

RHA Senate Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Pyon Su Room, Adele H. Stamp Student Union



Call to Order

Jason Spizuoco

Open Gallery

Attendance

Vivian Flanagan

1. Total attendance: 17
 - a. Quorum reached

Approval of the Minutes

1. Nick: Motion to Approve the Minutes
 - a. Kylee: Seconded

Special Order: Guest Patty Perillo, VP of Student Affairs

1. Q and A
 - a. Dominik: Dean of Students Office is a great resource for students to have
 - b. Nick: Thank you for your COVID leadership; it has affected a lot of us and the University has been a national leader on that front.
 - c. Aquib: Is there another way to reach out to you? I've been having trouble asking the administration why there are so many things being fixed, as I've needed something fixed with a lack of response
 - i. Patty: Andi Crabb is responsible for Residential Facilities and my email is vpsa@umd.edu; I can get you in contact with her.
 - d. Daniel: Do you plan on bringing representatives from multiple areas to the Dean of Students Office?
 - i. Patty: This is to help people who don't have another resource or are unsure as to where to go currently. Students who know their way in their program most likely are in contact with their advisors, but this is in case they are not or need additional assistance.
 - e. Scott: What is the importance of student leaders building community through programming in regards to the campus experience?
 - i. Patty: It is one of the most important things that happens on this campus. There's no student left behind because of it. The programs you put on

foster and create community in the residence halls. I believe in it very strongly.

- f. Natalie: A lot of students go to class sick because they're afraid of missing stuff, what can be done to combat this?
 - i. Patty: Wear a KN-95 Mask as it will protect you from close-contact situations. We're also doing much more health prevention and education, as well as a flu clinic. If you're sick, stay home. My hope is that we all get comfortable with holding each other accountable regarding health practices.
 - 1. Vivian: I'm a Community Assistant, and the desks still have large supplies of KN-95 masks that residents aren't accessing.
 - a. Dennis: Aren't we only allowed one KN-95 mask from the desks?
 - i. Vivian: We are allowed one per person, but you can go to Stamp everyday to get one.
 - ii. Alexa: I think some students go to class sick because there is no access to the material otherwise.
 - iii. Michael: To add on to Natalie's point, a lot of students go to class because professors only allow one excused absence.
- g. Aiden: There's been a lot of stress about going to class; how has the Health Center addressed mental health concerns?
 - i. Patty: All of us are struggling, and the Counseling Center has been doing a lot to address this. In 2019, we saw an increase in mental health concerns, in 2020 we saw a greater increase, and 2021 is somewhere in between the two. They are doing a lot of group counseling, weekly workshops, classes, and partnerships with RecWell to help students with poor mental health. A new team has been made to make sure that students who need immediate care are immediately cared for. Tella-health counseling is also still being provided. There are people here who will care for you if you are struggling.
 - 1. Dominik: I had a friend that couldn't make an appointment for two weeks, so he gave up. Is there any better way to reach out?
 - a. Patty: Sometimes the best thing is to figure it out on your own. There's a difference between struggling and anxiety/depression, and those who really need to see someone immediately can at the Counseling Center. There is also a peers supporting peers program.
 - b. Scott: We'll have Dr. Joshi coming soon to talk more about that!

- h. Devorah: If they want more students in LLPs, would we have to increase the acceptance rates for already existing programs?
 - i. Patty: We haven't developed a plan yet, but ideally we would develop new LLPs as well.

Confirmation of Devorah Sklute to the Position of Senator-at-Large

1. Q and A

- a. Dennis: What's the difference between a senator and SAL?
 - i. Jason: SALs are on the Executive Team to help bridge the gap between the board and senators and help mentor them.
- b. Sarah: What kind of goals do you have?
 - i. Devorah: Improving campus safety, as this campus doesn't always feel the safest for female students.
- c. Vivian: Is there anything from your platform that you'd like to expand upon from the vice president election?
 - i. Devorah: I want to try to give the UMD general body more of a say in our initiatives.
- d. Aquib: Do you have an idea to accomplish your goals?
 - i. Devorah: I want to make a ballot box or a form possibly to gather more information from residents.
- e. Jason: What about SAL interests you?
 - i. Devorah: I enjoyed being a senator and wanted to mentor others in the role.
- f. Nikki: Do you have any specific plans for female safety on campus?
 - i. Devorah: Making resources more accessible and easy for residents to reach.
- g. Dennis: Motion to Vote
 - i. Kylee: Seconded

2. Voting Procedures

- a. 14 for -- 1 against -- 1 abstention
 - i. Devorah is confirmed as a SAL

Executive Team Reports

1. Scott (President):

- a. Meeting with Marsha from Stamp about Stamp Student Fee
- b. Mental Health Coalition meets this week and Dr. Joshi will be coming to Senate later this semester

2. Jason (VP):

- a. Let me know if you'd like to join an additional committee!

3. Michael (CIA):

- a. When are council meeting times?
 - i. Centreville: Wednesdays, 9:15 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.
 - ii. Courtyards:
 - iii. Cumberland: Mondays, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - iv. Denton: Thursdays, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - v. Easton: Fridays, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - vi. Elkton: Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - vii. Ellicott: Fridays, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 - viii. Hagerstown: Fridays, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - ix. Heritage: Fridays, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Waiting for advisor's availability)
 - x. LaPlata: Wednesdays, 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 - xi. NHAC: Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - xii. Oakland:
 - xiii. SCC: Thursdays, 7:30 pm. To 8:30 p.m. (generally)
 - xiv. SHAC: Mondays, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - b. Use the community hours form if you have questions!
 - i. ter.ps/rhacommunity
4. Sarah (PCDC):
- a. Check out the ACE form: ter.ps/acepoints21
 - b. Upcoming Events:
 - i. NHAC: Pumpkin carving and painting, outdoor movie night (date TBA)
 - ii. LaPlata: The Price is Right, late October
5. Hannah (NCC):
- a. Apply for the CAACURH Textbook Scholarship: ter.ps/textbookrlc
6. Vivian (MTO):
- a. VP of Communications who couldn't access past accounts should have created new ones.
 - b. All social media passwords should be shared with me.
 - c. Send flyers in the #events channel on Slack
7. Aiden (SFC):
- a. Campus Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
 - i. Went over budget and first draft of their fee proposal
 - ii. Director of RecWell would like to know if we have any suggestions for how to improve recreation at UMD? Could be big or small. If you have any ideas please let me know.
 - 1. Discuss in council meetings and send me a Slack Message
 - iii. The short-term and long-term financial stability of the department is strong
 - 1. Low debt, all renovations are planned in advance and they budget around future construction to mitigate student fee increases.

- b. CTAC meeting this Friday
- c. Meeting with Student Athlete Advisory Council
 - i. Canned Food Drive
- d. Meeting with STAMP Director on Fee and Budget Tomorrow

Committee Reports

1. SCoM:
 - a. No updates on slide
2. DIACom:
 - a. Addressed t-shirt display against sexual violence- how will DIACom address/speak out on sexual violence?
 - b. Plan events to say “we hear you”, validate personal experiences of sexual violence
 - c. Idea: Online scavenger hunt with resources for talking about sexual violence, do something active, not just a statement
 - d. Allow each hall council to plan their own event against sexual violence
 - e. Pro Staff will take over planning for No Hate In Our Home
 - f. Inclusive Language campaign- bring event ideas next meeting
 - g. Watched “MTV Decoded: Why Colorblindness Will Not End Racism”
 - h. Focus on recognizing racial biases moving forward
3. ReFAB:
 - a. Continuance with Creating Equal Access to Laundry Contract and Hammock Haven
 - b. Introduction of Sanitary Napkin Dispensers in Dormitories and Green Roofs
 - c. To create & distribute surveys on:
 - i. Drop & Go Move In Option (proposed joint project with ReLATE)
 - ii. Amenities in Future Halls
4. ReLATE:
 - a. Proposal to make laundry “free” by putting fees in tuition
 - i. Still in the works according to Crystal from ReFAB
 - b. Discussion of a new lounge being created on South Hill and if this would potentially be wanted/ used.
 - c. Discussion that “takeout stations” is still being mulled over/ may not take place yet.
5. DSAB:
 - a. Discussed increasing communication via Twitter
 - b. Discussed how to keep people going to 251 when new Pyon Chen diner opens
 - i. Possibly make 251 more restaurant style
 - c. Proposed potentially doing carry out during finals week
 - d. Meeting in-person next week in South Campus Diner!
6. RPC

- a. Policing approach should be tweaked with the UMPD (University Police Department).
 - i. As in: Concerns with more mental health issues than criminal related issues.
 - ii. Short-staffing and funding needs to be strategic with helping out the community.
 - iii. Mental and medical facilities are under-funded and have short hours.
 - 1. All of these factors indicate the fact UMPD is facing a problem with policing on the social and community level of the University of Maryland.
 - b. Strategies to improve:
 - i. Community policing - Officers not meant to be more prevalent in communities where crime does occur (i.e. vandalism, animal smuggling, disorderly conduct).
 - ii. UMPD officers need to work closer alongside the University of Maryland community and establish relationships, plan events, and solve problems together.
 - iii. More later about mental health, policing approaches, and fixing relations with the community.
7. TAC
- a. Elected Reese as vice-chairperson
 - b. Had meeting w/ heads of DOTS, following are ideas being floated around:
 - i. Scooter rules w/ parking and management, outreach, safety; visuals for Instagram will be sent to me (hopefully!)
 - ii. Scootsmart program
 - iii. DOTS overview
 - iv. NextBus transitioning to Umo

Resident Council Reports

- 1. Centreville: Planning a Halloween movie-watching event with Pyon-Chen in the CCC
- 2. SHAC: Working on recruiting more people; held an interest meeting last night and gained new council members
- 3. Ellicott:
 - a. Gemstone is having a FallFest on Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and our council is assisting
 - b. Halloween events on Oct. 27, including lounge decorating contest
- 4. Cumberland:
 - a. Passive event to make stress balls yesterday
 - b. Hallowentown watch-party on Thursday
 - c. Halloween door decorating contest

5. Hagerstown: Cookie event last Tuesday

Constitutional Question of the Day

Sarah Dresh

1. Question: How many resident councils are outlined in our governing documents?
2. Answer: 16
 - a. Winner: Natalie

Recognition

Daniel Oyebola

1. Daniel recognized Aquib

Reminders

1. Committees continue next week!
 - a. SCOM: Monday 3-4, Zoom
 - b. DIACom: Wednesday 3-4, Annapolis Hall Room 0103
 - c. RPC: Wednesdays 4-5, Zoom
 - d. ReLATE: Wednesday 4-5, Zoom
 - e. TAC: Mondays 2-3, Zoom
 - f. ReFAB: Thursday 3-4, Zoom
 - g. DSAB: Tuesdays 3:30-4:30, Zoom
2. Next Senate will be on Tuesday, November 2nd at 7 p.m., location TBD

Adjournment

Jason Spizuoco