



RHSA General Council

Minutes from June 5th 2008

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Theme:
The Future

Convene: 4:40 P.M.

- **Welcome**

- Welcome to the meeting!

- **Quorum**

- MacCity – 2
- HPC – 4
- MC2 – 4
- TLHC – 2
- SMAC – 3
- KOH – 0

- **Old Business**

- No old business this week

- **New Business**

- '08-'09 Head Senator Confirmation - Anthony Medica
 - Wants to bring together all the ASUW senators to work together for the good of RHSAs, which will be his focus if he becomes head senator
 - Questions:
 - Sam Guyer: What experience do you have with Senate?
 - Anthony: Not much, but I'll spend time talking to Salil and talking with other senators to learn about their experiences
 - M'Liss DeWald: How do you plan to recruit senators and what are your ideas to get them involved with senate?
 - Anthony: Keep them interested, make meetings interesting, keep them informed, maybe create a Facebook group so everyone knows what's going on. I could go out there and recruit.
 - Discussion:
 - Is he opposed? - Doesn't matter
 - I'm concerned that he hasn't been a senator before, especially head senator orients people to Senate a lot and gets them used to the process
 - Why was he selected since he doesn't have that much experience?
 - To clarify, was he selected by a committee for this?
 - Yes
 - Was there only one person running for this?
 - Can't say
 - If no one is going to provide any reason about his experience, even if he's dedicated I feel uncomfortable confirming him for this position

- What is the alternative if there is no one selected?
 - There is a possibility for presidential appointment since otherwise general council needs to approve of the head senator which is not possible considering it is the end of the year
- Maybe Anthony could wait until fall and a presidential appointment could be made until then
- Will he be trained?
 - His training would come from transitioning with Salil but then he would train senators at the day of training
- Being put in a position where you're not sure if you belong could make you try harder than you would otherwise
- The fact that they did recommend Anthony should have some weight to it
- I think Anthony is great, but Senate is a whole different world from RHSA and people who don't regularly understand it don't get that
- Could someone work with Anthony at day of training so he could better train the new senators
 - That is something that the exec board decides
- Andrew will be appointing someone
- Vote: 3 - 4 - 10 (confirm - reject - abstain)
- If Salil transitioned Anthony would he be in the position to teach incoming senators?
- Move to reconsider the vote
 - No objections
 - Question repeated
 - I would do as much training with him as I could and I feel that he's a good leader and he has the leadership side down; it's a hard call as to that
 - Had the application been extended?
 - Yes
 - The committee decided not to recommend the applicants that applied at the original deadline so the position was opened again
 - What was the criteria?
 - He had a majority vote
 - I think that it should say something that there were people before Anthony who were turned down
 - If an appointment was made, it would have been made from that pool who applied and they weren't good enough or that they were made to do it and it was problematic
 - The presidential appointment is only temporary
- Vote: 7 - 8 - 4 (confirm - reject - abstain); not confirmed
- Transition from the Current Executive Board to Next Year's Executive Board
 - [Laine transitions Sam into the Administrative Manager position]
 - [Lindsay transitions Kyle into the Programming Director position]

- Conor: Before transitioning, as treasury director this year I took it upon myself to create an award. The Gold digger award goes to the hall council that requested the most funds from RHSA. The 2007-2008 Gold Digger award goes to SMAC, congratulations!
- [Conor transitions Jessica into the Treasurer position]
- [Brittany transitions Conor into the NCC position]
- Andrew: Before I transition to Ryan, I would like to recognize the committee chairs for all their work this year [Gives \$10 gift card to the UW Bookstore to Anthony, Kyle, and Jessica]
- [Andrew transitions Ryan into the Vice President position]
- [Alex transitions Andrew into the President position]
- Balla Bucks Raffle
 - The prizes are 2 sets of two tickets to the Seattle Aquarium and 8 sets of two tickets to Landmark Theaters
 - Winners:
 - Aquarium Tickets - Sami and Sam
 - Theater Tickets - Sanya, Beth, Alan, Jean, Jessica, Anthony, Holly, and Brad
- Laine: I made thank you cards for all the Rep., and we've got Study Buddies for when the meeting's over. [Passes cards out]
- Budget - Jessica
 - All remaining funds have been moved into the Administrative Budget.
 - \$224 remains unallocated

- **Issues of the Week**

- Terry/Lander
 - Beth Gawne: Painting the outside of the building was brought up earlier in the year, and it's still something that would improve the appearance of the buildings
 - Conor McLean: The Lander card swipe catches on cards and scratches them. Also, the Darigold milk doesn't taste right. Can we look into getting different milk?
 - Comment by Jessica Mawrence: Darigold was chosen because it started out local.
- McMahan
 - Kyle Fuller: Will an ATM for McMahan be put into McMahan ever?
 - Response from Chris Jaehne: Doesn't currently know, but will ask about it when they do the walk through for the DVD renting machines on Monday.
 - Laine Anderson: Balconies were locked because people were throwing things off of them, but now stuff is coming out of the windows instead. Would there be another possible solution to the problem then just locking the balcony doors?
 - Conor McLean: The card swipe in the south entrance to McMahan is acting up and you need to swipe multiple times to get in.

- Laine Anderson: One of the elevators in McMahon north has had a disabled fan for the last week and a half and it gets warm because of it.
 - Alex Cutler: One of the elevators in McMahon north closes incredibly slowly. If you're facing the elevators, its the left one.
 - McCarty
 - Sami Petersen: The McCarty card swipe for north tower isn't working properly.
 - Laine Anderson: Wasn't able to get into McCarty when Ian's was open in the morning before the front desk.
 - Stevens Court
 - M'Liss DeWald: They gave us 24 hours notice before shampooing the carpets, and if you wanted the carpet in your room shampooed you had to have everything off the floors. This wasn't enough notice.
 - Salil Mathur: When they told us about it they said it would be sometime Monday through Wednesday, but came on Thursday. We didn't know if they were coming or not.

- **Committees**

- CPC
 - Finished up their business this week
 - Thank you to everyone who gave us ideas!
 - Question from Conor McLean: How much did you spend?
 - Response: Around \$2200
 - Question from Matt Zemek: When will there be Rockband in Ian's?
 - Response: By the end of this week or the start of next week
- CAC
 - Didn't meet this week, no updates
 - Thank you to everyone to came to CAC this year, especially to Beth who came to all but one meeting
- HWC
 - The Recess Olympics was on Saturday, and it was a success even though it was tainted by the quidditch game next to us. Thank you to all who came!
 - Thank you to Matt and Jean for all their help

- **NRHH Report – M'Liss DeWald**

- OTMs were due June 4th, but the deadline was extended until Sunday the 8th. There have been 9 submissions so far
- NRHH members are required to write at least one OTM a quarter

- **Head Senator Report – Salil**

- Had the last Senate meeting on Tuesday
- UW Police came to gather opinion on the possibility of them carrying assault rifles
 - Comment by Andrew Clark: If someone is coming at the UW Police with something like a submachine gun, the police will be outgunned.

- Comment by Salil: The type of rifle will be a single shot, it will not be a full automatic. They need the rifles to be better prepared to deal with shootings in hallways, which they currently can't handle.
- Laine Anderson asks about the cost, Salil responds that it's still being worked on.
- Kayleigh McNeil asks if they've found a new chief, but they are still looking.
- Wade Caves: Why was this presented to Senate?
 - Salil: UWPD wanted to get the opinions of the students
- M'Liss DeWald: I'm concerned about where the money would come from, the low number of officers, and that there are probably better places for the money to go.
 - Salil: The money will come from within the department, and they will phase out their shotguns if they get assault rifles.
- M'Liss DeWald: How many other universities have assault rifles?
 - Salil: Among the Pac-10, we're the only ones who don't.
- Comment by Chris Jaehne: Rifles are much safer than shotguns, which are more likely to hit innocent bystanders.
- Salil: They will phase out their shotguns, and they will need permission from their superiors before they use them. There will be a locking mechanism that keeps them from being used otherwise.
- Comment from Chris Jaehne: They will receive extensive training, and will be required to be re-certified each year if they will be allowed to use the assault rifles.
 - Salil: They must achieve an "expert" level in training, which requires that you hit every target.
- Kyle Fuller: What about increasing funding for counseling?
 - Salil: It wasn't talked about.
 - M'Liss DeWald: There was a state bill to increase funding for counseling, but it was vetoed by the governor.
- Conor McLean: This wasn't a bill, but was there a consensus among the senators on this?
 - Salil: There was a straw poll, and most people were for it.
- Comment by Matt: I'm fairly certain that tuition increases include additional money for counseling.
 - We won the soccer game verses the commuter senators
 - Thank you for your feedback this year

- **SEED Report – Jennifer**

- The tour of the Cedar Grove composing facility was really fun.
- Make sure not to put non-compostable items in the compost!
- Got funding for irrigation for the p-patch gardens from UW Facilities.
- Summer Scram – remember to recycle toiletries, books, old supplies, clothes, etc. when you move out! Last year 10 tons were collected for local charities.
- We wish you a happy summer, and don't start any forest fires!

- **Hall Council Reports**

- MacCity is having an end-of-the-year dance party this Saturday from 7pm to 8pm in the Pompeii room; there will be free pizza, drinks, cookies, and the dance will have black lights. There will be a real DJ, not just an iPod.
 - HPC – The last event in Haggett, the Rick's barbecue is going on now
 - MC2 – Nothing to report, didn't have a meeting this week
 - TLHC – Tell anyone living in Terry Hall next year to run for the Terry Student Council President! TLHC had an amazingly awesome mic night on Tuesday, and that was the last program of the year
 - SMAC – There will be a farewell SMAC party on Monday
 - KOH – not present
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- **Advisor Report – Jake**

- Please remember to turn in your Rep. binders by 4:30pm tomorrow.
 - OTMs are due on Sunday
 - [Recognizes the outgoing executive board, and presents them with gifts]
 - Good luck on finals and have a good summer!
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- **Announcements**

- Alex Cutler: OTMs don't stop over the summer, so if you're staying make sure to write some!
 - Laine Anderson: Come to the McMahan dance on Saturday, it will be relaxing for all of you who have math or foreign language finals.
 - Matt Zemek: You missed out if you didn't attend the debate with the Republicans and Democrats. The Libertarians showed up in masks and shoes only for a few minutes.
 - Conor McLean: Quidditch this Saturday 1pm to 3pm, wear things you can run in, and wear yellow if you're the snitch.
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Adjourn – 6:05P.M.
