The Residence Hall Association of
Montana State University

Senate Meeting

March 22, 2018, – 7:00pm

I. Call to order at 7:00pm on 3/22/18

II. Roll call

III. Residence hall and their current endeavor
- Freshman Apartments: 2 senators, root beer float
- Hannon/Quads: 2 senators present, working on quadstock
- Hapner: 2 senators, working on formal, dress swap event on Monday
- Johnstone: 2 senators present, postponing speed friending for next month, working on OTM
- Roskie: 2 senators present, working on 5k, open mic night
- Langford: 2 senators, working on traditional next month, and OTY
- North Hedges: 2 senators present, moving for duct tape RA working on kitchen
- South Hedges: 2 senators, tie dye Tuesday, and working on scheduling events
- Yellowstone: 2 senators, just had pie RA event and it went well

IV. Approval of Minutes(NH HQ)

(Summary of Minutes)

V. Public Comment

Mike Koesvich and Rich Hoffman, from Culinary services—New Dining Hall Pics

- Dining Hall (Rendezvous!!): It is looking more and more complete every day. 8 different restaurant concepts.
  - De La Mesa (Show station) fresh tortillas, with walk in cooler for fresh produce
  - Salad Bar and Soup and Sandwiches Station
- Smoothie Station (all in beautiful bright colors)
- Far Eastern and Middle Eastern Station
- Italian food station (pizza oven and pasta station)
- Forge—
- 89er Diner, smash burger grill, fresh milkshakes

- Half of the seating will be in a mezzanine area (350 upstairs, 350 downstairs) with a sports lounge. 20 Ft. Digital High Def Screen, for playing cool events live
- Coffee Shop and Bakery, one the lobby side so you don’t have to go into the dining hall with a retail window so you don’t have to have a meal plan to utilize.
- This is a unique, nothing like Dining Hall

Cara (Sustainability and Farm-to-Campus Coordinator): Looking to utilize no disposable cups in the retail portion of rendezvous (single use coffee, mug). Donation program to donate coffee cups, resell for a small fee return purchase. There will be no paper cups offered, if they would like paper cups—they can get them at other coffee shops on campus. All the prices will reflect the reusable cup. Nobody else has implanted a program like this.

Bailey: Do you mean an actual coffee mug or travel mug? Either

During move-out, attempting to capture as many mugs found at the swap tables as possible.

Hapner: Is the coffee bar going to be part of your meal plan? Yes, there is a meal plan and retail side

South Hedges: How are you going to manage having a retail side, trying to hit the reset button on a lot things that may have gone wrong. Been with Montana Coffee Traders, going with local coffee roasters, starting next year.

How are you going to account for the new positions for the dining hall? They have been working on wage structures, opportunities for advancement (middle positions for promotement), working on employee retention, increase employee morale. Would like to set the precedent if you work in the culinary industry the dining halls are where you want to work. RHA can help in advertising the new dining hall and all the perks that come into working with the dining hall.

There is no guarantee that you will only work in one area of the dining hall, people may need to work in an area that they don’t want to.

North Hedges: Having one job would motivate them to work and retain at the job.

There will be no grab-and-go section of the dining hall (they don’t want to steal too much business from the SUB).
ASMSU:

Kylar Clifton—Medical Amnesty

If you call for help in times of need (drug overdose, alcohol overdose, etc.)

Currently, if you call for help, you can legally not be cited. This will connect university policy with the current state statute. Protects students.

Had first reading in March with University Councils, final approval will be the first Wednesday in April.

Creating a marketing campaign to make sure that all students on campus understand the new policy change.

They may still require an educational component, but if there is history of abuse, there may consequences.

North Hedges: what will the educational component actually look like? It is going to be flexible dependent upon the dean of students (they may need to pay)→ there are still avenues if the student can’t afford.

Langford: Worries about the abuse of this policies, what have been done at other universities? Others varies in protections, some Universities have large loopholes. Wrote this with Bondy, Chief Parish, Legal Services, CPS, and ASMSU among just a few. Have taken steps to ensure that repeated abuse won’t be tolerated.

Tobin: This won’t affect ResLife policies, this will apply to Residence Halls and the rest of campus.

Roskie: Wasn’t this already in place, why is this happening? Right now this is all case-by-case dependent upon the situation. This sets in stone that this is the policy that will be taken place. Also there is no difference from the law and the police and the administration. This way that everything is in sync.

North Hedges: Is everyone provided amnesty? Situational basis who is involved determined by the incident report.

**Unanimous vote in support**

Tobin and ASMSU: the university is moving away from mugs, the university is moving towards bags. All the options being presented work within the budget.

Three to five minutes with the bags and label them. Then asking them to rank their top 3

The material on number six is really durable and will last

Thinks the totes are pretty gender inclusive

Worries that the bags will just end up in trash

Would use number six, because of the colors and number six is the most durable
Making sure the bag is durable, wants to make sure lasts.

Number 6 will be the only one that people will use

Number 6 is very versatile

Own a lot of tote bags, would probably use Number 6 use on the airplane

VI. Residence Life Update (Tobin)

If you have a housing application for next fall, the date to change without penalty is next Friday.

Summer housing applications are up, please fill out as soon as possible. $400 for four weeks.

Beginning of registration is next week, please consider one of the 4x4 courses to jump ahead in classes.

New Residence Hall is coming along, planning the details and getting closer to a 100% designed drafts. The new parking lot will break ground in May and the new residence hall will break ground in August.

Housing assignments for summer will be out April 15th.

VII. Old Business

VIII. RHA Officer Reports

J: Getting ready to change up the website

Bailey: Tomorrow is bingo, please come! 7:30 in SUB Ballroom A

Jacari: finishing up transition documents, working on Trivia for Bingo tomorrow

Mikaela: working on transition documents, and marketing for next year’s board during opening

Jill: is happy to see everyone is working on OTY, invitations for OTY, dress up as nicely as you prefer for the event. There will be voting next Thursday.

IX. New Business

Bingo Event

Vice Presidential elections (Chase Shugart)

Been on Hall Council candidate for 2 years. Grown as an individual and become more involved. Great opportunity to end on a high note, network with other individuals, and getting excited about the events that RHA puts on. Do something for his community that is bigger than himself.

HEAPS: What part of this position will challenge you the most, and how will you overcome?

Getting used to the positions. He has gotten used to be a senator. Will plan on getting help from the other RHA executives and Blake’s assistance.

Roskie: What other responsibilities will you have? He will be working on his capstone, but beyond in that he doesn’t have crazy time commitments.
NH: What can you offer the RHA? He would to attempt to get Hall Councils and RHA connected with his prior experience. Getting to know the Hall Councils better and making it more personal experience.

Be more sociable and open with other people. He isn’t as afraid of people as he has been in the past. Feels like he can roll with the punches and works with what he has.

Responsibility of dealing with other communities and halls, he wishes he would have done it more when he was younger. He knows he can do more and push himself in this position.

Motion to end discussion (HEAPS, SH)

Discussion

JS:

HEAPS: Has worked with Chase quite a bit, while he needs a push, he always follows through. He also has the best attendance of the Hall Council.

South Hedges: In the 3 short weeks she has known Chase, he has been wonderful, detailed oriented, and good at making connections.

Hapner: Sees a lot of enthusiasm, she sits by him a lot. The push was less of I don’t want to, but more worried about failure, and needing people to confirm his competence.

North Hedges: Really likes him, only concerned about the lack of a pusher in the new position, moving into a greater leadership role. He will have more responsibility.

South Hedges: Thinks that he has great energy and confidence, be a great asset to the RHA Executive.

Daria: working with Chase this year, he sold himself a little short, on Hall Council always contributing, always going above and beyond, has a great attitude, first to arrive

Bailey: As he she has seen the executive board to grow, there are pushes among the executive board to hold each other more accountable. There is a lot of structure and accountability.

Johnstone: Worked with Chase last year and Tea Tuesday Chase was always at Tea Tuesday and took initiative to recruit in the event. In the ResLife apartments, he took the drive to continue Tea Tuesday. He is good at implement the things that he is passionate about and capable to get whatever he sets his mind to done.

Motion to end discussion (HEAPs, Langford).

Introduction to Brodie, an RD candidate: 6 resident director candidates will be on campus. We are sharing MSU with him. From a small town in New Hampshire and doing grad work in Missouri. Really interested in MSU because of the size and values. He is particularly interested in RHA. This is a lot bigger than the RHA he advises in Missouri.

**Clear Majority: Chase, Vice PRESIDENT**

X. Adjournment (Yellowstone and HQ)
Summary:

Election of Vice President for RHA executive board 2018-2019, Res life Bag review and discussion, University policy change, New dining hall walk through.