

Residence Hall Association
November 28th, 2018
UC 259

- I. **Call to Order (7:04 pm)**
- II. **Roll Call/Ice Breaker (7:05 pm)**
 - A. Emily
- III. **Approval of the Minutes (7:10 pm)**
 - A. November 14th, 2018
 - 1. Moved by Gaige
 - 2. Seconded by Katie
- IV. **LIT Reports (7:10 pm)**
 - A. **Arey/Fricke**: Our last program, Stressed AF, was good! We made stress jars, stress balls, slime, and we colored! We had forty people attend. Our next program is a Jitters Christmas takeover (December 5th, from 8-10 pm)
 - B. **Cambridge**: Our last program, Easy as Pie, was very popular! We had a great turnout. We gave out free pie (fitting residents' schedules) and hot chocolate! At our last meeting, we discussed how our program went, planned our next program (stress relief), and discussed 1:1s. Our upcoming program is a Stress Relief Program (December 12, from 3-4pm). We will build stress balls, have aromatherapy, and give out gift bags!
 - C. **Clem/Benson**: Our last program was our Spooktacular Evening. At our last meeting, we talked about our next two events: Let it Snow (December 3rd @7pm) and Culture Cuisine (December 10th @6pm). Let it Snow will have games and hot cocoa. Culture Cuisine will feature home cooked meals from recipes all over the world.
 - D. **Lee/Bigelow**: Our last program, Big Hall Lee Day party, was very successful! We had 98 participants. Lots of people made snow globes/calming jars. At our last meeting, we discussed an upcoming event: Hot Cocoa and Cram (December 10th, 8-10 pm @Bigelow).
 - E. **Knilians/Wellers**: Our last program, Leaf a Note, was very successful. We made enough notes for every room in both complexes. At our last meeting, we talked about RA applications, and Bri's nomination for WSG. For our next program, we will be making t-shirt capes for Ronald McDonald house (December 2nd @8pm in Knilians basement).
 - F. **Starin**: Our last program, Fall into Crafting, was good! We had a lower turn-out, but it still went smoothly! At our last meeting, we discussed future programs. Our upcoming program will be De-Stress Before the Test (December 11th, @8:45pm). We will have stress relief, crafts, and time to chill before finals!
 - G. **Tutt/Fischer**: At our last meeting, we discussed Paint N' Pie (our next program). We had tons of pie, canvases, hot chocolate, and time to socialize!
 - H. **Wells**: Our last program, Wellsgiving, was v successful. At our last meeting, we discussed our December program... holiday karaoke, cookie decorating, and recycled ornament making! It is scheduled for December 10th @8:30pm.
- V. **Executive Reports (7:15 pm)**

- A. **Erin:** I worked on my LIT focus group outline, attended Lee/Big's program on Monday, went to Starin and Arey/Fricker's programs as well!
- B. **Emily:** I worked on getting our recognition program, U ROCK U RULE, up and running! Our first awards will be handed out at tomorrow's meeting. In addition, I developed a Funds Request worksheet for organizations to complete if they wish to request funds at our meetings. I will also be making some updates to the budget, complete with a check from OCM (tell amount), and our GLACURH payment. If I do not have an updated copy at this meeting, I will have one at our final meeting. Out of the Blue care packages have been distributed! Snaps to Erin for her help. Meeting minutes will be sent to you all this Friday. Have a great rest of your week!
- C. **Ethan:** GLACURH is over and I have been preparing post-conference items such as a survey for the delegation and recognition items. I responded to emails related to this month's survey. Lastly, I attended Lee/Bigelow's holiday program on Monday.
- D. **Jordan and Rachel:** Our passive program, Stress Relief, will be rolled out at next week's meeting! We have been discussing fundraising ideas with Emily. We are planning on having a meeting for Lil Sibs committee at the end of semester. Open mic night will be taking place next week instead of lip sync. More details to come later.
- E. **Nick:** I attended LIT meetings for Clem/Benson, Wells, Starin, Arey/Fricker, finished display cases, am going to attend a meeting Rec Sports Committee, and be sure to check out the social media contest!

VI. Advisor Reports: (7:19 pm)

- A. **Maria:** Thanks for coming! Thanks to Mixed Race Student Union for coming! Our last meeting is next week, and we will have some holiday cheer as a thank you for attending meetings this semester! Our meetings next semester will be the same time, location and place
- B. **Dan:** Hello everyone! Echoing maria, thanks for trekking out. We'd love to see you at Whitewater's Got Talent next Thursday... gonna be a good time!

VII. Old Business (7:20 pm)

A. Mixed Race Student Union:

- 1. **Troy:** Hello! Maria is passing out a handout for everyone. We looked at driving versus flying price, which is outlined in the handout! We are asking for 750\$ to help people go to NCORE! It would take us thirty hours to drive to Portland, it would save us 400\$. Any questions right off the bat?
 - a) Are you sending your eBoard? → As it stands right now, we will be sending them.
 - b) Someone asked about bringing a general assembly member...? → We don't have many... two or three. They won't be available for this conference. When we have more resources, we'd love to send our members!

- c) Are you just asking for 750\$? → Yes, that's what was proposed at our last meeting.
- d) Will you guys be willing to collab with RHA on a fundraiser next semester? → Yes, we'd love any assistance!
- e) Money for flying? → We will be using money from our contingency fund. Bake sales, fundraisers.
- f) Clarification... this is towards registration or travel? → Money will go towards the conference first. We'd rather have the ticket money first.
- g) Benefits the students? → Any info we'd like to bring back, we'd like to collab with each res hall to have a program about the things we've learned.
- h) Anyone on eBoard graduating in spring? → No

B. Motion to move into discussion

- 1. Moved by Sarah
- 2. Seconded by Montana
- 3. Consent...any objections? None

C. Discussion:

- 1. This would be very beneficial! They plan on going and learning as much as they can and bringing info back. We have issues with race on our campus. Info may be really helpful to getting people information they need and relieving the tension relating to race. -Ana
- 2. Supports MRSU and our residents - Brittany
- 3. Benefits us as a whole. - Gaige
- 4. If there is a shift in the eBoard, I'd like to see the new members go. They would get more back. - Rachel
- 5. One of the best proposals I've heard. I like the idea of giving them the funds they need, and anything else. -Libby
- 6. Move to end discussion, so moved
- 7. Motion to move into voting, so moved
- 8. **Vote:** Unanimous! 34/0/0 750\$ donation to Mixed Race Student Union

D. Standing Rules

- 1. Needed updates! We wanted it to reflect better as what we do as an eBoard. I'd be happy to answer any questions! Let me know! -Erin

VIII. Guest Speakers (7:36 pm)

A. Terry Tumbarello

- 1. Great to be back!! Love everything that is going on tonight, and I love to see when RHA is at its best, and this is pretty dang close. You are the student voice of the halls, and we rely on you to represent the students and anything they need to be successful academically. We want hall improvement ideas...sometimes we ask for opinion, sometimes we inform. If we have a choice, we want your opinion! That's when RHA is at its best. I've charged RHA to be the main programming body throughout the halls. If you want to see programs, make them happen! I'd like to open the floor to questions:

- a) Who's the new hall is gonna be named after? → We don't know yet. Starin naming rights are still available.
 - b) Sophomore Exemption → Make it our goal to fill the halls. Our number one expense is our debt service. We can't pay our bills if the halls aren't filled. UW system has a freshman sophomore residency requirement. Projections are that the next incoming class will be a bit higher. Adding beds to our portfolio... when it's filled, we will let people out.
 - c) New hall... priority? How will we fill it? → Final decision will not be made, however, this is what we're currently looking at. Mix of returning and incoming students. Somewhere that makes sense for both years of students. Cannot do 100% of either... Middle ground is needed. Final decision will be made from upper administration. We're talking about it, and a decision will be made soon.
 - d) Cost same as Starin...to live there → final decision isn't made. It won't be exactly the same.
 - e) Adding parking? → Depends on how that's defined. Yes, when it's done... but we can't capture all of the spots we lost. We will get some, but the building is sitting on mostly parking lot.
 - f) Do we know if it's gonna be its own complex... stand a lone? → Final decision hasn't been made. It will probably be its own complex.
 - g) I live in a single in Tutt... will they be offered again next year? → Yes, exact number isn't known. It depends on the incoming amounts of people
 - h) Criteria set for new sophomore exemption status? → Not being set yet. This is set by administration. The decision will be made soon. We certainly have input though!
2. Hall Improvement updates...
- a) Ice machines → We are moving forward in getting quotes and numbers for getting ice machines in the halls! The first request is what would it cost to have one in every building
 - b) Low rise and putting ecomax units in them → fridge, freezer microwave combo. As recent as today, we've gotten quotes from companies.
 - c) Ana- carpeting in Wells West is really bad. Terry - how many are living in Wells. We realize this, and we replaced a number of floors but this would keep the cost down. One of the lowest housing costs, and one of the best housing programs. We are not done recarpeting wells.
 - d) About the new hall... how will you hire a new CD/ACD? → It depends! Same thing applied to Starin, it just depends on needs. Could be returning or new hire.
 - e) I've heard rumors that Wells hall will be coming down → In a master plan, Wells was scheduled to be demolished in 2036. It

was cost prohibited to renovate. Since that's happened, Mad and Eau Claire... those buildings are being renovated. Wells isn't coming down any time soon. Might be renovated.

- f) Have you talked about a pet friendly building? → We haven't moved into deep conversation on this. It's not simple. Allergy free buildings maybe. Our campus will not move to this in the near future.
- g) Family housing? → Don't have it, or the facilities for it. As our campus evolves, maybe, but nothing in the near future. We make the decision based on what the student's needs are.
- h) Automatic lights in other buildings... other buildings? → We do this when we renovate a building. When we renovate, that's when we will do this.
- i) What's the next building to be renovated? → Bigelow... MAYBE. It will be one of the non-elevator buildings.
- j) Will White Hall be renovated? → We sold the building back to the campus. This has to do with funds and revenue stream. When it was transitioned to academics, we don't have any control over it. I've heard many different things, besides the food pantry.
- k) Asbestos... that's why it's closed? I can assure you that's not why it closed.
- l) Third Floor goodhue? Probably the thing i know the least about.
- m) December 6th... two things in the dining halls. As students leave lunch, they'll be ice cream novelties you can choose from. Dinner will be premium. They are bringing in a lot they don't serve, but there will be carved meat, and nice things.
- n) Study Night and Midnight Pancake Breakfast...
- o) ** I want to challenge you all to something... We talked about the talent show. The bottom line, is that this is a big program for you. It's your program! I want to see one performance... from each complex. If you meet my challenge, you can name your terms on something that is reasonable. An extra 1500 to NACURH?

IX. New Business (8:09 PM)

A. GLACURH Presentation

1. Please reach out to Ethan for the presentation!

X. Committee Reports (8:21 pm)

A. Internal

B. External - Dining

1. Appreciation dinner, pancakes! Sushi backed out... we are still looking at a vendor! Waffle bar will be coming back after the break. Chilaca...

XI. Jitters Report (8:24)

1. **Event Thursday @8pm.** eBoard members found jitters merch in the closet... some will be as prizes! We'd like to inform you that Jitters will be open December 11th... last day! Always looking for volunteers!

XII. RA Report (8:26 pm)

- A. **Noah Shaffrick:** One of our RAs, Ebony, is participating in Miss Black and Gold. Come support participants!

XIII. Final Thoughts (8:27 pm)

- A. Snaps
- B. U Rock U Rule

XIV. Adjournment (8:32 pm)