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## **URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

### **November 29, 2023**

Recording Secretary: Senator Peckham

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

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

Present: Cayer, Chadronet, China, Clyde, Collins, Confessore, Corsi, Cronan, Cruz, DeLorenzo, Della Selva, Ebrahimpour, Emami, Gamache, Hlaskova, Hook, Hoover, Hudson, N Johnson, R Johnson, Mayers, McCloskey, Mehorter, Milner, Ndonge, Newman, Njende, Peckham, Rinne, Rudolph, Scola, Wentworth.

Absent: Hurowitz.

Excused: Buono, Kelling, Reyes, Sama, Sundell, Walding.

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

*Chair Peckham moves to amend the agenda to add New Business, seconded by Senator Clyde.*

*The motion passes.*

*Senator Rudolph moves to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Senator Johnson.*

*The motion passes.*

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

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

*The motion passes.*

#### **E. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Student Organization Committee - Chair Johnson
  - *Informs the Senate that a bill relating to club constitutions is on the floor.*
- Academic Affairs Committee
  - *Needs newly elected college rep emails*
    - *Please introduce yourself to the dean if you are a college rep*
  - *Looking for an interim Mental Health liaison*
  - *Free journals and stickers in office*
- External Affairs Committee - Chair Hoover
  - *Working on off-campus newsletter for next semester*
- Campus Affairs Committee - Chair Buono

- *Had dining services meeting a few weeks ago, sending out a survey soon*
- *Thank you to everyone who came to the blue light walk*
- *Having new meeting time*
  - *Sending when 2 meet soon*
- Executive Committee
  - Speaker
    - *Next meeting is last one of the semester!*
  - Director of Treasury
    - *If you're in a club/on a club E-board, accounts office is very overwhelmed right now, if you know someone planning an event the paperwork MUST BE TURNED IN 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE!!!!*

## G. REPORT OF THE COURT

## H. NEW BUSINESS

### **SS-23/24-34 – BILL CALLING FOR THE REVISION OF THE STUDENT SENATE MODEL ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION**

**Whereas**, the Student Senate Model Organization Constitution will serve as the baseline for what is expected of all Student Senate Recognized organizations, and

**Whereas**, the rules and functions of a Student Senate recognized organization are clearly listed and organized, now therefore be it,

**Resolved**, that organizations will have the ability to pass their own constitutions using this model to specify the functions and needs of that organization. As listed in the model constitution, any amendments need to be voted on and approved by a two-thirds majority of full members, then must be approved by the student organization committee, and be it further,

**Resolved**, that the Student Organizations Committee's November 29th 2023 Student Organization Model Constitution will become an official senate document to be amended via bills with a majority vote, and be it further,

**Resolved**, that all student senate organizations will be required to amend and vote on their own constitutions and have them available on their URInvolved page to continue being a Student Senate recognized organization.

SPONSOR:

BILL HANDLER:

DATE:

RECOMMENDATION:

ACTION:

Student Organizations Committee

Chair Johnson

29 November, 2023

(5-0-0)

Vote Next Week

*Chair Johnson moves to strike expiration, seconded Senator Newman.*

*The motion passes.*

*Speaker Chadronet suggests replacing the line directing organizations to use Roberts Rules of Order with a line directing them to use an adaptation of Robert's Rules.*

## **I. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM**

*Dr. Stiles: Secretary of State of Rhode Island asking Student Senate to help encourage students to register to vote.*

*Dr Stiles to Chair Johnson: use "spirit of" Robert's Rules of Order*

*Speaker Chadronet presents rules of decorum and guidelines on the General Assembly for senators.*

## **J. ROLL CALL**

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**