



RHSA General Council

Minutes from Feb. 21st 2008

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Theme:
No Frills

Convene: 4:35pm

- **Welcome**
 - Welcome to the meeting
- **Quorum**
 - KOH – 2
 - MC2 – 4
 - HPC – 3
 - MacCity – 3
 - SMAC – 2
 - TLHC – 5
- **Statement by Ryan Graves**
 - UW won the bid against Western and several other schools for No Frills 2009, which will be held in February
- **Campus Safety Presentation – UWPD**
 - There have been multiple incidents around campus over the past few weeks, but crime since last year has decreased – it currently seems like a lot because multiple crimes have taken place over a short amount of time
 - Patrols around campus have been increased – there is another 2-man unit that has been added north of 45th
 - We have a large concentration of sex offenders that live north of 45th and a large homeless community nearby
 - Try to encourage people to travel in groups
 - Carry a whistle (preferably stainless steel) with you or yell, “Fire!” to get the attention of others if you are in trouble
 - Don’t listen to music while walking around the area late at night as it inhibits one’s ability to hear surroundings
 - UWPD is trying to get more staff from the Seattle Police in the area
 - School of Business will be selling safety devices (such as whistles) in 3-4 weeks
 - Trying to get more funding for Safe Campus as well as additional whistles to give out
 - UW Tower just got annexed on 45th and Roosevelt and from now on more UWPD may be seen in that area
 - Effect that a crime has on the core campus is considered in evaluating if the event needs to be reported by email (North of 50th not as likely to be reported); type of event is also considered
 - Every UWPD member has gone through shooter training; everyone is staffed with shotguns and efforts are being made to get rifles
 - Every night, 3 officers in plain clothes walk through the residence halls from 6PM to 4AM looking for transients sleeping in stairwells, drinking outside, smell of marijuana

- Make sure that fellow students are the ones following you into your residence hall
- UWPD has not caught the person who snuck into the McCarty Hall stairwell and attacked a student
- Any phone dialed on campus will go directly to UWPD; cell phone 9-1-1 calls go to the Seattle Police Department
- Campus Way is dealt with by the Seattle Police Department, but anything inside Lander Hall is dealt with by UWPD
- If calling 9-1-1, stress that you are on the UW Campus and/or in a UW building
- Some Code Blue stations are going to be connected to loudspeakers to warn students about avoiding the area
- UW Alert
- Consider other options for exits out of buildings (especially your residence hall)
- Faster response to events leads to a quicker end to dangerous situations
- 685-WALK (Husky NightWalk) – get walked/driven back to your residence hall by a security guard
- NightRide, with pickup points on main campus, will take you up to a mile off campus
- Questions? Go to main UW page and type in “Police” – click on “Crime Prevention”
- **Conor – RHSA Fire Drill**
Exec Board will call out an “RHSA Fire Drill” – everyone then needs to move to a new seat

- **Old Business**
 - Committee Attendance – Andrew Clark
 - Sign-up sheets for committees passed around
 - HWC meeting is now at 3:30 on Thursdays
 - CPC is at 5:00 on Wednesdays every other week and alternates between north and south campus

- **New Business**
 - Rep Engagement – Laine Anderson
 - Trivia about the Exec Board
 - Chelsey Winchill won a prize for missing only two questions
 - NACURH '08 Applications – Brittany Grgich
 - NACURH is the association of all the college residence halls that have RHSA programs or RHA programs
 - The applications are specifically dealing with the national conference
 - All about spirit and leadership – get to meet people from residence halls all across the nation
 - Applications will hopefully be up on the RHSA website soon and will be brought to meetings soon
 - Held at Oklahoma State University, May 16-19
 - Expected contribution from each attendee: \$100
 - Deadline for applications is March 10th
 - No Frills Update – Brittany Grgich
 - No Frills conference was last weekend – regional business conference
 - UW was represented well and it was a great experience

- We (UW RHSA) will hopefully be doing a program with Seattle University in the near future
 - Type of program TBD
 - OSC Confirmations – Brittany Grgich
 - Officer Selection Committee will be overseeing the elections of the president and vice president and the selection (through the bidding process) of the other exec board positions for the 2008-2009 school year RHSA exec board
 - Time commitment is about 6 hours this quarter and some work next quarter (info sessions, putting together contracts)
 - We need someone for north and south campus
 - Work with interviews and deliberations and get to have an impact on the future of the organization
 - Don't sit on the committee if you have plans to bid for any of the exec board positions
 - First scheduled meeting is a week from Monday
 - People considering being on the OSC:
 - Alex Cutler
 - Lindsay Fitzmorris
 - Marley Blonsky
 - Jean McKeever
 - Chelsey Winchell
 - Beth Gawne
 - Anthony Medica IV
 - Sanya Dhermy
 - There is no set limit for the number of people who can be on the OSC
 - Discussion about candidates
 - Well-represented group
 - Vote on the group of candidates for the OSC committee
 - Yes – 18
 - No – 0
 - Abstain – 0
 - RHSA apparel – Lindsay Fitzmorris
 - Zipper or no zipper?
 - Sweatshirt vs. T-shirt
 - Order of clothing will be sweatshop-free
 - Lindsay passed out design options for sweatshirts; other ideas can be put in Lindsay's box in the Leadership Office
 - Alex and Lindsay are both working on the apparel
 - 8% surcharge to get the ability to use the RHSA logo
 - Budget Report- Conor McLean
 - Admin - \$1266.96
 - Programming - \$923.61
 - General - \$3262.39

- **Issues of the Week – Alex Cutler**
 - Updates

- Lander
 - Why should Terry-Lander be repainted (an issue that was brought up last meeting)?
 - Terry main lounge benches are being replaced
- Stevens/Mercer
 - Should the paper towel amount in the bathrooms be decreased?
 - The problem is that remainder rolls are placed on top of the paper towel holders and as a result get very wet
- McMahon
 - Any suggestions for where new bike racks should go?
 - Sun deck
 - A work order has been put in for the vending machine that was giving out hot soda, but from now on call the number on the machine and someone will come to fix it
- Lander / McMahon
 - They are getting more bike racks for these halls
- **Issues of the Week**
 - Kingdom of Hansee
 - The bathtubs don't get cleaned on a very regular basis
 - The gardeners start too early in the morning and are loud
 - ROTC on Denny Field is very loud in the morning
 - The water in McKee is now too hot
 - Mercer
 - Mercer load/unload parking needs to be more clearly marked or moved – it currently looks like a place where people aren't supposed to park
 - Equipment in the Terry/Lander workout room needs to be fixed or replaced
 - New way to view meal plan status on MyUW is inconvenient
 - Vegetarian options are always the same (too much tofu) and a lot of the frozen food in 2 Convenient contains meat
 - Can more compost bins be put around outside and throughout buildings?
 - Paper towel racks for the kitchens rather than putting rolls of paper towels on the counter
 - TLHC
 - The Terry practice room piano's keys stick and the middle damper pedal isn't working well

- **Committees**
 - CPC – will be meeting next week.
 - The programming chair position is currently open
 - CAC –
 - The St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held in the 8 on March 17th.
 - No update on the hot foods coming to Ian's yet because there are codes to be dealt with when they are fixing up the kitchen

- If you have someone in your room or you take dinner from the 8 or 1101, please make sure to bring it back because it is expensive for HFS to replace
- Bins will be put up for a short amount of time so students can give dinnerware from the 8 or 1101 back anonymously without getting in trouble
- March 11th is the midnight breakfast, and there will be karaoke
- HWC – not meeting this week
 - All future meetings will be before RHSA at 3:30 by wherever that week's RHSA meeting is held
 - Husky Shots tonight at 7:30 in L134
 - Possible ideas for future events?
 - Finals week massages
 - Orange juice/yogurt handed out in the morning outside the res halls
 - Sports tournament
- Programming – hasn't met yet because there is only one interested rep
 - There are plans to do Mr. and Mrs. RHSA
 - Hall event that pools into a greater campus level – more details to come
- CBR – option for 3:30 meeting before RHSA meetings is being considered
 - Next week's meeting will be via email due to Laine having work at that time until after Feb. 28th

- **RHSA Head Senator Report – Salil**

- Senate passed a resolution in response to the North Illinois tragedy dealing with bringing awareness to campus safety
 - Passing of the resolution was followed by a moment of silence
- Bruce Lee resolution was looked at and passed unanimously
- Valentine's Day auction was this week and several hundred dollars were raised
- Hall caucus is challenging the commuter caucus to a sporting event on March 1st and everyone involved with RHSA is encouraged to attend

- **NRHH Report – Jada**

- Just back from No Frills conference
- 2 regional OTMs received for January
 - RA of the month to Jeff from McMahon
 - Community Service Program of the month for MLK Jr. Day of Service
- Push the idea of having a floor-competitive incorporation into the food and clothing drive held by NRHH
 - February 29-March 14
 - Organization that will be donated to helps women and children who have been sexually assaulted
 - Advertisements will be coming soon

- **Seed Report – Jennifer**

- Today is the 1-year anniversary of SEED's composting program

- Last Tuesday, Planet Earth was shown again; next showing is March 4th
 - New program: Energy Heroes
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- **Hall Council Reports**

- MacCity – excited for Trading Clusters; looking for a date for a “Mean Girls” showing
 - HPC – mocktail party in March; CPR certification is coming sometime in March; dance program and movie night will be held soon; goldfish program is still going on
 - MC2 – coming up with new program ideas; tentative date of March 14th for a “Pre-Final Funk” board game battle; a week in April will be “Earth Week,” and tentative tie-dye activity also in April; maybe a volunteer day and May kickball barbeque
 - KOH – Hall Ball is March 8th; tickets go on sale March 23rd and you can get a free ticket by signing up to help set up or take down the event
 - TLHC – March 5th, 6-7 P.M. in Terry Main Lounge is “Open Mic Night” with café-style snacks, open to anyone wanting to perform; Spring Cruise theme is “Spring on the Sound: A Night in Barcelona” and a newsletter has been started that will be put in the bathrooms of Terry and Lander
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- **Advisor Report – Jake**

- New things will be tried in the future to keep meetings energized
 - Today is RA Appreciation Day, so say thanks to your RA!
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- **Announcements**

- SNAPS!
 - Announcements
 - Attendance Sheets – please make sure you’ve checked in
 - Husky Shots tonight!
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Adjourn – 6:35 P.M.
