



# RHSA General Council

Minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup> 2008

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**Convene: 4:35 P.M.**

- **Welcome**

- Welcome to the meeting

- **Quorum**

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

- **Old Business**

- ASUW Endorsements – Andrew Clark
  - Endorsement committee met Tuesday
  - Recommendations
    - President: Timothy Mensing
    - Vice President: Jonathan Spatacean
    - Diversity Efforts: Sabrina Fields
    - Faculty Administration and Academic Affairs: Jason Padvorac
    - Director of Operations: Luke O'Bannan
    - Programming: Whitney Hahn
    - No recommendations made for Organizational Relations or Community Relations
  - Comments:
    - Potential problem with endorsing candidates who haven't been involved with RHSA
    - Should respect the opinion of the committee, as they considered everyone, even those formerly involved with RHSA
    - Clarified: committee can only go off of information from candidates' platforms and the two-hour forum
    - Just because someone has been involved with RHSA before doesn't mean they are qualified for the ASUW position they are running for
    - We want people who are best at providing RHSA what it needs
    - It is most important that candidates are willing to learn and work with RHSA despite lack of former interaction
    - Some residence hall-related discussion included Whitney's ideas for Mom's and Dad's weekends; Tim Mensing was a senator
    - A lot of these positions won't even affect RHSA, but student life as a whole

- Marley Blonsky entertained a motion to vote
  - Kayleigh McNiel moved to vote
  - Seconded by Kyle Fuller
  - No objections – proceed to voting
  - Vote: 11-4-5; ASUW endorsements pass for the recommended candidates
  - Endorsements Committee will meet tomorrow to make posters advertising those endorsements
  - Limited copies of the legislation packet available for second readings; Andrew Clark left to make additional copies
  - Shameless Shoutout to RHSA Apparel
    - Conor McLean and Brittany Grgich modeled the sweatshirt and T-shirt
    - Buy apparel at the McCarty, McMahan, and Terry front desks
    - Available till May 16<sup>th</sup>!
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- **New Business**

- Funding Follow-Up Forms – Conor McLean
  - Some people haven't been submitting follow-up forms within 7 days after a program
  - Please get those in promptly so Conor can know exactly how much money was spent
  - Find forms on the RHSA Homepage under “Documents”
  - Funding follow-up forms are a great way to transition for next year's programs
  - Fill out smaller forms detailing the purpose of receipts – available in the Funding Forms box in the McCarty Leadership Office with the Petty Cash forms
- Budget Report – Conor McLean
  - Admin: \$1069.03
  - Programming: \$1087
  - General allocated: \$510
  - General unallocated: \$2345
- Funding Proposal – Conor McLean
  - \$700 for Mr. and Miss RHSA
  - Vote:
    - HPC: 2-0-1
    - MC2: 4-0-0
    - TLHC: 2-0-0
    - KOH: 2-0-0
    - SMAC: 0-0-0
    - MacCity: 0-0-0
    - Total: 10-0-1; funding proposal passes
- NACURH Update – Brittany Grgich
  - NACURH is next weekend
  - NACURH invites everyone to come to the McCarty Leadership Office next Thursday at 9 P.M. to send off those going to the conference
- Legislation Second Readings

- Organic Act 0708-004
  - Motion by Marley Blonsky to waive reading the legislation
  - Seconded by Beth Gawne
  - No objection – discussion followed
  - Motion by Marley Blonsky to amend the legislation regarding Article VI Section 1B1, striking points b-f and amending a to read “Kingdom of Hansee”
  - Seconded by Jada Isherwood
  - Objected to by Salil Mathur
  - Comment by Marley: It sets a dangerous precedent to allow students to change hall council names to whatever they want; we need to maintain some integrity in the constitution
  - Salil had objected to hear Marley’s reasoning
  - Comment by Matthew Zemek: I didn’t foresee it being a problem that people would force through name changes in the halls
  - Comment by Jess Terry: Hall councils are independent entities, so they should be able to call themselves whatever they want; silly or inappropriate names will not be allowed by advisors
  - Comment by Ezra Bradford: Even if RHSA doesn’t have the names recorded of each hall council in the constitution, it still has to go through constitutional processes in the individual hall councils
  - Comment by Jada Isherwood: RHSA recognizes those hall council’s names and not the halls themselves, so we should keep the hall council names in the constitutions
  - Comment by Matt: This legislation would prevent us from changing the constitution as often – more stability
  - Comment by Jada: Hall councils shouldn’t be worried about their names, but what they are actually doing
  - Comment by Jess: If people of a certain hall council or RHSA believe it to be an issue, then it is; maybe down the line, hall council names will be a big deal
  - Comment by M’Liss DeWald: There is a history that goes into the naming of these councils, which is difficult with all the turnover; we need to focus on keeping a history of what happens
  - Motion by Salil Mathur to close debate
  - Seconded by Kayleigh McNeil
  - No objection
  - Vote on the amendment to the legislation: 6-10-5; amendment fails
  - Motion by M’Liss DeWald to add “to the appropriate designees” following “of each General Council meeting” in Article III, Section 1A4d
  - Seconded by Marley
  - No objections – amendment passes
  - Jess moved to amend Article VI Section 1B1 to read “halls” not “hall councils”

- Seconded by Justin Sharrett
- Objected to by Marley; logistically, having 14 seats to the “halls” rather than the “hall councils” doesn’t say that the seats have to be from hall councils anymore
- Ezra suggested a rewording of the amendment
- Salil moved to amend the amendment to read “14 seats to the hall councils of the following halls allocated in the following manner”
- Accepted as a friendly amendment; no need to vote on the amendment to the amendment
- Vote on the amendment: passed by general consent
- Justin moved to get rid of Article II Section 2B3c pertaining to representatives only being able to have three proxies per quarter
- Seconded by Jess
- Objected to by Salil
- Comment by Justin: A lot of times RHSAs have conflicts like classes and thus need someone to proxy for the quarter, even though they still want to be involved
- Comment by Salil: As is, the responsibility of coming to meetings is on the RHSAs rep, not on the proxy (referring to the legislation at hand)
- Comment by Andrew Clark: This doesn’t prevent an RHSAs rep from resigning their position; it is still possible to hold a position and be unable to make it for a quarter without losing their position
- Comment by Justin Sharrett: My concern is for halls with two reps where it is easier to fail to meet quorum
- Comment by Marley: If you’re going to be an RHSAs rep, your job is to go to committees, go to hall council, and report to general council; we need some sort of accountability
- Comment by Matt: Even if you’re not a rep, RHSAs general council meetings are open
- Comment by Andrew: It is still possible to be flexible with maintaining quorum with the changes from the legislation over the 10-week quarter
- Comment by M’Liss: If anyone wants to be involved in hall council at any level, they can
- Comment by Beth Gawne: Hall council representatives are hard to maintain, especially for some of the larger ones like TLHC; proxies can learn to report back to their rep and have better communication between hall council and general council
- Comment by Jess: There’s nothing in the legislation that says the reps will lose their position
- Comment by Salil: I read the original document to mean that a specific proxy can’t be counted more than three times a quarter – one person can be a proxy for a rep three times, then another proxy

- Comment by Justin: Some days we don't see Charles's lovely bearded face due to a class conflict, and if Amanda falls ill for an extended amount of time, I can only come to meetings with the VP for so long
- Motion by M'Liss to vote on the amendment, then follow with a vote on the organic act
- Clarified by Andrew: We can't vote on the organic act
- Comment by M'Liss: This would be voting on the amendment, then moving on
- No second; discussion continued
- Matt yielded
- Comment by Jada: If you're not able to do your role at RHSA, you should be asking yourself if you should be in your role
- Comment by Kyle Fuller: We had a rep who decided to be a rep but then never came since she kept forgetting about meetings – it got frustrating for quorum
- Comment by Ezra: It's not written in stone that we have to have proxy limits, if that's something that people don't want at all
- Comment by Anthony Medica: In SMAC, we have a hard time getting people to be senators, and then if we have the proxy issue, it complicates things
- Comment by Andrew: I foresee a problem with the current constitution because it penalizes the proxies after they reach their limit of 3 meetings to be a proxy; this amendment stops that from happening (referring to the current legislation)
- Comment by Jess: If someone is responsible enough to find a proxy to come, they are interested in attending meetings and are doing their job
- Motion by M'Liss to close debate
- Seconded by Justin Sharrett
- Vote to strike Article II Section 2B3c from the organic act: 7-10-3; amendment fails
- Salil entertained a motion to add a clause saying that exec board members could proxy an unlimited number of times, if that would make things easier
- Debate closed on 0708-004; will go back to hall councils
- Organic Act 0708-005
  - Motion by Ryan Graves to have two minutes of private reading time
  - Seconded by Jessica Mawrence
  - Objected to by Marley since people should already have read it
  - Marley withdrew her objection
  - Around two minutes of private reading time followed
  - Discussion: none
  - Vote on the organic act: 13-0-0; organic act passes
- Organic Act 0708-006
  - Motion to waive readings by Marley
  - Seconded by Matt

- No objection
- Andrew moved to amend the first “BE IT RESOLVED” clause to add “; and”
- Clarified by Jess: All commas need to be outside the quote marks so they don’t get added into the legislation
- Jess seconded Andrew’s motions
- No objection; amendment passed
- Comment by Jess: We should have an enactment clause as to when this should happen since otherwise K building will be able to vote as soon as this happens
- Motion by Marley to add “Be it resolved that Organic Act 0708-006 be enacted at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.”
- No objection; amendment passed
- Andrew moved to move the punctuation after the first four “BE IT RESOLVED” clauses outside of the quotes and add a “, and” after the fourth “BE IT RESOLVED” clause
- Seconded by Kyle Fuller
- No objection; amendment passed
- Kyle requested to put changes to the legislation on the white board
- Clarified: if the legislation being dealt with passes, such clerical questions as this can be fixed without dealing with amendments
- Jessica yielded
- Second readings closed on 0708-006
- Organic Act 0708-007
  - Motion by Kyle Fuller to waive reading
  - Seconded by Matt
  - No objections; discussion followed
  - Marley moved to add “upon the condition of the separation of TLHC into two hall councils” to the second and third “BE IT RESOLVED” clauses
  - No objection; amendment passed
  - Comment by Kayleigh McNiel: TLHC split would be a bad idea since there is so little involvement from Terry
  - Comment by Jess: The Lander president would miss training since he or she would be elected in the fall
  - Jake pointed out the need to focus on legislation, not the TLHC split being a good idea or not
  - Comment by Salil: I don’t think that we should have this in the constitution at all, since I don’t think this is the right time for this
  - Comment by Laine Anderson: This gives the hall councils a chance to be recognized, which is currently not an option with the way the RHTA constitution is written
  - Comment by Beth: This is under the condition of the split and giving representation in that case
  - Ryan yielded

- Clarified: The legislation would do nothing to the constitution if TLHC did not split
- Clarified: The possibility of SMAC splitting is not in the legislation as it is not a current issue being seriously considered
- Discussion closed on 0708-007

○ **Issues of the Week**

- Hansee
  - There were people pressure-washing outside of Hansee at 7 A.M. this week
- TLHC
  - Kayleigh McNiel saw a drunk man fall out of a tree last night
- McMahan
  - Card swipe going into South Tower is wearing out

• **Committees**

- Alex announced committees, as Andrew was still getting copies of the legislation packet
- Programming
  - Met and planned details for Mr. and Miss RHSA, next Tuesday at 6:30 in Denny Field
- CPC
  - \$2500 left to spend for the end of the year
  - Working on a scale for the south campus workout room
  - The DVD player for McMahan's lounge and Rock Band will be ordered next week
- CAC
  - Chocolate and Coffee Tasting was yesterday
  - Iron Chef is coming up on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 P.M.
  - Comments on Cinco de Mayo meal:
    - Laine Anderson: long lines
    - Kyle Fuller: the 8 shouldn't have served pasta and instead had another station for Cinco de Mayo food
    - Alex Cutler: have more Coke in a bottle available next year
- HWC
  - Wii are the Champions was last weekend with a pretty good turnout
  - Recess Olympics are May 31<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon, based on Denny Field availability

• **NRHH Report – Jada Isherwood and M'Liss DeWald**

- OTMs are due May 8<sup>th</sup>
- NRHH Exec Board applications are due soon – log on and apply!
- NRHH will be filming its video May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. in the McCarty Leadership Office; will include pillar dancing and squirrel chasing
- Guess the Straight Person Panel tonight in Terry Main Lounge at 7 P.M.
- Volunteer at Gay Bingo this Saturday, 5:30 to 11:00 P.M. for those 21 and up only

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- **Head Senator Report – Salil**

- Senate had a forum with the ASUW Board of Director candidates
  - Hall Caucus vs. Commuter Caucus volleyball, this Sunday (May 11<sup>th</sup>) at the IMA at 1:00 P.M.; will move to Denny Field if weather permits
  - Rob Lubin will be coming to Senate next week to talk about the HFS master plan (Tuesday, 5:00 in HUB 310)
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- **SEED Report – Jennifer**

- This Saturday, SEED will be working with EarthCorps at Ravenna Park from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
  - The garden is at the point where plots can be divided up; email [seedppatch@gmail.com](mailto:seedppatch@gmail.com) if interested
  - For more information, join “I Want P-Patch Gardens at UW” on Facebook
  - Clarified: SEED is pro-penguin
  - The SEED advisor may or may not share the same sentiment on penguins, and is allegedly pro-polar bear
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- **Hall Council Reports**

- MacCity is working on a canoe competition, and now has a Mr. and Miss McMahon
  - HPC had Mr. and Miss Haggett on Tuesday; water fight coming in June, as well as stargazing at the Observatory May 21<sup>st</sup>, and an eating contest
  - MC2 had a video game tournament last weekend and Boy/Girl McCarty was held; May 19<sup>th</sup> kickball and barbeque in Denny Field for MC2 elections
  - TLHC had their pageant and 15 people showed up; elections are coming up on May 19<sup>th</sup>; new RHSA rep elected!
  - SMAC has a rock-paper-scissors event coming up on Monday, as well as tie-dying with elections; beach party is next Saturday from 1-4 P.M.
  - KOH had a nerd-off yesterday and was shocked that only male contestants showed; a female victim will be picked to compete by Justin Sharrett; May 29<sup>th</sup> is an end-of-the-year barbeque
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- **Advisor Report – Jake**

- Hold on to your legislation packet to save paper
  - May 19<sup>th</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup> is Thanks to You week!
    - Highlights include breakfast in bed on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>, a barbeque, massages, and free ice cream
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- **Announcements**

- Run for President or Vice President of your hall council for next year!
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**Adjourn – 6:15 P.M.**

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