The Residence Hall Association of Montana State University
Senate Meeting

January 25, 2018, – 7:00pm

I. Call to order at 7:00pm on 1/25

II. Roll call

III. Residence hall and their current endeavor
   - Freshman Apartments: Currently a snow man building contest
   - Hannon/Quads: 1 senator, duct tape RA
   - Hapner: 2 senator, chopped cook off competition next week, hall t-shirts
   - Johnstone: 1st meeting was yesterday
   - Langford: 2 senators, house party in the basement of LG and traditional
   - Roskie: 2 senator, snowball fight with hot chocolate
   - South Hedges: 2 senators present, working on minute to win it game night next Monday.
   - North Hedges: 3 senator, hall traditional on 2/9, would like the halls to make flags
   - Yellowstone: 2 senators, tomorrow monthly even pajama movie night

IV. Approval of Minutes by Hanon/Quads and Yellowstone

V. No Public Comment

VI. ResLife Update (Blake Stemen):
   - Still taking returning applications, have reached waitlist (no guarantee for housing, but there should be movement)
   - In early stages of RA selection, applicants have until 11:59 next Wednesday the 31st to get their applications in. Paper screening and interviews in February.
   - Reslife Program, “Living without Your Family Feud” there will be prizes, should be a lot of fun. Good information about living on campus next year, or off campus.
   - Next Wednesday, Student Leadership Workshop at 4:00 about Personality Styles (1 of 4 workshops). If you attend 3 of the 4, will be placed in the running to win a book store scholarship.
• RHA & Hall Council Retreat next Saturday, will be meeting in Gaines 101 and then breaking off into small groups (Time Management, Communication, Leadership, and Budgeting)

VII. No Old Business

VIII. RHA Officer Reports

J Beckett Sweeney: Working through equipment requests

Bailey: Future programs, SH in the lead for Hall points

Mikaela: RHA marketing guide

Jacari: Future programming and getting ready for business conferences and NACURH in May

IX. New Business

X. Fund Request Procedures

• Langford Gym Upgrade Request ($600)
  o The Gym hasn’t been updated for a long period of time. Buying a squat rack, plates, a barbell, and gym mats. Total costs would be over $1000
  o Langford’s Gym is it’s most used facility (keys had been checked out over 1000 times last year and that is just key) As of this semester, the key had been checked out almost a 100 times.
  o The Gym’s Problems: the squat rack cannot be adjust so people outside of a specific height range cannot utilize the squat rack.
  o The Gym is overall a favorite part of the Langford Gym.
  o The facility does not meet the standards to do most Olympic grade lifting or power lifting: it’s not safe, it’s too loud, and it damages the floor. It also means that people can’t lift after quiet hours.
  o The grip on the weights is too worn down (it’s like a wet turtle) and it’s not safe to use.

• Question Answers
  - Johnstone: The gym is located in the basement
  - North Hedges: The fund request is independent, regardless of the plates.
  - South Hedges: Does cost include installation? HC plans on setting up the equipment, so no installation.

Discussion:
Johnstone: A pretty good investment in LG

Yellowstone: It was used a lot last semester, it will be used even more

North Hedges: It’s well used, better investment than replacing concrete.

Hapner: Good use of resident money, spend them where they use it

Johnstone: Move to end discussion (Yellowstone)

Unanimous vote in favor of granting the request

List of Announcements from Halls

- Res Life Apartments: Send minutes this week
- Johnstone: 4th Floor Pryor would like a microwave
- South Hedges: LLC’s people really like them in South and everyone really enjoys
- North Hedges: Way to get new washers and dryers or reduce the price (they are under a general contract, renewed 2 years ago. Chose to become competitive with other laundry providers in the community)
- Res Life Apartments: Ice and plowing is really bad and they are concerned about safety
- Hannon Quads: Hannon rooms are all different colors, price ranges to repaint the halls (Reslife will cover the painting, so HC shouldn’t use their fees to use money)
- Johnstone: Small strip of sidewalk outside of JS is heated
- Langford: would like a garden house, would like access to the spicket
- Roskie: 5th floor fire alarms, inspected because they are going off quite a bit
- North Hedges: Traditional on 2/9 at 7:30 till 11 PM (7:30-8 is swing dancing lessons) in the SUB Ballrooms. Would like each hall to make a flag for their hall so people can take pictures with the different
- Northern Lights Bash: Winter Olympics Themed, outdoor related prizes, a dance, Olympics in the background, semi-formal

XI. Adjournment (South Hedges, North Hedges)

Important Occurrences in Meeting:

- Approval of Fund request for Langford gym at $600
- RA selection and Hall council retreat
- Announcement of the RHA workshops