



## RHA Minutes

Date 04.28.21

Zoom

- \* Call to order at 7:02
- \* Roll Call/Ice breaker: Starin
  - If your personality could be a food, what food would it be?
- \* Approval of the Minutes 7:08
  - Motion made Brooke Pederson
  - Seconded Emily Quamme
  - Consent called
- \* LIT Reports
  - Arey/Fricker 7:08
    - Had a program before spring break: potting program. Plan to have a window decorating competition, working on social media and Warhawk pride themed contest.
    - Planning a get together for lit members for Reception of Excellence
    - Window decoration competition: Can decorate whenever, materials will be out next week, submit by next Friday, vote by next Sunday, win a summer themed basket.
  - Benson/Cambridge 7:10
    - No report
  - Wellers/Knilans 7:10
    - Starin park table flipping contest
    - Self-care kits week of finals
  - Lee/Bigelow
    - Thursday in Lee basement 7:00 water bottle decorating, Jitter's takeover right after from 8pm to midnight.
    - Planning Reception of Excellence watch party
  - Ma'iingan
    - No more events
    - Planning Reception of Excellence watch party
  - Starin 7:12
    - Two more events coming up, Rock painting 6pm on Tuesday, next Wednesday distress program 6:30pm in the lobby.
  - Tutt/Fischer 7:12
    - No report
  - Wells 7:12
    - Had field day event two weeks ago
    - Tye-dye program two days ago
    - Spring into sustainability May 4th 6-7 pm outside of Wells between Wells and Knilans
- \* Exec reports 7:13
  - Lisa 7:13
    - With Last week being spring break, I did not have much to do for RHA other than checking emails once a day. The week prior I made agendas,

worked on my transition report, cleaned the office, attended WSG and kept up with emails. In addition to that I also started the org recognition process for RHA. Tomorrow at 4pm in the Goodhue office, I will be decorating the thank you hearts for the art alliance, if you are interested please join me

- Ben 7:14
  - The week prior to spring break I printed out posters for RHA's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Scavenger Hunt, looked through the nominations for the Reception of Excellence, attended the Arey-Fricker pot painting and planting program, and started some of the RHA office cleaning knocking off a couple items on the list. I also edited the minutes from last meeting. Over spring break, I spent a little time on my transition report.
- Amanda 7:15
  - This week I have been working hard on getting the stress kits finished. Cutting and building the destroy this book books with help from Becca. As well as cutting out all the QR codes for the stress kits. After sorting out all the individual pieces to construct the kit I put it together. Building 75 bags to go out this Thursday by filling out the google form that is in the email sent out Wednesday. I have also worked on the transition report.
- Becca 7:16
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- Abby 7:17
  - Hi everyone! During the last couple days before spring break, I worked on finishing up my transition report. This week, I have been working on updating the website, sending the weekly reminder email, and creating social media posts. I have also been preparing for the ROE and several other end-of-year activities. Also, I have been advertising the RHA Goosechase Scavenger Hunt and the end of year grab and go stress kits on social media this week. Yesterday, I represented RHA by participating in the interviews for the search for the new Dean of Students. I also went to the Wells LIT tie dying program last night and turned my hands lots of fun colors. Just a reminder, April OTMs is due on May 5<sup>th</sup>, which is next Wednesday. There has been so many great sustainability, tie dying, planting, field day, ice cream, jitters take over, and end of year celebrations programs in April and I want to see an OTM nomination for every single one of them because I know they were all amazing and they all deserve to be recognized. If you need any help, we are here for you. Link in the chat to our website page about OTMs: [uwwrha.org/otms](http://uwwrha.org/otms)
- Andrea 7:18
  - This past week most of my time was spent tying up loose ends. I sent out personalized confirmation emails to the 6 teams that registered, I edited my transition report, and had my one on one with Maria. I also investigated bidding for NACURH and checked in with the other CCs in the region.

✳ Advisor reports

○ Maria

- We are currently looking for someone from RHA to represent University Housing for the Dean of Students student interview at 10am on Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>. Would anyone be interested in participating and representing us?
- We are still seeking positions for the RHA e-board for next year for positions like President, Vice President, Executive Assistant and two Co-Programmer positions. I will be contacting the two individuals who have already turned in materials tomorrow, but we are still looking for a full e-board. Next week Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, during RHA's meeting we are going to be seeking nominations. So please come prepared ready to nominate someone you think would make an amazing addition to the e-board.
- RHA is the governing body for all the Residence Halls, and we focus on programming, hall improvements, and collaboration with student orgs across campus. From Lil Sibs Weekend to free laundry in the halls, RHA strives to make a positive impact on the student experience and participating as part of the e-board could be your opportunity to leave a legacy on campus.
- It is a 10 hour per week, paid position and allows students to network with professionals at the University as well as gain leadership skills that are appealing to future employers. I will send the application to Abby so she can send it out with the minutes. Applications will close at the end of the semester, so May 14<sup>th</sup>, and then we will be conducting Webex interviews for the position. Please let me know if you have any questions.
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✳ Guest speakers 7:24

○ Frank Bartlett (email him if you have any questions about the budget)

- Encourage everyone to get involved, great experience, previous president and NCC, went to a NACURH conference in UWW and ended up working here, who knows where you can go once you are involved.
- Housing budget
  - Comes from room rates, 2% proposed increase in housing
  - Occupancy is lower, 3554 in the residence halls
  - Last years was 520 higher
  - Freshman class is smaller, safe number for this estimate, very circumstantial
  - Would ideally be higher enrollment so we could have a lower increase

✳ Projected revenues are over 17.3 million dollars (snack machines, interest, UWWTV, res life, rebates, etc.)

- Mostly related to room fees
- Revenues for this year were budgeted at 19 million

✳ Decreases in staff

- Assistant director and residence life on hold

- Technology on hold
  - 2.5 custodial staff reduction
  - Hold on maintenance repair specialist position
  - Assistant to the director combined with Leadership development, combined marketing position .5 people shifted
  - Overall lot of positions on hold or downsizing
  - A lot of people must pick up more responsibilities because of less people
- \* Reductions in cost
    - Total 1,755,082
      - Debt service payments reduced
      - Campus funding support reduction
      - Wages reduction
      - Fringes reduction
      - Service and supplies reduction
- \* Increases in costs (total 665,008)
    - Steam and labor
    - Labor raises
    - Student affairs shared costs
    - University staff temp employees
    - Rock campus shuttle
- \* Lisa 7:43
    - Thank you for coming and for bringing all this information to us.
- \* Emily Sanger to
    - Are other UW schools also increasing housing rates?
- \* Frank
    - Other schools are raising their costs, some up to 4% but most common is 2%
    - Terry
      - We have lower housing costs, almost everyone else is higher
- \* Sabina
    - Are there any budget reductions to RHA funding?
- \* Terry 7:45
    - Do not think the RHA budget got cut, may have been increased though.
- \* Frank 7:45
    - Biggest thing that got reduced is travel
- \* Matt Schweinert
    - Are there any budget cuts to student employment?
- \* Frank 7:46
    - Yes, having difficulty finding student worker,. Work studies funded at a higher level
    - Really hard time finding student workers
- \* Frank 7:48
    - Send people my way if there are questions
- \* Lisa 7:49
    - Thank you again for coming, any last-minute questions?
- \* Frank 7:49

- Thank you for letting me talk tonight
- ✱ Terry 7:49 - Renaming of a building
  - I hear its super-hero night, broadcasting from his “Bat Cave”, trying not to hijack the meeting
  - UWW History
    - Shows neon light sign that says heroes, used to be a sub shop called heroes where Erbs and Gerbs was, dine in shop, had superhero paraphernalia, sign he showed is one that he acquired legally through surplus, heroes closed around 2003.
  - Thank you to heroes of front desk attendants
  - Showing that he is in denim for April 28th, recognition of sexual assault survivors (<https://www.denimdayinfo.org/>)
  - Budget realities
    - Freezing positions when they become vacant, the work that Maria has done and Amanda Jenkins is amazing for stepping up and filling in, Maria is managing desks and other responsibilities, Amanda taken on conduct and such (taken on almost 3 new jobs and have done exceptionally well)
  - Starin Hall
    - Opened in 2010
    - Never intended to be named Starin
    - Literally is the road the building was built on
      - Did not want to name it new hall
    - Starin family did not contribute to the hall, always wanted a more permanent name
    - Wanted to do the naming correctly
    - 2 years ago, naming for Starin was started, campaign to name after Doctor Roger Pollium
    - WSG and BSU started working on projects to name as well
    - Today, university has formally chosen to name it Roger Pollium Hall to board of regents
    - Did a lot in McCutchen hall
    - Created and brought programs to campus, McNairs scholarship, trio program, BSU advisor for a decade, incredible recruiter for university and specifically POC
    - Giant in the reasons for UWW success and who UWW is today
    - Frank and Terry looked at him because during their careers Dr. Pollium was a strong ally of housing, easy conversation and always was willing to step up for the best interest of students
    - Starin is one of our pillars of our inventory, least we could do
    - If we vote him in, new name
    - Take opportunity to fundraiser for new housing scholarships around his name/in honor of him
    - Naming recipients for this years’ housing students at Reception of Excellence
    - Want more scholarships in Dr. Pollium’s name for housing students
    - Used to only be one charge for any dorm, now there is a variety

- This only happens if board of regents approves it
  - Could be a long process, its already in princess
- \* What happens if they do not approve it?
  - Terry: Most likely will not happen, family is in favor, 8:00
  - Frank: If it would to be denied it would because of something minor, he was held in very high regard, always brought in students, almost 100% will be approved 8:03
- \* Emily Sanger: 8:03
  - Will there be a plaque for him in the building?
- \* Terry: 8:04
  - Yes most likely, probably done w Ma'iingan as well 8:03
- \* Terry 8:04
  - If you have any questions feel free to contact me
  - Special night and do not want to hijack the meeting
- \* Lisa 8:04
  - Can talk in final thoughts, thank you for including us and not just going to board of regents.
- \* Terry 8:05
  - Always consider taking these things to RHA!
- \* Advisor Reports Part 2 8:05
  - Cole
    - Hope you are all doing well
    - Keep getting tested
    - We are here for you all!
  - Matt 8:06
    - COMMUNITY SERVICE SITE—
    - <https://www.uww.edu/career-and-leadership-development/student-involvement/community-service>
    - RECEPTION OF EXCELLENCE – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:15pm via Facebook and YouTube Live
    - <http://uwwrha.org/2021-reception-of-excellence/>
    - Brooke P.
      - Is it possible to watch ROE back later after it goes live?
- \* OTM Committee: 8:10
  - For only the second time in 8 years, the University of Wisconsin Whitewater has a Regional of the Month Award Winner. So, I just wanted to give a big congratulations to Amanda Patrick and her nominator Ever Aroca for winning a Regional OTM for First Year Student for the month of March!!! The other thing I wanted to briefly touch on one more time is that those April OTM nominations are due next Wednesday. I would love for us to get at least one more regional winner before the end of the semester, and I know we are capable of it so let us write some OTMs.
- \* Dining Committee: 8:11
  - Ben Rasey 8:12
    - What is dining doing well?

- Terry 8:12
  - Dining has taken the expense of providing quarantine meals, recognize them for those efforts
- Lisa 8:12
  - Likes that the pretzel is back
- Emily Sanger 8:13
  - Hot dogs are well received
- Ben Rasey 8:13
  - Is anyone taking advantage of bulk ordering?
- Sabina 8:13
  - Yes she is using build ordering
- Becca 8:13
  - Also using bulk ordering
- Brooke P.
  - I am a fan of the Drumlin salad bar... most days
- Matthew B.
  - Why does Esker do pasta so often for lunch and dinner?
- Frank Bartlett
  - Did you check out the international meals that took place in Esker and Drumlin prior to spring break?
- What was done well?
  - Amanda P
    - Tomato Soup!!
  - Kymberli M
    - Loaded baked potato soup!
  - Amanda P.
    - Grab and Go Salads
  - Abigail K.
    - I went to the International Dinner at Drumlin and it was good!
- Any more general feedback or improvement 8:15
  - What do students want? for next year
- Matthew B.
  - Could heat and fire offer more taco options?
- Justin D.
  - Tomato Basil Parmesan from Erbs, Undefeated
- Cole KC
  - Second to Justin
- Justin D.
  - More tomato basil Parmesan soup
  - TBP every single day
- Ben Rasey 8:16
  - Anything else?
- Becca G. 8:16

- Way for students to convert my meals to dining dollars so they do not run out of options over speak break and such
- Amanda P.
  - Better tofu options please
- Chyna
  - I notice there has been a lot of pork options, especially in Drumlin. Not a big pork fan.
- Brooke P.
  - Continue the to go and grab and go options next year
- Ben 818
  - Other than pork what do you want to see?
- Sabina
  - Black bean options for vegetarians
- Chyna
  - Yeah, chicken or turkey options
- Lisa 8:19
  - Used to offer black bean burgers at stack do not offer it anymore
- Justin D
  - There is not a ton of fish options, fish is always good
- Matthew B.
  - Will there be in-person seating by stack burger and p-street this fall?
- Ben Rasey 8:19
  - I do not know but I will ask
- Sabina 8:19
  - Different kinds of veggie burgers
- Ben 8:20
  - Has anyone tried new burgers in stack and what do they think?
- Emily S 8:20
  - Kind of gristly sometimes?
- Matt 8:20
  - Usually pretty good
- John F.
  - Also, could we see the return of the regular cups of Chicken chunks at P-street
- Ever A.
  - The Brat Burger is yummy, please do not remove this from the menu.
- Brooke P
  - I love that there are chicken options. Never had the brat patty though
- Sabina 8:21
  - Two per table is rough for pods and such when roommates want to eat together
- Ben 8:21



- I was at the UC the other day, more people sitting together, letting roommates sit tougher, might just be a UC thing could have already been changed
  - Lisa 8:22
    - Any more comments
  - Ben 8:22
    - What are people thinking of hours for locations? Open longer, open too long?
  - Lisa
    - Sometimes have no idea what is open in p-street because they are understaffed, things close early, inconsistent hours, might be out of their control
  - Cole KC
    - I have heard no complaints from the Drumlin side of campus
  - Jordan P
    - Staffing is a major concern and has been all semester
  - Megan S
    - Starbucks being open late would be awesome if it is possible
  - John F
    - If you could make it visible so we know when in the day they accept meal swipes in the UC. I do not want to order and then find out I must use Dining Dollars
  - Sabina 8:24
    - Could not use a meal swipe on spring break at willies and such, students should be able to use meal swipes like normal
  - Terry 8:24
    - Would need to make a change to contract and structures and such to change when meal plans can be used, cannot use a meal swipe because students did not purchase a meal for that week
  - Matthew B.
    - Could meal plans be used for smoothies?
- ✱ Ben 8:25
  - Page and a half of feedback, thank you and we will report back next week
- ✱ WSG Report – Matt Schweinert
  - Executive elections are going on, working on the process
  - Endorsed amnesty through responsible action bill, mostly taking about how if you call and someone is super drunk and you think they need medical help, you can call 911 without them getting in trouble, will not receive a citation. Hopefully will become school policy with Dean of Students
  - Stay safe at Spring Splash this weekend
- ✱ RA Report 8:27
  - Brooke P.
    - Ras had a smores making hangout tonight, super nice
- ✱ Jitters report 827
  - Same drinks, Mario-Kart race night tonight 8:30, bring friends and have fun themed drinks

- Create your own shakes night 8pm to midnight Thursday
  - Logo contest is open until Sunday
  - Closed over exam week
- Matt Denney
  - Matt Z and I are the commentators, it will be great!
- Amanda Patrick
  - Mario- Cherry Shake
- John F
  - See you there at Jitters!
- Amanda Patrick
  - Luigi- Lime Slushie
- Super fun come and watch and play a few races!
  - <https://www.twitch.tv/jdickerson110>
- ✳ Final thoughts
  - Terry 8:29
    - Wore a Deathstroke mask
    - Showed had from batman forever, has Riddler insignia in it
    - Night wing keychain
    - Falcon figurine
    - Captain America shield
    - Shirt with Thor's Hammer and the shield
    - Thanos Infinity Gauntlet.
  - Snaps 8:32
    - Abby
  - You Rock You Rule 8:35
    - Brooke Pederson
  - Golden Artichoke Winner
    - Terry Tumbarello
- ✳ Meeting Adjournment 8:36
  - Motion made by Emily Quamme 8:37
  - Seconded by Katie Gruber 8:37
  - Consent called
- ✳ Meeting ended at 837

Reception of Excellence  
 Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15PM