



The Residence Halls Congress

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Minutes of December 1, 2005 , at 6:30p.m

Present:

K. Dobiecki	T. Alexopoulos	G. Augustin	D. Chase	J. Cote
H. Gudka	K. Francois	M. Fricker	C. Gasbarro	D. Gay
N. Monteiro	H. Jassal	D. Jean	R. Kostopolus	K. Montgomery
R. Saffer	N. Prizio	T. Proctor	S. Provost	A. Russo
	A. Sicard			

Excused: J. Anzalone

C. Garcia

L. McClinton

S. Proulx

K. St. Laurent

Absent: S. Bisch (2)

K. Francois (2)

A. Mateo(2)

I. President N. Prizio calls meeting to order.

II. Minutes

- Minutes are online for last meeting.

III. President's Report

- N. Prizio, "There will be a special announcement from Alex from OSA."
 - "There will be a Senior Citizens Holiday Party on Saturday in the commuter Café"
 - Looking for volunteers to help out: 9:30-1:30 Preparation, 12-4 Serving, and 3-4 Breakdown
- N.Prizio, Emily Mears has resigned
- December 15th there will be no meeting, instead we are going to have a RHC Holiday Party
 - We will have a Yankee Swap, bring a gift \$10 or less
 - It will be at 6:30 with pizza and movies and go till whenever

IV. VP of Halls: Programs Committee

- H. Jassal, "Monday will be the Happy ChristmaHanaKwanzakika from 11-3 in the Commuter Café."
 - We are going shopping on Saturday for the stuff
 - There will be cookies, movies, and a suggestion box
 - We are going to set up in the television pit
- The Date Auction is going to be Tuesday, February 7th
 - Getting different organizations to help support and sign up.
 - Sign-ups will be determined later, maybe get peoples interest through a Facebook Party Group

V. Treasurer

- S. Provost, " I did Budget Analysis"
- We were able to give \$5800 to the Senate's Program, the Lecturer Series
 - If there is any money we can free up later on we may be able to give it then.
- Next semester is the Emerging Leaders Symposium
 - Looking for leaders to get involved
 - You can nominate people and yourself on the packets
 - They are due by December 7th
 - N. Prizio, Did ELS and was a lot of fun, you make friends, they help you out, you go on fieldtrips
- OSA is having a Mid-Year Organization Fair for transfers.
 - We will have a table set up to get transfer students interested in RHC
 - It will be Jan 26th, from 12-1:30

VI. Corresponding Secretary

- D. Chase, "Sweatshirts sizes sign-ups are going around."
 - Size deadlines will be due next week
- The RHC website has been redone.
 - J. Cote, Redid members section and now everyone can have a personal page
 - Email Jordan or Dan with information
 - You can include a picture, hall, screen name, major, year, bio, etc.
 - H.Gudka, Wants to know about the design of the shirts. Suggests putting names on back
 - Mike Fricker designed shirts
 - And No on names on back

VII. Recording Secretary

- A. Russo, “There are a few people who have not done any of their office hours at all and I will let them know”
- Starting next week I am going to begin keeping track of office hours
 - Bold numbers are absences, normal numbers are office hours missed
- People need to make sure that they return the key to Housing immediately after their hours.
- H. Gudka, We are not the only ones using the key anymore. The Resident advisors are using the office area now too so they may need it as well.

VIII. NCC

- H. Jassal, “No Report.”

IX. Committees

Community Service

- A. Russo, “We heard back from the recycling program on campus.”
 - They said they used to have bins on campus in the past but people did not use them much
 - If we can think of more efficient ways to have people use them then maybe we can work something out
 - There is a letter they sent us that everyone can read.
- Katie and I dropped off the cans at the American Red Cross the other day
 - If anyone is interested in community service they are looking for volunteers to help out in the Food Pantry.
 - I have applications for those who are interested
- All through December we are also having a clothing drive.
 - Students can drop off any of their clothes in the office during our office hours, put them in the blue bins
 - We made up flyers to put up around the Halls.

Public Health and Safety

- C. Garcia, “No Report”
- S. Provost, “Annoyed that they put the dumpsters in parking spaces in the apartment areas.”
 - There is limited parking spaces as there is and they are taking up 4 spaces
 - (shows 3 fingers on hand ☺)

Quality of Life

- T. Proctor, “I emailed Leslie.”
- Went to Housing and met up with Danielle.
 - We can email them with our questions and concerns and our minutes so they can help us out.
- K. Montgomery, Wants to get Oak Glen kitchen open and available for students to use.
- M. Fricker, His toilet has been leaking for a month and there are puddles he has to mop every morning. ☹
 - H.Gudka, Maintenance is backed up and they work on a priority basis
- H. Jassal, Fed up with Construction
 - They hammer on the ceiling that wakes up everybody up to the fourth floor
 - Woken up at 7 am ...very angry
 - Decided to email Chancellor, at 7am
 - This noise can not continue during finals week “AbsoF##kinlutly Not!”

Food Committee

- N. Monteiro, “The two weeks of food favorites and cultures is going on.”
 - People who want to eat there next week, tell Nate and he will let Carl know
- R. Kostopolus, Wraps kept breaking the other night
- T. Proctor, Wants omlettes at night

X. Unfinished Business

- C. Gasbarro, “Did Dan talk to (insert name here) about the fish tank?”
 - D. Chase, No
- A. Russo, Maintenance is re doing the storage closet. They put everything in a room near house seven.
 - They threw out a lot of our stuff. Only the Christmas tree, a projector, and some boxes survived.
 - The fish tank has been thrown out

XI. New Business

- N. Prizio, “The Member for the month for November is Nate Monteiro.”
 - For all of his hard work with the senate, food committee and helping out
 - Good Job!

XII. Senate

- N. Monteiro, “Chi Phi is having a Toys for Tots, \$2 a picture with Santa”
- There was a Trustee meeting.
 - They are looking to build a new parking garage within the next 7-10 years
 - So no one here will benefit ☹
- Some events coming up include:
 - Pub Night December 8th, Sweatshirts will be sold and it will be \$4 to get in
 - Finals Week there will be lots of aides around campus: stress balls and energy drinks will be available
 - Napoleon Dynamite will be shown December 7th at 7:30
 - LOL Laugh Out Loud Comedy Show tonight
 - Miss UMD will be next week, Free
- The Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll Series needs volunteers.
 - The dates are March 2nd Drugs, 16th Sex, 27th Music, 29th Paul Rusesabagina
 - Thinking about raffling off iPods on the 29th

- All the events will be free and tickets will be available at UMass Pass
- They will start around 6:30
- Ron Jeremy will also be around afterwards to sign autographs
- N. Prizio, Find out if we need to get tickets if we volunteer?

XIII. R.A. Advisor

- H. Gudka, “ Construction is still going on in Oak Glen offices”
- Closing is coming up. Supposed to be out 24 hours after last exam.
 - 23rd is the last day to move out
 - Must close windows, unplug everything except fridges
- N.Prizio, Ask RAs using office to start cleaning up their mess
- H. Jassal, Let RAs know about the upcoming programs so we can work together
- N. Monteiro, Is Deck the Halls, Deck the Dell still going on
 - No, The holiday thing is replacing it

XIV. Advisor Report

- F. Otero, “No Report”

XV. Adjourn

- S. Provost, “If there are no objections, I move to adjourn”

Respectfully Submitted by:

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