The Residence Hall Association of Montana State University
Senate Meeting

March 1, 2018, – 7:00pm

I. Call to order at 7:00pm 3/1/18

II. Roll call

III. Residence hall and their current endeavor

- Freshman Apartments:
  Month of planning climaxed last night at condom bingo

- Hannon/Quads: 2 senators, last meeting worked on paint and sip and Quadstock

- Hapner: 2 senators, self-defense went great, most full class. Working on dress swap for Hapner formal.

- Johnstone: 2 senators, Duct Tape RA went well, no one stuck, hurt, or damaged. Planning march event

- Langford: 2 senators, working on traditional event and working on Duct Tape RA event.

- Roskie: 2 senators, discussed Roskie 5K.

- South Hedges: Mirrorless Monday for Body Acceptance Week and voted on tshirts.

- Yellowstone: 2 senators present, Movie night two weeks ago working on March event

- North Hedges: 2 senators present, working on logistics of kitchen.

IV. Approval of Minutes (Yellowstone, Res Life Apartments)

V. Public Comment

ASMSU (Daria) Applications still open to be a senator for ASMSU, highly encourage everyone to apply. Senate once a week and office hours in the ASMSU office. Varies from the college depending on how big it is on amount of senators.

VI. ResLife Update (Tobin)

Summer Employment: looking for summer desk clerk, encourages everyone to look into. Can work up to 40 hours. Hours vary, open 7 days a week.

Spring Break Registration: need to register through the ResLife website, cost included in Room and Board (Saturday-Sunday). Just want to get a headcount. Harrison will be open on modified hours, hours on the website. Meal plan does work for those hours. Open the front doors of
Johnstone in alignment with the dining hours. Need to know number of students in case of emergency and for staffing logistics.

Question: Have offered in the past shuttle service for break housing (at beginning and end of spring break). It is currently difficult to get to and from the Airport on a limited budget. There will be no shuttle service to the airport this year. Is there a need for shuttle service.

People don’t already know about so there probably isn’t that large of a demand.

For international students, it may be difficult

It is not well advertised, so probably not big deal

Didn’t know it was a thing

Has used it in the past and it was a great service

What times would the shuttles be going? Plan is still developing therefore doesn’t know. Shuttle schedule would be very broad (Early morning, mid-morning, afternoon). While there is advertising for winter break, haven’t seen advertising for Spring Break advertising.

Would support it, even with the $10 fee.

**Blake**

Summer RA position, extended the deadline until next Friday at 5 PM with Room and Board over the summer, dependent on food service hours.

Summer population is very different (early freshmen, continuing students and return to learn professionals) RDs, ARDs, and PCs should have applications or Blake will have one. You don’t have to be taking classes over the summer to be an RA and you can work desk clerk hours to make office hours. You don’t have to be returning to the Residence Halls next year to be eligible (it is a long summer with the new 4x4 summer session process)

Depends on the ability to balance a full time job with the summer RA position, would be an individual situation.

**VII. Old Business**

By-Laws approved

**VIII. RHA Officer Reports**

J: Been doing equipment checkouts, and looking into the RHA website

Mikaela: Finalized marketing material for binge-watching and bingo, should be appearing soon. At the Nailing the Interview class and it was fun. Applications for NACURH closed last night.

Anne: N/A

Jacari: Mostly doing meetings and correspondence with other student organizations on campus for a passive event on campus.
Jill: NRHH read OTMs (GOT 87!!) The best OTMs are always about specifics events that happened within the last month. OTY planning is going great, going to be a great night, send in pictures for hall councils and RAs montanastatenrhh@gmail.com for the slideshow.

IX. New Business

Read Officer Expectations

Elections

Candidate Anne: currently the vice president of business. Passion for residence life and community building. Involved with hall council, desk clerk, RA, academic peer mentor and this year vp of business. Understand how all positions work together to empower residents. Qualified for position – understands the organization, the big picture and the cooperation of the positions. Understanding of relationship with NRHH for the future. Passion, experience and qualifications.

South Hedges: Do you currently have a job off campus and how will that interact with your position as President?

Anne: I do have a job – nonprofit. The fuller my schedule my is the more productive I am. I haven’t struggled this year and have always completed my duties.

North Hedges: Elaborate on how to strengthen RHA?

Anne: I’ve worked on our constitution and by laws. Want to be more intentional with programs and collaborations. Providing reasonable services to put on the best programs and to understand why we put on the programs that we do. Make sure that when we work in collaborations that we understand how it works toward our goal of empowering the residents and giving them opportunities.

Res Life Apartments: What is the greatest challenge for you? How will you overcome them?

Anne: Understanding each of my team members so that I can empower them correctly and have the best support to succeed and creating a team that can work together.

Res Life Apartments : How do you unite those?

Anne: Previously on RA staff, when you spend a lot of time with the same people it can be hard with all the different personalities. Lots of team building to make sure all members can understand each other and work together. Maintaining an open door policy for the board to be able to come to me with any issues.

Langford: What do you do when you’re not busy with things?

Anne: Vine compilations, memes. Reading sci-fi and memoirs. Being outside

RLA: Will you bring your own style to running senate?

Anne: Jacari has been a good role model, I will learn from him in creating community, but I will have my own individual style.

Johnstone: Move to end Q and A
North Hedges: Second

Jacari: Read president job description

Discussion

South Hedges: I feel like Anne is very qualified for the position and has a thorough understanding of the organization.

Langford: We’ve seen Anne do her job throughout the year, she always was responsible, exacting in her job. I think she will do a great job. No reservations

North Hedges: I’m always impressed with Anne so I don’t feel that we need more discussion. Don’t have any reservations about electing her.

North Hedges: Playing devil’s advocate. I think she has done a ton of stuff, I think time commitment is a valid concern. Also being a perfectionist may be a concern with the time commitment. Concerned about the priority that RHA will take.

Hannon/ Quads: She has a lot of positivity and passion for the job. I’m sure she has learned to delegate and manage her time commitments.

South Hedges: Add, she was an advisor in south hedges for a long time and I would see her there. She was always positive and cheerful and this is a good attitude to have in an unenviable position.

North Hedges: She is qualified in building up to this job and she was the president of college democrats at MSU and has experience in these types of leadership roles.

Johnstone: Move to end discussion

Langford: Second

Chief Administrator (Samantha Bean)

Reading Job Description

What is your experience with working with Microsoft Excel? Has a lot of family experience and is very comfortable.

Could you create an RHA theme song? Yes

Are some applicable skills? Have been in leadership positions for a long time, has been on boards, has been the director for a long time. Been on the SH Hall Council. Major is very tailored to this position as a business accounting>

How organized are you? On South Hedges Hall Council doing a lot renovations, has been maintaining an excel spreadsheet on progress and different aspects of the project.

What are you most excited about? Looking forward to serve the community, has felt very welcomed and finding a way to give back.
What will be the biggest challenge and how do you plan on taking on that challenge? There is a lot to deal with, learning from the other board members, thinks they will get along very well.

Are you planning on working? Yes, as a tutor.

How do you plan to be innovative? Bring in ideas from events learned from past experience into the future.

Class schedule will pretty loaded, but has been taking 21 credits but being busy has never really been a problem. Outside of tutor.

Math, accounting, writing, and provides online tutoring internationally.

How do you perform under pressure? Pretty well and fairly well. What is an example of performing under pressure?

What is your plan for your job? Will be all online, in later evenings and midday but it is a set your own hours type of situation.

How would you communication skills? Part of major, in charge of communications for SH and so far it has gone well.

What is an example of you effectively communicating? Sends out weekly emails to HC and put together event timelines.

How do you react to failure? Take failure in stride and use it as a learning opportunity. Failed a math exam, instead of shutting down, went up to the teacher, sought out help, and improve themselves.

End QA

Langford: Feels like Samantha is qualified

Hannon Quads: Seems very passionate about business and has expierenced. Will be good for her and RHA

North Hedges: Skeptical, but would give her the benefit of the doubt.

Johnstone: Feels like she would be good for the position, has leadership expierence and helps guide and would do just as good a job.

Roskie: Along with qualifications, but from past expierence communications has been great

HEAPS: A little concerned about 21 credits did not give specific examples about communications. But did get a good first impression.

South Hedges: Working with Sam has been really great, has moved through the ranks and taken on responsibilities. Even if she isn’t 100% qualified, she does have the potential to learn well.

Hapner: Worried about 21 credits and academics do seems to be a priority and want to make sure she can handle the class load and her duties. A really important positions.
Yellowstone: Sam stayed for a really long time as a volunteer, went above and beyond what was great experience.

North Hedges: When asked about specific examples, it wasn’t totally relevant. Would like to hear about more experience.

North Hedges: A little concerned about 21 credits, but does strike as someone very adaptable. Ability to grow based off credit load.

Johnstone: Knows people who have taken credits, she has had busy schedule in the past and that has never gone wrong.

Kenny: Has worked with Sam all year as ARD, Sam is extremely capable, hardworking and organized, wanted to be an RA but knew how to manage time. A very dedicated student. Manages google drive forms, maintains minutes, in contact for Hall Council. She was the secretary, and adopted new role on Hall Council. Been times when she has truly come in clutch.

HEAPs: Convinced she can handle the time commitment.

Still accepting applications for the Vice President Applications! Please spread the word, let someone know.

X. Adjournment (North Hedges, Hannon Quads)

Summary

Elected President and Chief administrator for 2018-2019 year, and approved bylaws.