

- **In these minutes**
  - The following document is a moderately verbose summary of the 17 January 2008 meeting of the Residence Hall Student Association of the University of Washington.
  - All lines have been paraphrased, and should not be construed as the literal words of their speakers.
  - Annotations have been made, where appropriate in square brackets "[...]".
  - When the speaker is unknown, he or she is listed as "---".
- **Welcome/Quorum**
  - Alex begins the meeting at 4:33.
  - Quorum
    - SMAC 2
    - TLHC 1
    - KOH 2
    - MC2 1
    - HPC 7
    - MacCity 3
    - Overall 16, just barely enough
- **Old Business**
  - Winterfest Update
    - Lindsay: Winterfest is on track.
  - Budget Review Committee
    - Conor: Next Thursday - it's a very important date, and there will be lots of information.
    - Conor: The following week will be a vote.
    - Jake: This is a VERY important meeting. The Director of HFS will be there.
    - Jake: We decide whether to confirm the rates.
    - Jake: Bring a pen and paper. Take notes.
    - Jake: Come with good questions, and be prepared to articulate the answers to your halls.
    - Sam: How can we get the presentation files from the meetings?
    - Jake: You can't get next week's before the meeting, but you can get the last set at the BRC meeting next Tuesday.
- **New Business**
  - Confirmations
    - It is now 4:40.
    - President
      - Alex: Now I'm the President Pro Tempore
      - Alex: You can confirm me by 2/3, or we can do a public election. To you, Andrew.
      - Andrew: Time for Alex to speak on why. Then he'll take questions, and step out.
      - Alex: I knew that I'd have to be ready for this. I'm ready even though I'll miss attending committees. My whole board would agree that this is the best direction for the organization.
      - Andrew: Are there any questions? (There are none.) No questions.
      - Alex steps out.
      - Andrew opens the discussion period.
        - ---: He's fully capable.
        - ---: I've seen him preparing for Mental-Physical Health month (MPH). He's fully capable.
        - M'Liss: What would be the benefits and drawbacks of a general election?
          - Andrew: We'd have a President tonight, and not have to do an election.
          - Andrew: He's been on the executive board, whether that's a strength or a weakness.
      - Andrew opens the vote.
        - Andrew: These are the options.
          - Confidence
          - No confidence (Special election)
          - Abstention

- ---: What would be necessary to vote by secret ballot?
  - Jake: A motion from general council to use a secret ballot.
  - ---: Motion that we vote by secret ballot. (Seconded.) (No objections.)
- Secret Ballot Voting
  - ---: What ballots can we use?
  - Brittany: We have sticky-notes!
  - The notes are distributed, and the voting begins.
  - Andrew: The options are confidence, no confidence, and abstain.
  - M'liss: Was this vote advertised?
    - Andrew: It was announced at the hall council I attended.
    - Brittany: It was announced at the two councils I attended.
    - ---: We're having trouble getting people to come.
  - Voting continues.
  - Sam: I'd like to make a point, not on the candidate, but on what he said about Jake.
    - Sam makes his point.
  - ---: What happens if Alex is not confirmed?
    - Andrew: He'd be president pro tem until the special election finishes, and then he'd resume being vice president.
  - M'liss: Can we still discuss, while the ballots are out?
    - Jake: You can discuss procedural points, but no more discussion on the candidate.
    - Marley: If you're not clear on the process, then you should be asking questions!
    - ---: Motion to reconsider the motion. (Seconded.) (No objections.)
      - The ballots are discarded. An envoy is sent to the office to fetch more sticky-notes.
- Secret Ballot Voting 2
  - M'liss: Sam, please repeat what you said earlier.
    - Sam: I find it inappropriate that Alex mentioned that the RHSA advisor wanted Alex's path followed.
    - ---: I think he meant it's most logical that the VP step up. It's a point of common knowledge.
  - Wade: Everyone here right now has a vote.
    - [This comment in reference to the concern that Jada didn't have a vote in the previous secret ballot vote, having walked in halfway.]
    - Jake: That's right.
  - M'liss: I wanted Alex to say more. I'm concerned as a previous president and a deeply invested person. As someone who's had this knowledge has not shown what he wants to do concerns me.
    - [This last sentence is rendered as faithfully as I can, as I found it labyrinthine and feel unqualified to discern its meaning.]
  - Jada: Nothing was announced at my hall council. I'd like to entertain a motion to table the current confirmation until next week.
  - Natalie: I'm directing this comment vaguely in M'Liss's direction. Why did nobody question Alex, if you don't think he said enough?
  - Natalie: Also, it was announced at my meeting, but not ahead of time. Agree with Jada.
  - Wade moves to table the confirmation. (Seconded.) (Objected.)
    - Wade: We need to consider that not everybody's had enough time to consider.
    - [Objector]: The reps are as likely to show up next week as this week. It's better to get a leader as soon as possible.
    - Salil: I had no idea this was going on.
    - Ryan: Motion to amend the postponement in question to two weeks, so that Hall Council will be in between. [This because Hall Council skips Monday the 21st, better known as MLKJDay Observed.] (Seconded.) (No objections.)
    - M'Liss: Table it, because the process from when he was talking until he left the room went so quickly I couldn't think to ask questions.
    - ---: Table it because it's a three-day weekend and so people aren't here this weekend.

- Jessica: There are more people here usually. Get them here. Also, we didn't mention this at HPC.
- M'Liss: If this is postponed, Alex is still pro tem. Postponing won't make drastic changes.
- Ryan: Motion to vote. (Seconded.) (No objections.)
- Andrew: I'd like to clarify that this vote is whether to postpone the confirmation for two weeks, to Thursday the 31st.
- Andrew: The options are yes, no, and abstain.
  - Yes 18
  - No 1
  - Abs. 4
- Marley: I'd like to ask that an email about the process be sent to the reps, telling them how to prepare for their hall councils. I'd like to ask also that the written votes be shredded.
  - Andrew: The votes will be shredded.
- ---: Does this affect the other confirmations?
  - Jake: The motion was just to table Alex.
- ---: Please cc the presidents and vice presidents on that email.
  - ---: Also NRHH please.
- Jake: We talk about really important things. It bothers me that you didn't provide information to your hall councils.
- Andrew: We can't confirm me until we do Alex first.
- ---: It was not announced at last week's meeting that this was going to happen.
- Wade: It was announced, but not for this week. That's my fault.
- Andrew: Confirmation is now 31 January.
- Andrew: 31st is also budget feedback, so get everyone here.
- Jada: Mail that to RSHSalist.
- There is no further position confirmation as the process is stalled at President.
- NCC Selection Options
  - The time is now 5:06.
  - Announcement: Winter leadership is **not** 26 January. Coming soon on another date to be announced.
  - The time is now 5:08.
  - Alex: To Andrew and Brittany.
  - Andrew: On the third page of the newsletter are the three options for NCC selection. To Brittany.
  - Brittany: With the timeline for registering for NACURH, the last date to register is during Spring Break. If I were to take the NCC in training I'd need them selected before finals week. NACURH is very important to the transition. To Andrew.
  - Andrew: There are three options, as follow.
    - 1. Winter Quarter to get the whole board elected prior to Spring. That means today you'd confirm an OSC Chair, and we'd get to election this month.
    - 2. Withhold elections until after Spring Break and skip the NACURH timeline. Use the customary Spring timeline.
    - 3. Hold the selection of the NCC prior to Spring Break. This is however against the bylaws, so you'd have to 2/3 suspend Article 1 Section 2A of the Bylaws. Suspending rules is serious business. To Brittany.
  - Brittany: Here are the ups and downs.
    - 1. This way, the NCC can be ready for NACURH. But we'd have to start that right now, during this very busy time with possibly the general election of the President. It'd be overlapping Winterfest and MPH.
    - 2. The opposite problem here - the NCC won't get that training opportunity. Positively, it doesn't overlap with all the other processes we have going on. Spring quarter was left open for this very reason.
    - 3. The NCC can be moved back a bit relative to 1, but it's before the President and Vice President can be on the committee, which is bad. Having to suspend the bylaws is not a good thing.
  - Alex opens discussion.
    - Wade: Good laying out the pros and cons, Andrew and Brittany.

- Wade: The best is 2. 1 is too rushed in an already busy quarter. Too quick too fast and we won't see the results we want. 3 is bad because the President and Vice President should be on the OSC. 2 is more relaxed and more thought out and gives people time to think and time to chill and relax.
- Wade: Tell NCC prospectives to apply to NACURH.
- Sam: Can you register a blank spot to be filled later? If not usually can we explain the circumstances?
  - Brittany: I went through the process. The very last point is March 31st during spring break.
  - Brittany: Since none of the options are good I'm presenting them to you to choose the least bad.
- Salil: What's different this year from usual?
  - Brittany: The NACURH conference is two to three weeks earlier than usual.
- ---: What are hall captains?
  - Andrew: During President and Vice President election there's advertising around. Hall captains track what's going on and communicate on violations. They're an anonymous position mostly.
- M'liss: 2 and 3 are fabulous. We don't need to bring the whole executive board to NACURH. Make NACURH an open process. I see the downfalls of not having the President and Vice President on the committee. 2 and 3 are fabulous.
  - Brittany: I wasn't planning on taking the whole board, just the President-Elect and the NCC in training.
- Alex: Anything further? (No further.)
- Alex opens the vote.
  - In favor of #1: 1
  - In favor of #2: 13
  - In favor of #3: 1
  - Abstaining: 8
- Alex: We'll be doing 2.
- OSC Chair Confirmation
  - Skipped, as no plan was selected requiring an OSC to form just yet.
- Etiquette Dinner
  - The time is now 5:20 PM.
  - Alex: Really good deal. Go and they teach you etiquette.
  - Monday the 28th from 5:30 to 8:00
  - Tickets are on sale and usually run out fast.
- MLK Day Funding Proposal
  - Conor: This funding proposal wasn't in early enough. We can't constitutionally endorse this.
  - Amara: Motion to suspend the bylaws. (Seconded.) (No objection.)
  - Conor: Requesting \$164.22
  - Marley: You can't suspend the bylaws without voting. Epic fail.
  - Alex: My bad. Suspension requires 2/3.
    - Pro: 22
    - Con: 0
    - Abs.:2
  - Conor: Break it down now
    - \$435.88 for transport (school buses)
    - \$64.22 for snacks
    - Total \$500.10
    - Of that \$200 are from HFS, \$164.22 from RHSA, and the rest from NRHH.
  - M'liss: Carlson center and NRHH and RHSA team up for MLK for like five years now which is as long as I've been here which is forever because I've been here for forever.
  - M'liss: We're taking 50 people which is more than before (which is good) so we need a bus.
  - Trent: Those numbers don't add up to \$500, it's \$500.10. (The numbers are changed.)
    - M'liss: Acknowledged. Also we won't spend so much because it's from Costco.
  - Alex opens discussion.
  - ---: What happens if part is unspent?

- Alex: Only the spent part is spent.
- Alex: Other questions? (None.)
- Pro: 23
- Con: 0
- Abs.: 1
- Hall Holiday
  - Alex: February 4th at your hall council, you should expect the unexpected from us your executive board. What we'll do may be illegal in some states.
- Budget Report with Conor
  - Programming
    - \$1,100.82
  - General Fund
    - \$3,662.39
  - Administrative
    - \$1,423.46
  - Total
    - Yay!
- **Issues of the Week**
  - The time is now 5:30.
  - McMahon says:
    - The girls' bathroom on the main floor of McMahon doesn't close properly and it's creepy.
    - We want more bike racks.
    - More complaints that heating is too hot. I've told them about the window.
    - The water in the shower is too cold for a long time before you can get in.
    - The south tower still has ladybugs.
  - Hansee:
    - Sandy: Hansee bathroom doors should have hydraulics to close.
  - McCarty says:
    - The knobs to turn the water on and off turn under their own weight back down to the bottom position.
      - Wade and Chelsea: Uproarious laughter.
    - The bike racks reported to be possibly damaging to bikes.
      - Jake: Follow that up in McCarty so we know what to ask about.
  - Haggett says:
    - How can I ask that the elevators be replaced or inspected? The north tower left elevator never lines up correctly.
      - Jake: North tower is scheduled for renovation this summer or next. They did south this past summer.
  - TLHC question courtesy of McMahon:
    - An RA was fired for petty reasons. Can RHSA overthrow that?
      - Alex: Noooooooo.
      - Jake: HFS never fires someone for petty reasons. It's just that the real reasons often don't come fully to light. Question bad reasons.
  - TLHC says:
    - We have the same shower problem as McCarty, in both buildings.
    - Brittany: Put in a work order, and they'll tighten it.
    - Alex: That's happening in a lot of halls, and this may be something underlying.
    - Sandy: I've lived in McCarty and Terry-Lander and Hansee and it's in all of them so it's just in the nature of showers.
- **Committees**
  - CPC says:
    - We met briefly yesterday. We're low on committee members, so be sure to attend. We're meeting 30 Jan at 5pm at the 3S platform, and we're selecting a new committee chair.
  - CAC says:

- We met on Tuesday, 4:30, which is our new time. CAC is working with HWC to put on a program for mental-physical health month. We'll decide which or both to do: a dietician or a microwave cooking program. We're also putting on an event of our own for winter quarter, and there will be marketing posters, so that you know when to come to CAC meetings.
- What's the state of the make-your-own-sundae machine?
  - Jada: Waiting for some toppings.
- HWC says:
  - Rohan resigned today.
  - TLHC, you have a new seat, so fill it.
  - We met with MPH and confirmed four programs.
    - They have names like "getting some".
    - We made a final MPH schedule.
    - We confirmed dates and a budget.
- CBR
  - Mondays at 10AM
  - Ezra speaks about it.
- Andrew: As a reminder, CPC is electing a chair on 30 Jan at 5pm on the 3S platform.
- Alex: We're taking attendance at committees now. Don't have unexcused absences.
- **NRHH Report**
  - Amara Siemens
  - nrhh@u.washington.edu
  - Amara: We're still accepting applications for new members, due 21 January. You are all qualified as part of the top one percent.
    - Brittany: How long do you have to have lived here to apply?
      - Amara: Two quarters. Freshmen can apply in the spring.
    - Sandy: Is there a GPA requirement?
      - Amara: 2.5. To M'Liss.
  - M'liss: Yay Vaginas! [I kid you not. I think it was in reference to the Vagina Monologues, though.]
  - M'liss: Sign up for Day of Service. We have ten more seats.
  - M'liss: I'm sending around a sign-up. Get your clustermates to come.
  - M'liss: A mixer is coming up for current and prospective NRHHers.
- **RHSA Head Senator Report**
  - Salil Mathur
  - salilm@u.washington.edu
  - Salil: Keeping it short. Nothing relevant is going on. Tonight in Hall Caucus Tyler Dockins is talking to us about NightRide at 7pm right here. Get involved.
- **SEED Report**
  - Jennifer Grosman
  - uwseed@u.washington.edu
  - Jennifer: I have more compost pilot news.
    - Jennifer: We're moving it from Lander 7 to Terry 8.
    - Jennifer: There'll be a pizza party for participants.
    - Jennifer: The test is now on Terry 6789.
    - Jennifer: In one week, we've collected 70 pounds of compost.
    - Jennifer: We made a new little poster on why you should compost.
      - Jennifer: It shows a nasty toxic landfill and some nutritious compost feeding corn.
      - Jennifer: Americans leave 6 times their adult weight in trash in their life. [What about ones who throw out cars?]
  - Jennifer: We'll be tabling at the 8 so say hi.
  - Jada: Stevens Court wants to compost.
    - Jennifer: We're looking at a voluntary program where you empty your own bin.
- **Hall Council Reports**

- SMAC
  - Nothing to report.
- TLHC
  - We met on Monday and discussed not having quorum for a president, and issues of the week.
    - Alex: Do you have a date for Spring Cruise? [I assume calendar date?]
    - TLHC: I don't have that information.
      - Alex: It's Friday 25 April.
- KOH
  - Nothing to report.
  - Brittany: Do you have a date for Hall Ball? [I continue to assume calendar date.]
    - KOH: I didn't write anything down.
    - ---: March 8th, and join the Facebook group.
- MC2
  - Casino Night is on the second of February. It starts at 8. We're still deciding on our grand prize.
- HPC
  - We are working on Winterfest for Frosty Penguin Crafts.
    - Trent: Didn't they used to be naughty penguins?
    - HPC: Frosty's better. Come check it out.
- MacCity
  - Upcoming:
    - Competition
    - Trading Clusters
    - Valentines Day
    - Super Bowl Party
    - Capture the Snowman
      - Ezra: Have you talked to the CTF club?
      - Chelsea: No, we haven't, though that's a good idea maybe.
      - Wade: Sounds like a good idea but they're bad people.
- **Advisor Report**
  - Jake Siegel-Picus
  - jakesp@u.washington.edu
  - We Lead
    - It's an opportunity to participate in things, and you should.
    - This quarter there are six opportunities, each from 4:30 to 6:00.
      - 29 January Lander 132 Personal Skills and Tips
      - 6 February McCarty AB Leadership Styles
      - 12 February Lander 132 Nonverbal communication
      - 20 February McCarty AB Office Etiquette
      - 26 February Lander 132 Ethics in Leadership
      - 5 March McCarty AB Diversity session
    - Every quarter there will be new opportunities.
    - Jada: Are you advertising on the floors?
      - Jake: Yes.
    - Jake: It's fun and anyone can stop by at any time and get some leadership training.
  - Jake: The budget review is happening next week, with a bunch of very important people. Make an impression. Tell everyone. Everyone in the residence halls is invited.
- **Announcements**
  - SNAPS!
  - Announcements
    - Jada: The RA food and programming committee is having an event of Sweet and Savory Crepes, next Wednesday at 3:00. Email Kathy kh65@u.washington to sign up. A further email is forthcoming tonight.

- Salil says the Senator of the Week.
- Ezra reclaims the attendance sheets.
- Ezra calls up the reps who need binders.
- **Alex adjourns the meeting.**
- **Dates to Remember**
  - Funding Proposals are due Tuesday at 4PM - forms are available online
  - Resolutions or Organic Acts are due Tuesday at 4PM to rhsaweb@u.washington.edu
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