The Residence Hall Association of Montana State University

Senate Meeting

RHA Senate Minutes 9/21/2017

I. Call to Order at 7:00pm on 9/21/17
II. Roll Call
   All present

III. Approval of Minutes
   a. North Hedges Second

IV. Public Comment
   a. MSU Avalanche Beacon Park (Ty Atwater)
      i. Purchase of equipment is already underway—utilize for classes for Outdoor Rec, Snow Science, and Community Classes, also independent use outside of classes. Hopes for beacon technology to be solar powered.
      ii. Semi-Permanent Seasonal Fixture located in Roskie Beach Area
      iii. Benefits: 300+ students utilize in spring semester, provide education courses (with possibility of credits), and refine skills on own time, and fun winter activity.
      iv. Costs: Initial Costs $4500, Batteries and Upkeep about $250, Information Kiosk $300. Contributions: MSU Snow Sciences $3000, GNF Avalanche $1000, Outdoor Rec Program $750-1250. Outdoor Rec can handle the costs if RHA doesn’t provide funding.
         1. Also looking for a Resolution in Support of Avalanche Beacon Park
         2. Asking potentially RHA provide $500 split by Reslife ($250 from Reslife and $250 from RHA)
   v. Questions from Senate

V. Reslife Update (Jeff Bondy)
   a. Thanks for RHA Retreat—especially Blake Fly!
   b. New Residence Hall
      i. Being mindful in utilizing our resources to their fullest extent.
   c. Reaching out to Students—Hall Councils are Leaders in their Community
   d. Etiquette Dinner: Subsidized for Students ($15): For Students in Reslife
      Applications available for 75 seats free of charge
Next Wednesday in the SUB

VI. Old Business
   a. Appointment of NCC: Bailey

VII. RHA Officer Reports
   a. Blake: Next Week is Homecoming (GO CATS LIGHTS), Hall Decorating Contest (judged Tuesday) winning hall gets pizza party, parade on Saturday (go have fun!), Fall Festival on Saturday in SUB Ballroom A 1-3 PM, Met with Community Reps about Community Living Agreements, Rocking the M next Thursday 3-6 PM, Campus Cleanup Friday at 11:15 AM, Career Fair in 2 Weeks
   b. Bailey: checked out supplies to Hannon, ordered food for GO CATS LIGHTS
   c. Mitchell: 1st NRHH meeting → 1st OTM Party next week during regular meeting times
   d. Anne: Budgets
   e. Jacari: Working with Hall Presidents for Monthly meeting, Registration Status
   f. Tyler: RHA Resource Week Event (very successful and beneficial)
   g. Mikaela: GO CATS LIGHTS Posters→ out and ready to be hung up
   h. J Beckett Sweeney: Learned about equipment and helped with the RHA website

VIII. New Business
   a. Fund Request Process:
      i. All halls are responsible for a traditional events: guaranteed $750 for event, no need to request money formally for traditional. Instead, give a summary and update to RHA, for feedback.
      ii. Branded Hall Swag: guaranteed $350 for branded hall items, no need to request formally. Instead, give a summary and update to RHA, for feedback.
      iii. Fund Request Process for all other items: fill out forms with VP Business, present to Exec. Board meetings on Sunday, then present on Thursday Senate Meeting, if unanimous get money, if not come back second week vote for simple majority.
   b. Hall Points
      i. Receive points for: senators present, for asking questions, and special circumstances.
      ii. Hall with the most points gets the cool party
   c. Snaps: snap when something is great!
   d. IACURH: Regional Leadership for Our Region
      i. Programs: Attend or Present on Leadership (meet awesome people and learn from them)
      ii. November 3-6th at the University of New Mexico
      iii. Contact Bailey, Blake, Becca, or Mitchell with any questions.
IX. Adjournment

Summary

Procedure discussed for senate meetings, Ski Beacon Park approved officially