RHA Meeting Minutes  
2/26/14

**Funding Slate**
Name of the Organization: GSH and LLC Hall Governments  
Name of the Event: Oscars Watch Party  
Total Cost: $750  
Amount Requested from RHA: $300  
Date of Event: March 2, 4:30-9:00PM
  
  • There will be food, a photo booth, prizes, and it’ll be a ton of fun!

**Budgetary Update**
Residence Hall Support- $1,005  
RHA Sponsored- $300  
RHA Programming- $1,000
  
  • The Funding slate was passed with a 29-0-1 vote!

**TV Policy Update**
Kelly got to go through the halls and help pick where the TVs will go in lounges, they need to get the location approved by an electrician for power and cable purposes. This also means that our plan is going to be changed a little because we can’t buy all of the TVs at once, but they will rather be bought in chunks and placed as convenience allows.

**Constitution Edits**
**Amendments**
  
  • The impeachment process amendment was voted on and passed with a 30-0-1 vote
  
  • The next amendment was dealing with behavioral complaints of people in general council. This would entail the complaint being brought up to the RHA adviser. The amendment passed with a 30-0-1 vote
  
  • Getting Rid of Student Staff Representative Amendment:
    
      o 48% of RHA absences are due to staff reps not being there
      
      o Also when it comes to funding, our money comes from student social fees. Staff reps (and RHA exec) don’t pay social fees, so it’s a conflict of interest that they get to vote on money they don’t pay into
      
      o Student staff members also only represent about 9-12 staff members, and so their voice is disproportionate.
      
      o Their voice can also drown out student voice.
From an exec perspective, the issues that a student staff has are different from the issues that most residents have.

Discussion (all for Staff Rep amendment)

- Some people believe that perhaps staff members speak too much and it overshadows the students of general council.
- People brought up that perhaps hall government was a better place for the student voice.
- There was some concern about the argument that “student staff members” drown out student members. Some people believe that this isn’t really an issue because they don’t really know who is and who is not a student staff member.
- Tom suggested tabling this amendment further (with no specified time) so he could suggest some different amendments.
- With no objections, we tabled this motion.

Tom is presenting some amendments that he proposed as an alternative to our student staff amendment:

- Would re-define general council membership from one student staff representative from each hall to two student staff reps total.
- Student staff members would also not be a part of the quorum tally, and their votes in financial matters would not be binding, rather, they’d be symbolic votes.
- He also proposed that student staff members would help run hall government in a co-advisory role.
- Believes that student staff should have some voice because they are technically a member of the residence hall association.
- Votes of student staff members would be non-binding, although the wording is loose and can be taken as
  - Student staff votes are non binding only in financial matters.
  - Student staff votes are non binding in everything.
- Tom also hopes that student staff members would utilize the list serve as communication among staff members, although there is nothing explicitly stating this in his amendment.

Discussion for Tom’s Amendment

- It was brought up that student staff members aren’t qualified to be ‘co-advisers’ of hall government.
- The resources that Tom believes the student staff members would provide (IE using the list serve and updating their staff about what is going on in general council) is already there. The RHA exec already pushes out what needs to be pushed.
out through the student staff list serve, and the RHA meeting minutes serve as a record of what is going on during general council.

- Some people believe that student staff members can be a co-adviser because it has happened in the past.

We had to extend discussion, and eventually had to motion to end the speakers list 22-7-1 vote.

Now we get back to the RHA exec proposed amendment of getting rid of student staff position entirely

- We moved to a vote and our amendment failed with a 1-20-9

**Hall Government Updates**

- Oscars party is this Sunday in the LLC Performance hall starting at 4:30
- Riley’s Valentine’s day thing is now called cookies and crafts. It’s for any residence hall student February 28 from 2-5:00PM

**Staff Updates**

- March 13 5-7:30 there’s a leadership seminar about leadership and gender in the Bean Conference room. There will be food!

**Exec Updates:**

- Natasha: Dux in Tux is this Saturday, March 1st with doors opening at 5:30pm and dinner starting at 6:00pm. Sign-ups are closed and if you signed up you should have an invite in your mailbox and points already deducted from your account. We have a grand total of 157 residents attending. Pi Party is March 14th from 8-11pm in the GSH Great Room.
- Sierra: Kelly and Jan the NRHH president and I just got back from our conference. Both Kelly and Jan presented at the conference and we all represented UO very well. It was a lot of fun if you have any questions regarding No-Frills please let me know. Writing a bid draft for exec position bid
- Josh: RHA is getting ready to host another in-service! "INvolve and INclusivity: How to get people INto your Hall Government," will show you how to involve others in your processes and achieve big goals at the same time, as well as advertising your hall government’s mission and getting more people into your meetings! This in-service will be held on **Thursday, March 6, at 7PM in LLC 125** (one of the classrooms on LLC North near DUX Bistro)! Come prepared to learn some lessons that you can hopefully implement in your
hall government and get people more INvolved! Meeting with your hall's presidents right after this meeting to discuss the Hall Olympics which should be happening spring term. Expect them or myself to update you on finalized dates next week hopefully!

• Kelly: I have been working on the TV Proposal Difficulties which takes up most of my time. I spent all weekend at No Frills where I got little to no sleep, so bear with me. I have been working on constant updates of the constitution and getting those put in place in our documents. I just put the documents back together with the recent changes, so they should be on the website soon. Also, I am working with Marketing on Elections flyers, etc. Our first Info Session Will be March 15th, it is a Saturday at 2:00 in the LLC Performance Hall

• Tika: Just a reminder that you can pick up RHA T-Shirts and sweatshirts ($10!) during my office hours tomorrow from 12-2:00 PM. Also I’ve ordered some fun new duck swag

**JSMA Competition**

The competition started Monday and goes through 12pm on Friday
There are a ton of ways that halls can earn points (only one is actually going to the museum): Twitter, Facebook, etc.
Winning hall will get a pizza party and the top three halls will get hall points
The Art Museum website is: [http://jsma.uoregon.edu/JSMArtRace](http://jsma.uoregon.edu/JSMArtRace)