

RHA
10/21/20
WebEx Teams

1. Call to Order (7:02pm)
2. Roll Call/Ice Breaker (7:02pm)
 - a. (Mya)
3. Approval of the Minutes (7:04pm)
 - a. (Katherine) Firsts
 - b. (Emily) Seconds
 - c. (Emily) Consent
4. LIT Reports (7:05pm)
 - a. Arey/Fricker
 - i. None
 - b. Benson/Cambridge
 - i. Benson had an ice-cream social on October 1, from 6pm-8pm.
 - ii. They also discussed ideas for their October newsletter.
 - iii. There will be a door decorating contest October 18 through October 24.
 - iv. There will be a pumpkin painting event on October 22 at 7pm.
 - v. There will be a Halloween Costume Contest October 25 through October 31. Participants will submit a picture of their costume to bensoncambridge_lit.
 - c. Knilans/Wellers
 - i. There will be a Scavenger Hunt October 23 from 2-6pm.
 - ii. There will be a Door Decorating Contest on October 30 (judging will take place).
 - iii. There will be a Tie Dye event on November 13 from 4-6pm.
 - iv. There is a Warhawk Weekly every Friday.
 - d. Lee/Bigelow
 - i. Last night, LIT had a de-stress event with stress ball making and mindfulness. Weekly Warhawk challenge is happening to guess the amount of gumballs at the front desk.
 - ii. There is a get food together event going on.
 - e. Ma'iingan
 - i. Last program was "Boo Your Door Out!" and it took place on October 20 from 5:30pm to 7pm. It had a good turnout. We had 39 people attend and everyone seemed to have fun. It was very good with social distancing, the halls look a lot more festive and fun now!

- ii. We are still getting new LIT members and working on getting more people involved.
 - iii. We do not have any set dates so far, but we are working on a self care night and want to use that to promote the counseling services that Whitewater has. We also are planning an event to get people to write down what they are thankful for on paper leaves and use that to make a tree that we will hang in the lobby.
 - f. Starin
 - i. There is an Among Us lobby Thursday, October 29.
 - ii. There is a post it note window contest during the last week of November.
 - iii. There will be a LIT Instagram for Starin going up soon.
 - g. Tutt/Fischer
 - i. None
 - h. Wells
 - i. We discussed our Warhawk Weekly and finalized details for next All-Hall at our last meeting.
 - ii. On Tuesday October 27 we have our second All-Hall at 8:30pm. We are having a costume contest during the meeting and we will also be announcing our Door Decorating Contest winners.
- 5. Executive Reports (7:09pm)
 - a. Lisa
 - i. This week I went to WSG, signed the Clem Care Package Cards and put the cards into the care package bags. I contacted Parking Services about blood drive parking. Like always, I have also been making agendas and been in contact with people who are going to be at our meetings. Are there any questions for me?
 - b. Ben
 - i. This past week, I updated the budget, made You Rock, You Rules, (YAY), finalized our RHA Buddies Program guidelines for our E-Board Members.
 - ii. I picked up a check request from Hyer Hall for Clem Hall Care Packages.
 - iii. I worked on the Office Hours Legislation and presented it to the General Assembly.
 - iv. In addition, I helped Abby with the gift card giveaway program and together we worked on putting together a display board layout for the dorms introducing the E-Board Members.
 - c. Amanda

- ii. Within the next 2 weeks, I plan on visiting every LIT meeting and giving a brief presentation about Of The Months(OTM's). I will be in contact with the ACD's about adding that to your agendas.
- iii. This week we are awarding a gift card with the Golden Artichoke to whoever is wearing the most neon. If you are wearing neon and you want to win that gift card, DM our Instagram @uwvrha or Facebook with a selfie showing us your fit. Are there any questions for me?

g. Andrea

- i. Hello, this past week I spent the majority of my time figuring out specifics for RLC. I worked with Maria to figure out how our delegation would work, and I drafted an email to send to the delegates. I also edited some of my agendas for our virtual conference meetings.

6. Advisor Reports (7:18pm)

a. Maria

- i. I am the Assistant Director of Student Engagement.
- ii. Currently I am hosting one-on-ones with ACD's on LIT support through overall learning and other concepts. I had a one-on-one with Julia and Naeelah.
- iii. The event Boxes and Walls is coming up. If you are not sure what it is, imagine a haunted house, except students are brought through different rooms to show diversity experiences. The program will go live on campus soon and RA's should have more information on this program.
- iv. I received a survey on Monday night based on what plans students have after November 20. The survey is two questions and easy to fill out, so please do so.
- v. I worked with Andrea to fill out the GLACURH Delegation.

b. Matt

- i. I did not do too much, simply advised the Co-Programmers and helped them plan upcoming events.
- ii. There is an amazing event coming up next Tuesday, October 27-- Fright Night. The Second Salem Paranormal Investigation Team will be speaking over WebEx, telling scary stories about Whitewater. Ask any questions to Genna and Mya.
- iii. Auditions are in progress for Whitewater's Got Talent.

c. Cole

- i. I am one of the advisors to RHA and the CD of Arey-Fricker.
- ii. I am working with the PRD to get recognition for RHA out there.

- iii. I am working with EA to submit information in a timely manner.
- iv. Please apply to become an RA, we are hiring for the Spring 2021 Semester. A requirement is that you have to have lived on campus for one year. The deadline to submit applications is November 2.

7. Guest Speaker (Frank's Presentation)

- a. He got his start in housing through RHA and is excited to see what the next generation brings.
- b. West Enterline reached out, and they are interested in putting collection bins in to put plastic bins. This will be further discussed in New Business.
- c. Housing Contract Changes:
 - i. We are looking to change the language in our Housing Contract in relation to students breaking their housing contract.
 - ii. Here is what we propose:
 - 1. If you withdraw from the university after taking occupancy of the residential space, you will be responsible for payment based on the below refund schedule:
 - a. (1) Proper check out completed during the first and second weeks of the semester: prorated nightly through the check-out date.
 - b. (2) Proper check-out completed during third and fourth week of the semester: student pays 50% of housing fees for the semester.
 - c. (3) Proper check-out completed during the fifth week or later of the semester: student pays 100% of the housing fees for the semester.
 - iii. In the past, we would prorate the fees based on the week of the semester. Our Housing budget is actually based on students completing the semester and we have a number of costs that are fixed (ex: our housing debt service budget is over \$7 million dollars a year). With declining occupancy being a distinct reality, we will either need to change our practices, or increase charges to all students to cover the loss of funds.
 - iv. This new verbiage will be used to cover losses due to the circumstances of the semester. We have lost 1.4 million dollars due to this year's circumstances.
- d. Questions:
 - i. Would this change start next semester or next year?
 - 1. Starts next year on the contract, for all incoming students or following year students.

- ii. There is already something in place like this, so do you consider this idea familiar, correct?
 - 1. Typically, students are charged up to the week that they check out, and they are not charged for any time after(refunded). This change does charge after the weeks specified in the plan.
- iii. Would there be a general increase in housing cost?
 - 1. The school is not doing well on academics, this will be a slow process to come back to where we were. We are currently on a four-year budget. There is a big increase in the utility side of housing. The heat plant will enact a substantial increase of utility charges 4000 dollars. Room rates may increase, although the campus is pushing to keep them as tight as possible.
- iv. What happened to Stevens Point's enrollment after this change?
 - 1. Their circumstances are more dire, so they were able to corral more money to make up for their losses.
 - 2. UW Whitewater is running at 85%-- the best occupancy in the UW System.

8. Old Business (7:38pm)

a. Flower Program (Nia's Program)

- i. Motion to move the issue from the Table to the Floor (Brooke)
- ii. Seconds (Naomi)
- iii. Questions
 - 1. Motion to end question and move to discussion (Matthew)
 - 2. Seconds (Nick)
- iv. Discussion
 - 1. RHA Representative Benson/Cambridge-- No one is in favor of this. The university is tight on their budget and we find it unnecessary.
 - 2. RHA Rep Arey/Fricker-- We discussed allocating some funds to the program(\$150). There is an issue with the timing of the program as it takes place during classes for most people.
 - 3. Lee/Bigelow is in favor, and discussed decreasing the amount of flowers to 200.
 - 4. Ma'iingan is in favor but not for the full amount proposed by Nia(\$300).
 - 5. Starin is in favor, but wishes to allocate no more than \$150.
 - 6. Wells is in favor of the program.

7. Wellers/Knilians discussed decreasing the amount to 200 flowers.
 - v. Motion made to end discussion and allocate \$150 to the Flower Program.
 - vi. Seconds (Katie)
 - vii. Voting
 1. In Favor: 9
 2. Opposing: 0
 3. Abstaining: 0
 4. The motion passes.
- b. Legislation
 - i. Motion to move the issue from the Table to the Floor (Katherine)
 - ii. Seconds (Amanda)
 - iii. Questions
 1. Motion to end questions (Katherine)
 2. Seconds (Emily)
 - iv. Discussion
 1. Arey/Fricker is in favor of the legislation.
 2. Bigelow is in favor of the legislation.
 3. Wells is in favor and they like that an E-Board member is assigned to each LIT.
 4. Starin is in favor of the legislation.
 5. Wellers/Knilians is in favor of the legislation.
 6. Tutt/Fischer is in favor of the legislation.
 7. Motion to move to go ahead with the change in legislation (Ty).
 8. Seconds (Katie)
 - v. In favor: 7
 - vi. Opposed: 0
 - vii. Abstaining: 0

9. New Business (7:53pm)

a. Donation Bins (Ashley's topic)

b. About Trex

- i. The program is titled the Trex Recycling Program. They are a company that produces decking, railings, and furniture
- ii. They offer a program that provides a high-quality composite bench if we recycle 500 pounds of plastics.
- iii. The bench, if we are successful in reaching our goal of 500 pounds of plastics, will be placed in the campus garden.

- iv. Their website is: <https://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/>
- c. More Information
 - i. The bins to recycle plastics are approximately 2'x3.5'.
 - ii. Ashley will be emptying these bins each week to start (will decide the rate of usage after a couple weeks).
 - iii. Bins would be placed near front desks, but this is open to any suggestions.
 - iv. This program is to take place over a six month period. The recycling bins will be given to the front desk employees.
 - v. West Enterline has done a similar program.
 - 1. Within a one-month period, they collected almost 110 pounds of plastic grocery bags.
 - vi. They are hoping to place bins in Starin, Wells, Arey/Fricke, and Ma'iingan Hall.
 - vii. The bins will be placed November through May of 2021.
- d. Questions:
 - 1. Will you come around to empty the bins every week in case the front desk employee cannot do it?
 - a. This is a Sustainability Office deal and Ashley will personally collect and check the bins weekly. Front desk employees are not asked to empty the bin, only as a last resort.
 - ii. Discussion:
 - 1. Maria suggests to take information from the presentation back to the LITS to discuss.
 - 2. What happens if we do not reach the goal?
 - a. Then Whitewater's campus does not get the bench, but it is not a loss, because plastic waste will not go into the landfill.
 - 3. Would you be in favor of partnering with the LIT's to see who gets the most bags?
 - a. We used to partner with the LIT's and any other ideas are welcome.
 - 4. Movement to move to the table (Cassidy)
 - 5. Seconds (Ty)
 - 6. Passes and is filed under Old Business for next week.

10. WSG Reports(8:05pm)

- a. Davin Stavroplos Presents:

- i. WSG introduced legislation to reorganize their executive board, and it was essentially a small internal change regarding reporting structures and titles of certain executive board members.
- ii. They approved their budget proposal for SUFAC.
- iii. They extended the filing deadline for the WSG Senate election to November 1.
- iv. They voted to oppose a resolution by the faculty senate to ban vaping and tobacco on campus.
- v. They voted not to reapportion Senate Seats due to COVID 19.
- vi. They discussed the new University Division for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Associate Vice Chancellor Yarborough.
- vii. If anyone has any questions about any of the above or if interested in getting involved in WSG, please reach out to WSG at WSGSpeaker@uww.edu

11. Jitters Reports(8:08pm)

- a. Julia Presents:
 - i. The submissions for the Halloween Drink Contest are in, although submissions can still be made tonight, and will be judged tomorrow, October 23. The drink list will be sent out to ACD's. An addition to the rules is to give the drink a fun name and Jitters will consider it.
- b. Jitters is open Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23 from 8pm-midnight tomorrow.
- c. They are still looking for shift leaders. Volunteers get a free drink per shift and if interested, email Jitters at jitters@uww.edu
- d. Looking for more menu options, julia put her email in the chat to spice up next semester

12. RA Reports (8:11pm)

- a. None

13. Final Thoughts (8:11pm)

- a. Snaps
- b. U Rock U Rule
 - i. 5 presentations
 - 1. U Rule--Ever Aroca
 - 2. U Rock--Kaitlin Miller
 - 3. U Rock--Jack
 - 4. U Rock--Mya Allen
 - 5. U Rule--Genna Robinson
- c. Golden Artichoke
 - i. Emily Quamme is this week's winner.
- d. Upcoming Dates

- i. Whitewater's Got Talent Auditions (Thursday, October 22)
- ii. Fright Night (Tuesday, October 27)
- iii. Homecoming (This week until October 24)
- iv. Halloween (Saturday, October 31)
- v. Voting Day (Tuesday, November 3)
- vi. RHA Blood Drive (Thursday, November 5)

14. Adjournment (8:19pm)

- a. Lisa Syreini
- b. Matthew Baller
- c. Consent called