RHA Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Colony Ballroom, Stamp

Call to Order   Jason Spizuoco

Open Gallery

Attendance   Vivian Flanagan
1. Total Attendance: 22
    a. Quorum reached

Approval of the Minutes
1. Nick: Motion to Approve the Minutes
    a. Dominik: Seconded

Special Order: Guests Dr. Chetan Joshi and Dr. Warren Kelley
1. Question and Answer
    a. Nick: Thanks for all you do -- this past year has been very trying for many and this university has done a great job at promoting mental health. Do you project a return to normalcy in regard to mental health towards the end of the pandemic?
        i. Joshi: We found that last year, things like depression, stress, anxiety, and anger were at the highest levels ever for the University Census. This year it was slightly lower. Our mental health services at the university have been used more during the pandemic. There are a lot of factors for widespread mental health changes; I believe that there will be a decrease in cases with an increase in services following the pandemic.
    b. Quentin: Will the response time be greater than before since more people are involved with the services, if approved?
        i. Joshi: If it gets approved, it will not increase response time.
    c. Natalie: I know the current wait time can be weeks currently; will the amount of time you wait for an intake appointment change?
        i. Joshi: If you're having an emergency situation, you can always stop by and get immediate help or consultation, so if you're in a crisis, you don't have to wait. My hope is that we can consult students during assessment to accurately determine their level of severity in order to determine when to give them help.

d. Vivian: Thank you for joining us and I appreciate everything you've said about the Counseling Center's progress. I have personal experience with the Anxiety Workshop at the Center and I found this very valuable. Does the Center have any plans to extend these workshops, possibly to other mental health disorders?
   i. Joshi: The offering on these workshops has already expanded. We do wellness workshops, as well as the clinical ones.
e. Jason: Sometimes when I'm stressed, physical activity can help. Do you have any group programs for that?
   i. Joshi: There is a program with RecWell to offer free training sessions to help those with depression, and they are working on expanding it.
f. Sarah: What exactly do you think RHA can do to help the Counseling Center spread its message, even through programming?
   i. Joshi: We are trying to send out a Suicide Prevention effort soon, so RHA partnership will be critical to getting that to the campus. Getting the word out about other conversations is incredibly important as well, and RHA can assist with these efforts.

AYS001F: A Resolution Supporting Department of Resident Life's Terp to Terp Program

Alexa Stimpson

1. Technical, Non-Debatables/Friendly Amendments/Question and Answer
   a. Michael: lowercase "summer" on line 23 and "universities" on line 38
   b. Dennis: This program is currently run from a room in Centreville, correct?
      i. Jason: Yes, but she'd also like to move to South Campus.
   c. Dominik: Would there be an inventory list online?
      i. Jason: That currently doesn't exist, but Lisa can tell you what they have if you email her. Perhaps in the future if she gets more staff and funding though.
   d. Daniel: How well-known is this around campus?
      i. Jason: Trash to Treasure is very well-known through advertisement, but we want RHA to have a part in getting the word out as well.
   e. Reese: So if you'd like to donate, you have to contact her directly?
      i. Jason: Currently, there's a collection at the end of the year.
   f. Aquib: Where did you get the stats in the piece?
      i. Jason: Those are the "wide" ranges that Lisa gave us.
   g. Nick: How much money is Lisa looking for?
      i. About $68,496.81, which would cover employee wages and rolling collection.
2. Free Debate
   a. Dominik: I think the Terp to Terp program is a great program, and spreading it out around campus would be a great resource for students. This would save students

money during move in, but they may not know about it currently in just Centreville.

b. Natalie: I support this because she's done a lot of logistics and expanding the program could help students in apartments and suites on South Campus.

c. Devorah: I support it because college is expensive on its own and students need support. How often is it used?

    i. Jason: About 30 students so far this semester

d. Aquib: Are there disqualifications to get things on this list?

    i. Jason: No, but if you know that there are many people who need it more than you, you should let them have it.

e. Dennis: Is there a limit to how much you can get?

    i. Jason: Nothing in writing, but we don't want people to take items that they don't need.

f. Aquib: How do you plan to advertise this program? I've never seen any signs for the past program.

    i. Alexa: Usually advertised at the end of the year in regard to collection of items, and if the program were expanded, so would advertising.

    ii. Kylee: There is a list of campus resources given to residence halls, this could definitely be added to that list.

g. Reese: Would this make it a year-round collection and also year-round access to the program?

    i. Jason: Yes.

h. Susan: Since it's year-round, is there worry that it won't be utilized during the middle of the school year?

    i. Jason: I will follow up with Lisa about this, but I believe that hours will be reduced mid-semester.

i. Nick: Motion to Vote

    i. Seconded: Dominik

    ii. No: Aquib

    iii. Is the body ready to vote?

        1. 20 for -- 1 against

            a. Proceed to voting procedures

3. Voting Procedures

a. 20 for -- 0 against -- 2 abstentions

    i. The resolution passes

Executive Team Reports

1. Scott (President):

a. CTAC last week

b. CRAB yesterday

      c.   Athletics advisory group tomorrow
      d.   VPSA Student Advisory Council
          i.   Any issues you want to bring to the conversation?

2. Jason (VP):
   a. Town Hall is next Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in ESJ 2208
      i. Senators are required to attend, the rest of your councils and anyone else can attend if they wish
      ii. All senators must submit one response for ter.ps/TownHallF21
   b. You may change your committees next semester if needed. We prefer you stay on the same one for continuity, but if you need to switch due to class or other commitments, that's fine

3. Michael (CIA):
   a. Check the Slack #general channel for two Google Forms:
      i. If you want an RHA T-shirt, fill out the first one.
      ii. If you aren't getting emails still, fill out the second one.
      iii. Pass this on to your councils!
   b. Add your Exec buddy to your group chat

4. Vivian (MTO):
   a. Great work showing council events! Keep it coming!
   b. Member Monday will resume next week
      i. Do you have anyone you want to recognize? Let me know

5. Aiden (SFC):
   a. Met with Director of University Health Center, Stamp, and DOTS to go over their mandatory fees for next year
   b. Scott attended the Campus Recreation Advisory Committee
   c. First meeting of Information Technology Advisory Committee
   d. Upcoming:
      i. Wednesday: Athletics Advisory Group
      ii. Thursday: Clarice Mandatory Fee Proposal
      iii. Friday: Student Facilities Fund Meeting

6. Alexandra (SGOL):
   a. Reminder from MaryPIRG: College Park Local Elections are on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the College Park Community Center on 5051 Pierce Avenue

Committee Reports
1. SCOM:
   a. Meeting time changed
   b. Went over events that councils have had
   c. Reviewed expectations
2. DIACom:

    a. Addressed plans for Jordan McNair memorial plaque
        i. Finding out who to talk to about where we can put a plaque (plans are in the works) (SGA is also doing this)
    b. Sexual Assault Programs:
        i. LaPlata -- QR codes on the floors for sexual assault resources, also had Halloween event, fall-themed door decorating
        ii. Elkton -- door decorating and sexual assault flyers
        iii. Ellicott -- will pass out QR code/flyers during holiday events
    c. Assembling ideas to send to the councils to choose from and give them a deadline (before winter break) to put out these activities/programs, possibly QR codes with resources, flyers
    d. Inclusive Language Campaign -- We will have a guest speaker next meeting talking about personal examples of non-inclusive language and what words are currently hurting residents.

3. ReFAB:
    a. Unlimited Laundry Contract to be implemented over the summer
        i. CSC GO App (pay for laundry)
    b. Hammock Haven design review next meeting
    c. Green Roofs for North Campus design in process
    d. New residence hall facilities survey/facilitated discussion
        i. Details to be posted on Slack soon
    e. Move-in options survey
        i. Potential collaboration with ReLATe

4. ReLATe:
    a. Discussed the abortion protest occuring on campus and the legality of their tactics.
    b. Caroline Hall lounge update:
        i. No survey needed
        ii. Walkthrough and plan: renovations and expansions
        iii. Update kitchenette, lounge, soft seating
        iv. Will include four group study spaces, two lounges with soft seating, three small study spaces, and three more possible spaces; all air conditioned
    c. Destruction of halls by residents -- arrests have been made
    d. Dining -- record level of residents stealing:
        i. Making a poster to warn students
        ii. Staff is feeling beat up after being berated by students. The dining plan will go up if things do not change regarding stealing dining hall materials.

5. DSAB
    a. Talked about the Cool Food Pledge
    b. Menu shortages seemed to have been calming down

      c. Tried to incorporate white boards, but logistics did not work out

      d. Might do something for finals, but still figuring it out

      e. 251 North's new burger place is poppin

      f. Ask a manager if something is out (they most likely have the item and are not aware it is out)

6. RPC
   a. Continued the talk about diversity at UMD and how UMPD can represent it
   b. Talked about outreach at UMD
   c. Partnering with organizations and community leaders and members
   d. Talked about what the police really does and how it helps to serve the community
   e. College Park Noise Ordinance
   f. How UMPD deals with sexual assault
   g. Gate closing

7. TAC
   a. Vero-E Scooter rules
   b. New physical bus stop near Annapolis Hall
   c. Evening bus service: survey (new) or use existing survey
   d. Scootsmart
   e. Instagram graphics

Resident Council Reports

1. LaPlata:
   a. Held a successful Price is Right event
   b. Holding a door decorating contest, results pending now

2. NHAC: Powder Puff Football event

3. Denton:
   a. Held successful Ice Cream Social
   b. Had a Squid Game Tournament

4. Ellicott: Gemstone event went very well

5. Heritage: Held HalloFest in the CCC

6. Cumberland:
   a. Decided door decoration contest winners
   b. Pizza Town Hall upcoming
   c. November tabling with cider, hot chocolate, and donuts

7. Easton:
   a. Decided door decorating contest winners
   b. Holding a Winter Formal at Stamp

8. SHAC: Block party coming up

9. Hagerstown:
   a. Decided door decorating contest winners

      b.   Started planning a FallFest

Constitutional Question of the Day   Sarah Dresh
1. Question: Article XI, Sections 1 and 2 state: "(1) Amendments to this Constitution may be presented in resolution form to the Senate and must be approved by a __ majority of Senate voting members. (2) Amendments to the RHA Bylaws must be approved in resolution form to the Senate and must be approved by a __ majority of all voting members.
2. Answer: 4/5 and 3/4
      a.   Winner: Aquib

Recognition   Aquib Mokaddem
1. Aquib recognized Aarav Patel

Reminders
1. Committees next week
2. Next Senate will be on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Jimenez Room in the Adele H. Stamp Student Union

Adjournment   Jason Spizuoco