson, R Johnson, Kelling, Mayers, McCloskey, Mehorter, Milner, Ndonye, Newman, Palmer, Peckham, Reyes, Rinne, Rudolph, Sama, Scola, Sundell, Walding.

Absent: Dumas, Emami, Hurwitz.

## C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Senator Mehorter moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Senator Clyde.

The agenda is approved.

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

Chair Hoover moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Chair Peckham.

The minutes are approved.

#### **E. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Speaker Chadronet gives Chair Peckham and the Academic Affairs Committee a shoutout for rearranging the office so that the desks and chairs are all closer.

#### G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Student Organization Committee Chair Johnson
  - President's meeting iStand training on Thursday
- Academic Affairs Committee Chair Peckham
  - Reminds the Senate to follow the committee's Instagram (@rhodysenateacademics)
  - Reminds the Senate that anyone may file academic complaints through the URI Student Senate website and that it must be done in a timely manner.
- External Affairs Committee Chair Hoover
  - Working on off-campus newsletter
  - The Narragansett Town Council is working on another ordinance limiting the number of people who may live in a rental property

- Reminds the Senate to fill out the economic review form before the end of next week
- Chair Johnson suggests asking the Economics Department for help when planning how the economic data would be collected/presented
- Cultural Affairs Committee Chair Reyes
  - There will be a naloxone training on November 20th 4:30 in MU Atrium 2
  - Reminded the Senate of Uhuru Sasa's Nubian Ball ticket sales
- Campus Affairs Committee
  - Blue light walk November 20th 5PM
  - Fill out When2Meet for the campus cleanup
    - Collaboration with the Senate, Student Action for Sustainability, and PINK Women
  - Monthly dining services meeting w/ Pierre on November 16th
    - Composting initiative and other stuff that's being worked on
- Executive Committee
  - Speaker
    - Has reached out to Diversity Dialogues to see if they can come in and present within the next few weeks
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Director of Treasury Director Bose
    - Bill on the floor this week
    - Hope everyone is doing well!
  - Director of Communications

#### H. REPORT OF THE COURT

#### I. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Chair Rudolph reports that the election results were released on Monday. All eight seats have been confirmed and accepted. There will be an election certification bill next week.

### J. SPECIAL ORDERS

# SS-23/24-29 – [DIRECTOR BOSE] BILL CALLING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A \$1,374.65 GRANT OUT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO THE URI FENCING CLUB

<u>Whereas</u>, the URI Fencing Club submitted a budget request on time for the 2023/2024 fiscal year, and is eligible to apply for contingency grants, and

<u>Whereas</u>, on October 10th, 2023, the URI Fencing Club submitted a contingency grant for \$1,374.65 to Director Bose for a Favero Millenium reel pair and a SG12-ST scoring machine, and

<u>Whereas</u>, Director Bose discussed at length with the President of the URI Fencing Club regarding their need for new fencing equipment, and

<u>Whereas</u>, Director Bose determined that the URI Fencing Club deserved the contingency grant, as they are a long-standing student organization with a great fundraising record, and

<u>Whereas</u>, Director Bose determined that this contingency grant would be a good long-term investment for the URI Fencing Club that would benefit them for future years, and therefore it is, now therefore be it,

**Resolved**, that the URI Fencing Club Club receive a \$1,374.65 contingency grant from the Capital Improvements Fund to help cover the costs for the Favero Millenium reel pair and a SG12-ST scoring machine that will be used for fencing practices and matches that the URI Fencing Club participates in.

SPONSORS:

Chair Hoover, Chair Johnson, Senators

Palmer, Mayers, Rudolph

Senator Cronan November 8, 2023 Valid Until Reviewed Vote This Week

BILL HANDLER:

DATE:

EXPIRATION:

ACTION:

SS-23/24-29 passes.

**K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM

N. ROLL CALL

O. ADJOURNMENT