RSA General Body Meeting 10/10/16

Important Dates:

10/12/16- Fire Safety and Prevention Festival on the Quad, 12pm-3pm

10/12/16 - Farmers Market Weekly Bus Trip

10/15/16- Leadership Summit, Harbor MPR, 10am-3pm

10/19/16- RSA Reps must confirm if they would like to help volunteer at NRHH Halloween Day-Care Event

10/28/16- Thriller @ the RAC Hallo-Weekend

10/31/16- NRHH Halloween Day-care Event- 3pm-4pm

11/11/2016- Silent Disco 9pm

Student affairs

Introducing Dr. Liesey, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs!

She works with:

-career center

-recreation

-student life

-commons

- In charge of Housekeeping contract and dining contract

Changes in Dining Contract:

-Chartwells was hired by UMBC since 2008

-Chartwells reports to the compass group

-in another year and half their contract is up- if we continue with them they’ll give us 4 million dollars in investment for programs etc.

- They have supported the changes in foods Fresh Fusion-> Masala, Gelato→ Fresh Fusions

- If we are unsure if we want to stick with them, we can put out a bid with other companies

-Bidding costs $500,000

-Cost for meal plans could go up if a change happens

- If a proposal goes forward, there is no guarantee this will get passed

-Student dining committee can provide their opinion on what students want in terms of the company at a once a month meeting.

Pros of Chartwells:

-Chartwells is open to receiving feedback

-Student satisfaction has increased since Chartwells has been hired

-Chartwells provides more name brand venues (Chic-Fil-A, Starbucks, Salsaritas), and there’s a dietician.

**If you would like to be more involved with this decision and other food decisions please:**

-email Dr. Liesey at: [liesey@umbc.edu](mailto:liesey@umbc.edu) to be apart of the dining hall committee

**Next meeting is**  Monday in two weeks 10/24/16- 5:00 pm

Other issues they plan to discuss at meetings:

-hours of venue- that’s something they will be talking about in the future (next couple of the months)- more extended hours with starbucks

**Another opportunity to voice your food concerns:**

Meeting at 7:15-8:15pm 2B 20 in the commons- Students can voice their concerns about the changes in dining companies, etc.

Constitution Changes:

-3 absences consecutively, you lose voting rights.

-Regain voting rights after attending 2 consecutive meetings

-CAT members are volunteers, they are not required to do programming because CDs and ACDs have this built into their curriculum.

-CAT members are chosen by the incoming president and outgoing president during the summer preceding the fall semester of their term.

-DOC and NCC monitors who writes OTM submission.

-DOE will co-chair for the event committee.

- Removing Article 3.3-Midyear evaluation b/c end of semester review exists.

Proposed changes to election procedure:

-Elections committee- consists up to 5 people, two outgoing E-board members.

-online portal for elections- every residential student will have the opportunity to vote for the executive board members.

-Candidates will do 3 minute speeches at a RSA GBM when elections open. Everyone is welcome to attend.

-Any student can run, if they’ve held a leadership role in community council, and live on campus for at least a semester

-If running for President the candidate must have held a previous executive board position within RSA at UMBC.

-letter of recommendation from someone in residential life (RA, DM, RSA Advisor, etc.) is required to run for a executive board position.

- Elections happen Spring Semester, no later than April 15th

-The President, DAL, NCC, DOC, DOF and DOE shall be elected individually.

-Those interested in running for a position on the Executive Board must submit a bid to the Elections Committee within the timeline that the Elections Committee created.

-Advertising will be permitted based on the pre-approved guidelines which will be distributed by the elections committee prior to the elections process beginning, Campaigning will not be allowed.

-If you are a transfer and want to run other leadership RSA/RHA positions are honored in the application process.

**Take these back to your community and see if they agree with these changes- Next meeting we will have a Q &A session to confirm these changes.**

Review of Budget:

$2,650 increase

Allocated $905.74 in the fall

Added $300.00 on additional allocations

Advocacy increased- townhalls, leadership summit

Remove budget for community identity items

Apartments and walker lost money.

Harbor gained money

Spirit Points prizes

**Budget Approved**

**How to request for Additional Allocations:**

If your cc’s budget is running close to zero, and you need funds, RSA can help you out. **This is a 3 week process plan accordingly.**

Process:

1. Treasurer will fill out form. You can find the additional allocations form at: rsa.umbc.edu or contact Greg Vass, gvass1@umbc.edu)
2. send the form to the Director of Finance (DOF), Greg Vass. He will either confirm or deny the request. **He will let you know once it’s approved**
3. Once approved, make a presentation/outline on why/how you plan on using this money.
4. Present your case at the next General Body Meeting. RSA Representatives will take your case back to their respective communities and will vote on it.
5. Next GBM RSA representatives will vote on giving additional allocations on a community level and as individuals.

Spirit Points:

**How are we keeping track of them?**

1.)RSA Representatives get RA program sign in sheets from the RA Liaison during community council meetings.

2.)RSA Representatives are responsible for counting points on RA program sign in sheets and reporting them at GBM meetings.

3.) At GBM meetings we will give updates on points, and Maitrei will provide you with any additional points communities will earn from social media/ attendance of RSA events.

4.)RSA Representatives will take back these updates of totaled points from each community and record them on spirit point poster in their respective community.

Note: Campus Conquest points are also going to be added to the points earned

**The communities with the most points will get a prize at the end of the semester.**

Hallow-Halls

-RSA Reps please report back from ccs telling us your cc’s ideas about how they would like to decorate their lobby.

-The best decorated lobby will get a prize for their cc.

NRHH Halloween Day Care Event:

Halloween, Monday, 3pm-4pm

Volunteers will have to:

-Walk around a group of kids on campus to get candy (Erickson, Harbor, etc.)

-Be at stations around campus passing out candy

Leadership Summit:

-Saturday, October 15th, 10a-3pm

-in the Harbor MPR

-Community council leaders are required to go

-Get training on your position/how to be an effective leader.

-fill out google form by October 11th

Meeting Times:

Monday 8:30p- Erickson

Tuesday 9pm- Harbor

Tuesday 9pm- Patapsco

Tuesday 8:15p- Susquehanna

Tuesday 9:30p- Apartments