The Residence Hall Association of Montana State University
Senate Meeting

February 21, 2018, – 7:00pm

I. Call to order 7:00pm 2/21/18

II. Roll call

III. Residence hall and their current endeavor

- Freshman Apartments: Condom bingo tonight, planning St. Pat’s root beer float event
- Hannon/Quads: 2 senators, event with the VOICE center went well, working on hall improvements
- Hapner: Self Defense workshop on Sunday, working on hall traditional
- Johnstone: 2 senators, working on movie room, and duct tape RA event, working on 5k event
- Langford: 2 senators, planning traditional
- North Hedges: Collaborations of Condom grams, adding a kitchen
- Roskie: 2 senators, planning volleyball
- South Hedges: 2 senators, finished on Valentine’s day event, working on Mirrorless Monday and Duct Tape your
- Yellowstone: 2 senators, planning march event, movie night tomorrow

IV. Approval of Minutes (Yellowstone, South Hedges)

V. No Public Comment

VI. ResLife Update

No News is Good News

Spring Break, Break Housing, not required but ask that students sign up for housing. No additional charge. Miller will be open

VII. Old Business

Constitution: Ratified UNAMIOUSLY

VIII. RHA Officer Reports
J: Tech Reservation, applying for this position for next year

M: Marketing materials for RHA elections, creating ads for Binge Watch and Bingo Event

A: RBC

J: RBC

Jill: NRHH is working on OTY, if Hall Councils have any pictures of something please submit them to montanastatenrhh@gmail.com to get those in. Nomination form will open up Friday until the March 26th, encourage everyone to fill out a nomination. On Tuesday, there will be a blood drive event, for the spots between 11-2 on Tuesday in Johnstone.

IX. New Business

South Hedges (Hall Improvements)

- Requesting $1,500 from RHA (Weight room, kitchen, ski wax room)
- In the case of safety, several things need to be updated
- Replace stove and oven (door doesn’t close, and the temperature is precise) the most commonly requested replaced item.
- Replace the Microwave (unreliable and going to die soon)
- Ski Wax Room (vice doesn’t even hold the skis, wax can potentially hurt students; replace the ski wax irons, none of the irons have a specific temperature and they aren’t actual irons; invest in basic tools to do that on their own; wax brushes to be able to brush the wax)
- Weight room (safer and more functional; new rack that is adjustable and safer; looking to get CrossFit essentials; get items that are versatile and can be used in multiple ways. WR is one of the most rooms in the entire building; it comes across as a liability)
- Requesting $1500 to cover the rest of the costs
- $3,400 total asking for $1500

Johnstone: Ski Wax Rooms, people come to the hall with that in mind,

HEAPS: How to monitor tools? Front desk checkout and event to teach residents how to use the equipment

Discussion:

Cole-description of how much each individual items cost

Johnstone-They were costs

Hedge Waters: Concerns about ski equipment
Hapner: They are asking for a large amount of fund request. Would like to see 3 individual fund requests

North Hedges: lot of money, ski equipment seems unnecessary and breaks quickly.

Langford: $2100 total with less residents, could see money spent in a different way

Johnstone: Pretty vague on Gym would have liked to see more specifics. Also, have been working on movie room for a semester and half it seems a little too ambitious

North Hedges: Doesn’t feel comfortable with the cost breakdown to feel comfortable, would feel more comfortable with more specifics.

HEAPS: Would like question the amount of money

Roskie: It could have been more detailed, would it be that detrimental to spend that amount in the long term? We don’t have that much time left to make these requests

North Hedges: Elaborate for the installation costs, would cost extra to have them install and could move the total.

Vote to disapprove: Unanimous

Constitution

Anne: process, quick run through of changes (highlighted within the document), no hall council vote just a senate vote to approve or disapprove the new constitutional by laws. Article 1 – RHA name, Art 2 – purpose, why we do what we do, sect 2 hall council programming, sect 3 leadership development, sect 4 equity statement, Art 3 – membership (everyone in the residence halls pay social fee), Art 4 – affiliation regional and national, NRHH sister organization, office of reslife, MSU office of student engagement, Art 5 – organization of hall councils and job descriptions, executive board descriptions and new position names, RHA advisor, compensation stays the same, Art 7 – RHA senate, quorum 5 of 9 residence halls, outline additional meetings, Art 8 – elections, Art 9 – funding, part b which groups can request funding from RHA, funding procedures from policy book, Art 10 – officer conduct, power to remove executives and hall council members from office, Art 11 – powers of membership, initiative, referendum, recall, constitutional amendments, what the process look like and how to do to it, Art final – senate vote to ratify constitutional by laws. Questions?

We will send an electronic copy of the bylaws so you can review them. We want to do this as quickly and efficiently as possible.

ResLifeAppartments: Is the VP position more than just a name change?

Anne: Yes, there are some changes in responsibilities

North Hedges: Is removal of hall council members something that happens in house or that has to be brought to RHA?

Anne: Hall council and RHA advisors will be involved with the decision, we provide powers in impeachment section.
Blake: Hall council and RHA removal are separate. There is some conduct stuff RHA and senators don’t get to know, sometimes ARD doesn’t get to know because it is confidential. There will always be a conversation about what is going on. Impeachment is different than conduct, can be used to remove a member who isn’t fulfilling expectations or being disruptive to the organization. Laying out the process. Solidified what the practice has been when we need to ask members to leave, when associated with the department. Questions? Nope

South Hedges: Curious why we changed the titles after elections?

Anne: It is a conversation we had. We decided that the title changes were simple and don’t make a huge impact, we are simply solidifying and clarifying their positions. It was more important to get people elected within a timely manner than to worry about the small details within the position.

Yellowstone: Move to end discussion

South Hedges: Second

ASMSU (Lizzie OSE/PACE): Buried Life Keynote, RHA should have an awesome presence at the speaking event. 12 seats guaranteed, per Blake’s discretion. Doors open at 6 PM start at 7 PM. Tuesday Morning from 9 AM-10 AM is a Master Class opportunity, would like to see more RHA members attend. Have a more conversational opportunity to speak with Ben.

Master Class Application should be forwarded to you by the ARD

If you would like to attend the program, email Blake blake.stemen@montana.edu, work with ARDs. It will be a weighted process to determine appropriate representation.

NACURH: Applications are open, the 3rd weekend in May in Tempe Arizona. Applications are due by next Tuesday.

Roskie (motion to adjourn) South Hedges (second)

X. Adjournment

Summary: South Hedges fund request denied, Constitution information redistributed, and ASMSU update.