



# RHSA General Council

Minutes from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

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Theme:

Civil War  
Era

**Convene: 4:38 p.m.**

- **Welcome**

- Welcome to the meeting

- **Quorum**

- KOH – 2
- MC2 – 4
- HPC – 3
- MacCity – 1
- SMAC – 3
- TLHC – 1

- **Old Business**

- RHSA Apparel – Lindsay Fitzmorris
  - Skipped for this week
- ASUW Election Forum – Andrew Clark
  - 7:00 P.M. tonight in HUB 209A; held with IFC/Panhellenic
  - 26 candidates have confirmed that they will be there
  - Great opportunity to learn the platforms candidates are running on
- Funding Proposals – Conor McLean
  - CAC Funding Proposal Hall Council Results
    - MacCity: 3-0-0
    - HPC: 3-0-0
    - MC2: 4-0-0
    - TLHC: 1-0-0
    - SMAC: 3-0-0
    - KOH: 2-0-0
    - Funding Proposal Passed
    - General council vote: 17-0-1

- **New Business**

- Funding Proposal – Conor McLean
  - \$700 funding proposal from Lindsay Fitzmorris for Mr. and Miss RHSA
    - \$250 for prizes
    - \$450 for equipment
    - Advertising example with a large question mark on it shown
    - Funding proposal will need to go back to hall councils next week
- Budget Report – Conor McLean
  - There is a big difference between what has been spent and what has been allocated through funding proposals

- General - \$456.59 (\$2478 when not considering the allocated funds; less when considering the CAC funding proposal just passed)
  - Programming - \$1182
  - Admin - \$0 (waiting for T-shirt money to come in)
- Head Senator Selection Committee – Alex Cutler
  - Apply to be Head Senator for next year!
  - Applications are due May 5<sup>th</sup> but deadline may be extended – Alex will send out email if that is the case
- Legislation – Andrew Clark
  - RHSA Organic Act 0708-004 by Andrew Clark
    - Motion by Sam Guyer to allow for two minutes personal reading time
    - Seconded by Beth Gawne
    - Two minutes of silent reading followed
    - Comment by Sam on number 9 on second page: what do “all constitution requirements” refer to? Anything besides what is at the beginning of the sentence?
      - No
    - “In good standing” requires a hall to have had quorum within the last two out of four or three out of six hall councils, which is used to make autumn quarter less of a hassle
    - Proxy policy is being changed so that a RHSA rep can only have a proxy three times each quarter, compared to currently how a person can only serve as a proxy three times a quarter
    - Charles Cadwallader yielded
    - M’Liss DeWald expressed concern about Article III Section 1.4.a giving the impression that exec board minutes should be distributed
    - Clarified: RA currently have voting powers in the RHSA constitution
    - Clarified: the “14 seats” going to hall councils on the third page refers to Senate seats, not RHSA representatives
    - Question by Charles Cadwallader: would we know who could and couldn’t vote if we were to take a vote from the council?
      - Yes
    - Clarified: a rep does not lose their seat if their hall goes on probation
    - Clarified: according to this legislation, the admin manager will be able to correct typos in the RHSA constitution by working with the exec board, without the consent of general council, though general council will be notified and can overrule decisions
    - Comment by Charles Cadwallader on the inconsistency of language between “hall constitutions” and “council constitutions”
    - Discussion closed by Alex
    - Organic Act has to go back to hall councils next week
    - Laine will put an electronic copy on the website
  - RHSA Organic Act 0708-005 by Andrew Clark
    - Motion by Ryan Graves to allow for two minutes of personal reading time

- Seconded by Kyle Fuller
- Two minutes of silent reading followed
- Charles Cadwallader noted that under the fifth “that” clause for Article IV, section 1.B.1, after adding “in good standing,” if every hall council but one was in bad standing, then that hall council would be the voting body of RHSA
- Clarified: Hansee wasn’t changed to Kingdom of Hansee because with the new amendments, halls can call themselves whatever they want
- Clarified: “in good standing” means not on probation
- Second readings are next week
- As this Organic Act deals with bylaws, it will not go to hall councils
- RHSA Organic Act 0708-006: In Support of Adding K Building to SMAC; by Laine Anderson
  - Clarified: the number of senators is being changed, not RHSA reps
  - The RHSA rep number will be determined by the student population
  - Matt Zemek had an amendment but yielded due to still being on first readings
  - Clarified: Matt was going to amend to add an “and” after the first “Be it resolved” clause
  - First readings closed
  - Organic Act will go to the hall councils next week
- RHSA Organic Act 0708-007 in the Situation of a TLHC Split; by Alex Phillips
  - Read aloud by Laine Anderson (co-sponsored)
  - Clarified: Organic Act is for if TLHC splits into two separate hall councils
  - Question by Beth: why is this needed for the RHSA constitution?
    - After a TLHC split, since the RHSA constitution only recognizes TLHC and not Terry Hall council and Lander Hall council, the hall councils will have no RHSA vote without being mentioned in the constitution
  - Clarified: there will less at-large senators if this Organic Act passes, as Terry and Lander hall councils will need an additional hall council senator
  - Noted by Charles Cadwallader that the condition of a TLHC split should be added to each “that” clause in the Organic Act
  - M’Liss DeWald moved to table the Organic Act indefinitely
  - Seconded by Jada Isherwood
  - Objected to by Charles Cadwallader
  - Comment by M’Liss DeWald to her motion: The resolution should be tabled until TLHC has split and the Organic Act is relevant to avoid confusion in the hall councils

- Comment by Charles Cadwallader: This should be tabled, but if TLHC were to split and then submit their constitutions, they would have no say on the legislation as two separate hall councils
- Clarified: TLHC does not need RHSA approval to split; TLHC would separate and then dissolve TLHC, which is the only hall council for the building that the RHSA constitution recognizes
- Clarified: M'Liss's intent was to wait until TLHC is intent on splitting
- Comment by Andrew Clark: TLHC will be proposing separate constitutions in the next two weeks but won't be passing anything until week 8 of the quarter – no time to pass this resolution until the fall at that point
- Comment by Beth Gawne: It would be smart to table the resolution until TLHC says that they are going to split – TLHC would announce if the split was impending
- Comment by M'Liss DeWald: Realizing that TLHC can split without RHSA consent, moved to close debate and encouraged people to vote against tabling
- Point of order by Marley that a motion was still on the floor
- Comment by Charles Cadwallader: It's fine to table the legislation until TLHC notifies the exec board that they are going to split, or mention in the legislation that the changes will only take effect upon the split of TLHC
- Motion by Jada Isherwood to close debate
- Seconded by M'Liss DeWald
- Vote on tabling until TLHC has split: 2-14-3; motion fails
- M'Liss DeWald defined "taken action" (pertaining to TLHC) as having split
- M'Liss DeWald yielded
- Motion by Jada to table the legislation for two weeks (until May 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Seconded by Kyle Fuller
- Objected to by Charles Cadwallader
- Clarified: hall councils wouldn't meet until June 2<sup>nd</sup> due to Memorial Day, but passing the resolution could happen in that timeline
- Comment by Jake: TLHC wouldn't have a vote in that meeting considering they would have already split
- Jada made his motion to make it easier on hall councils, due to large quantities of legislation
- Comment by Charles Cadwallader: It won't take that long to push the legislation through hall councils
- Comment by Matt Zemek: Three or four pieces of legislation won't be that different and it will be easier to have a bulk of legislation to make getting quorum easier
- Motion by M'Liss DeWald to amend the motion to make the delay one week instead of two
- Seconded by Jada Isherwood

- No objection; amendment to the motion passes
- Comment by Laine Anderson: CBR wanted hall councils to have all the legislation to work with at once to ease stress about quorum
- Clarified: TLHC is reading two interim constitutions at their exec board this week
- Comment by Jada Isherwood: question was out of order as it did not pertain to the current motion
- Motion by Charles Cadwallader to close debate
- Seconded by M'Liss DeWald
- Vote on postponing the Organic Act for one week: 7-10-4; motion fails
- Comment by Marley Blonsky: Let's send it to hall councils for now
- Motion by M'Liss DeWald to close first readings on the Organic Act
- Seconded by Salil Mathur
- Vote on closing first readings: 12-4-1; motion passes
- Question by Anthony Medica: If the Organic Act doesn't pass and TLHC splits anyway, and they won't have a vote without the Organic Act's passage, is this a check to keep TLHC together?
- Suggestion by Marley Blonsky for TLHC to talk with other RHSA reps and get opinion of former TLHC members
  - Clarified by Alex: Organic Acts 0708-004, 0708-005, and 0708-007 need to go back to the hall councils; use summaries in legislation packets for 0708-005 and 0708-005 if need be
- Activity: Rock Paper Scissors BATTLE between North and South Campus!
  - North Campus won
  - South Campus will rise again

- **Issues of the Week**
  - TLHC
    - Computer lab in the basement in Lander was supposed to be open the first week of spring quarter and still isn't open
      - Clarified by Wade: the room was voted to be converted into an RA training room, though available to residents during regular hours, which it no longer is
    - At 2:30 P.M. on Monday, Lander 5, 6, and 7 did not have any hot water

- **Committees**
  - Attend committees to get Committee Balla Bucks for the end of the year!
  - Programming
    - Gearing up for Mr. and Miss RHSA, which will be awesome
    - Mr. and Miss RHSA is May 13<sup>th</sup> at Denny Field at 6:30 P.M.
  - CPC
    - Looking into buying a DVD player for McMahon
    - Meeting next week on Wednesday at 5 P.M. at Ian's
  - CAC

- Chocolate and Coffee Tasting Event May 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-5 P.M. at the Chef's Table in 1101
- Cinco de Mayo special meals will be offered May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 8 and 1101
- Iron Chef is May 14<sup>th</sup> and posters will be put up soon for people to sign up
- Beth Gawne was voted as the RHSA judge for Iron Chef
- General consensus from general council: students dislike the cost increase for fancier meals at the 8 for dinner, and more dinner options would be great
- Comments
  - Clarified: Staff at the 8 are looking into clipboards for the sandwich line
  - Clarified: Leftovers need to be thrown away from the 8 and thus can't be reused
  - Jessica will ask about different kinds of coffee on campus (whether or not more kinds will be introduced)
  - Tongs are now being used for the cheese at Abundo at the 8
  - Brittany Grgich: People at Pagliacci's have been making salads with gloves on and then not changing gloves to swipe ID cards
- HWC
  - Wii Are the Champions is May 4<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 10 P.M. in Lander
  - Anyone interested in helping set up for the event can meet in the McCarty Leadership Office at 12:30 P.M. on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>

- **NRHH Report – Jada Isherwood and M'Liss DeWald**
  - OTMs are due May 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Applications are now available for NRHH members looking to be on the exec board for next year – check out the NRHH website
  - Guess the Straight Person Panel is coming up on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. in Terry Main Lounge
  - Gay Bingo on May 10<sup>th</sup> is now a volunteer opportunity only for those 21 and up, after 6 P.M. during the event
  - Rebuilding Together Seattle was last Saturday, and Jake's group built a deck and did yardwork, while M'Liss's group pulled up a floor and did yardwork
    - Marley built a cage
  - Liter of the Week: Jessica Mawrence

- **Head Senator Report – Salil**
  - Discussed a resolution in support of increased funding for student organizations this week – adding a task force to look into where that money would come from
  - Discussion on a resolution in support of public financing of campaigns
  - ASUW Senate's election forum is next Tuesday at 4:30 in HUB 310
  - Natalie Schoon from TLHC was Senator of the Week

- **SEED Report – Jennifer**

- SEED has been working with the Greek community to improve their energy conservation behaviors – orders put in for 3600 CFL light bulbs that will be swapped with the old lights
  - CFL fairies will be coming to Lander on Monday at 5:00
  - Garden party will be held this Sunday from 10 to 4 behind Hall Health, by Fluke Hall
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- **Hall Council Reports**

- MacCity had a huge barbeque last weekend and ran out of food in 30 minutes; Mr. and Miss McMahan is this Monday after hall council, with a Superhero theme featuring an obstacle course and a talent competition – winners get iPods. Battle of the Bands was cancelled due to lack of interest, and a canoe race will be held instead, as well as a dance party, tentatively.
    - Suggestion by Jada Isherwood to hold a canoe competition between north and south campus
  - TLHC – TLHC has a new rep who will be showing up next week; Spring Cruise went well, and 248 tickets were sold; Mr. and Miss TLHC is coming up on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 P.M.
  - HPC – Mr. and Miss Haggett dodgeball tournament is May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 P.M. at McMahan north basketball court; water fight, stargazing, Red Cross event, Fugitive, and eating contest coming up
  - MC2 – Boy and Girl McCarty is this Saturday; video game tournament will be this Saturday from 2-10 P.M. in the ABC rooms
  - SMAC – Uno of Mayo is tonight; Mr. and Miss RHSA is a rock paper scissors competition sometime in the next two weeks; beach party May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 P.M. in Mercer Field
  - KOH – Charles Cadwallader gave a moving speech by Robert E. Lee
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- **Advisor Report – Jake**

- As you make posters for your hall council pageants, make sure to call them “Mr. and *Miss* (insert hall council name),” not *Mrs.*
  - Thank you for the great discussion on legislation
  - Encourage people to apply for head senator!
  - SEED’s garden looks great
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- **Announcements**

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**Adjourn – 6:30 P.M.**

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