
The Residence Hall Association of Montana State University Senate Meeting

November 2, 2017
7:00pm

Call to order at 7:00pm on 11/2/17

Roll call

Residence hall and their current endeavor

- Residence Life working on open mic night
- Apartments: 1 senator, Tailgate successful was great
- Hannon/Quads: 2 senators, Halloween Event went well
- Hapner: 2 senators, Halloween event, successful, over 30 rooms participates and lots of people through the building, currently
- Johnstone: 1 senators & 1 HC Member, pancake social successful, Hall Traditional underway
- Langford: 2 senators, Hot Cocoa night went well, looking forward to next event
- North Hedges: 2 senators, Halloween Event was fun, Duct Tape your RA event
- Roskie: 2 senators, spooky pong on Monday night and it was a great time
- South Hedges: 1 senator, finished t-shirt and art gala submissions, and floor vs. floor tug of war
- Yellowstone: 2 senators present, carving pumpkin and Tradition al EVENT IT TOMORROW

Approval of Minutes (Yellowstone and NH)

Public Comment

Mike (GM for Dining Halls and Associate Director): Proposal- Shut Down Harrison on Weekends (Continental Breakfast (7-10) and Dinner (4:30-7) on Saturday and Sunday)

- Down 10 fulltime employees in Miller Dining Hall (less meal options on the Weekend) and down 75 student employees
- Harrison 1000 and Miller 5000:
- Move employees (fulltime and student) and offer more benefits (flexible schedules, bonuses, high wages, etc.)
- Implement as Soon as Possible (testing the waters this remaining semester and perhaps for sure in the spring semester)

- Looking to increase advertising and awareness of employment opportunities and looking for collaboration efforts
- Still working on what a continental breakfast is and what would be available to leave
- Working on expanding stations available in Miller (Halls can work in Dining Halls to advertise positions)
- Residents like sandwiches and omelet bar works well with schedules. Concerns around East Side Campus students concerned about weather and basically continuously losing things. Would like to potentially see a cold lunch option and breakfast sandwich options.
- Hall Solutions: Hall Council Posters and MSU Social Media Accounts, When cards are swiped the card swiper hands out information, verbal and posters, bathroom advertisements (maybe in Showers?), use Hall Council Instagrams, Move Harrison furniture in Miller, going door to door to advertisements, RAs advertisements, Expo Markers in the mirrors, little sheets of paper on doors and elevators, bathroom and posters made out of money, coffee shops in miller with stickers that advertisement, mailbox stuffers and posters, social media, and youtube ads in Res hall wifi, Advertisements in the SUB, Cat/Griz tickets if you apply in a specific time friends, Procrastinator Theater Advertisements

ResLife Update (James Tobin)

- Food Service/Reslife Mug: Always have way too many mugs that don't get used. Most people have their own mug instead of their own mug. With budget, we aren't able to buy mugs with leak proof lids. Would like ideas on besides mugs.
 - Tote bag stuffed with fliers (JStone, totes bags) (LFord uses the mugs quite a bit, could change the design) (NH Drawstring Bag, there are surplus to stuff in the bags) (SH INTERRUPTED) (YSTONE small Tupperware dish) (Mikaela concerns about quality of drawstring bag) (Tyler, super hero lunch bag) (Anne, Water Bottle) (JSTONE, mugs are not microwave safe) (scanner to track the food that gets taken out of dining halls) (SH Nalgene) (Dustin, water bottle seems too personal to hang out) (HAP, people already have WaterBottle) (SH likes the Lunchbox idea, and built on it) (Ryan, reaching out to University sponsors to see what quality we can reach)
 - Spring Confirmation Process: if people know that they are leaving at semester, they need a contract release request and they can start the process now. Can also change their meal plan, a room change, a double as single waitlist (Nov 7th-29th)
 - Started Break Housing sign up for Thanksgiving break. Don't have to pay (Thanksgiving), but do have to sign up. For Winter break, charged \$25 a night, but there is no date minimum or maximum. Do not have to pay when registered but Student Account will be charged. Cars should be moved to Stadium parking lot. They will plow your car in, so make sure you move it.
 - Thanksgiving Change—Miller will be on limited hours (12-3 on Thanksgiving) Friday and Saturday (12-1) Sunday for brunch and dinner

Old Business

RHA Officer Reports

- Blake: We're going to IACURH tomorrow!!!! 3 programs were selected to presented (RAD), next week on Wednesday there will be a Hall Council and RA Safe Zone Training (improve ally ship with LGBTQIA identities) at 2 PM in the JAC, will take about an hour or hour and a half. RSVP link sent to ARDs. After Thanksgiving break a program will be done on programming and events. ResLife event in 2 weeks (SUB Rec Center) Champ Change Auction (really awesome prizes available)
- Mikaela: Advertising comments and feedback, talk with social media chairs
- Tyler: Spooktacular and governing documents
- Jacari: Several meetings, and working on developing program
- Bailey: Spooktacular, creating a document went well and what went wrong
- J: Following through on tech requests

New Business

- North Hedges Fund Request Presentation (Hall Council Swag): Shirts (long sleeve with NH logo) RAs and HC members give them out for free and sell them (table in lobby each day for week) take orders using a google document
 - Each shirt costs 9.85 (total costs will be 492 without shipping) RHA will pay partial amount and NHHHC will fund the rest.
 - \$10 when sold to residents. Any profit made will be reinvested (Don't know yet what shipping looks like)
- Langford Fund Request Presentation: (Hall Council Swag)—Stickers (\$190) 440 3"x 3" to handout and \$6 per shirt, order forms until November 15th deadline for order
 - Stickers for free, money left over to subsidized the costs of the shirts to \$6
 - Worries that stickers go fast, maybe order more so that people from other halls can have some.

Tobin: the MSU bookstore makes T-Shirt does so at a cheaper cost and provides services

Adjournment (RLA and Roskie)

Summary North Hedges and Langford Swag request granted, IACHURH tomorrow, Mug gift discussion, Lack of food service employees request that hall councils put out the word that there are many job openings.