

Town Hall Minutes 2.11.14

My last time taking minutes at Town Hall!!!! ☹ ☹ ☹ How sad! I shall miss this with my whole heart.

- I. Roll call
- II. New EC!!! Woooh! But not in office yet
 - a. Changeover in 2 weeks instead of town Hall 10 pm in COMMONS
- III. ADAM – Bylaw Revisions
 - a. New bylaws currently don't have any requirements for eligibility to run for positions
 - b. Want to propose to require 3 VPs, President, and CJ must be rising juniors or seniors
 - c. MASON we discussed this at rep meetings extensively
 - d. Would be a freshman for half a year
 - e. Might not get the respect they'd need
 - f. JOHN also this is how it used to be
 - g. SHAAN transfers?
 - i. Still being discussed, we can add that as well that you'd need to be a McM member for at least a semester
 - ii. Concern that transfer would come in sophomore year
 - iii. We could add another line saying needs to be a member of McMurtry for at least a semester
 - iv. ANNIE need "respect of mcmurtry"?
 - 1. Unless no one else runs...
 - h. VOTE!
 - i. In favor: 14
 - ii. Opposed: 0
 - iii. Abstentions: 0
- IV. Discussion!
 - a. JUAN's survey!
 - i.
 - ii. 133 responses / ~400ish
 - iii. 4 questions + stats
 - 1. physical mini minutes?
 - a. 45% yes
 - b. 40% on board is enough
 - 2. Backpage?
 - a.
 - b. 37% said not good idea
 - 3. More murt art?
 - a. 69% yes
 - 4. McShoutout?
 - a. 49% said not necessary
 - b. > than yes
 - b. WILL what the backpage is
 - i. Lovett and Jones, Hanszen has it

- ii. Print or email an unofficial, funny, variable backpage along with minutes
 - 1. Jokes, puns, relevant rice-y things
 - 2. Gossip, etc
 - iii. We could really make it whatever we want
 - c. GRAHAM how would you do submitting and editing?
 - i. We didn't get there, but it'd be regulated in some way
 - ii. TINA works for Thresher and backpage of thresher regulated
 - 1. Thinks that Thresher is better at regulating than college
 - iii. MARGEAUX
 - 1. I've seen some variation, some farther than we'd want to go, potentially hurtful
 - 2. But I think you just have to be considerate and light-hearted about it and it could foster better united, comeraderic energy
 - 3. We could just ask permission before putting it on there
 - iv. KYLE
 - 1. It obviously works for other coclleges, we could consult and look into it at other colleges
 - v. ALEX
 - 1. Tina, you said there were some sort of guidelines for the thresher backpage? Could you go into that?
 - vi. EMILY
 - 1. At Sid we have a backpage, and it's the secretaries that are being in charge of it and it ended up being them picking on their friends... I think just if you do it do it well
 - vii. MAGEN
 - 1. There's a difference between making fun of things we can bond over like west servery or random stuff and between making fun of people and being hurtful
 - viii. ADAM
 - 1. I think secretaries being in charge makes the most sense... what do you think of masters being in charge?
 - 2. MASON make Lisa in charge yay!
 - ix. GRAHAM
 - 1. Seems fine if EC or masters to approve each one, also you could make it a non-gossip one
 - 2. KYLE or make it anonymous or just ask a person who will be in it if its ok
 - x. SHAAN
 - 1. Could get a committee of hall reps or people to make guidelines to guide it
 - d. Murt Art!
 - i. SEAN

1. Everyone talks about getting rid of the orange and yellow... incorporate art in with that? Make it more permanent?
2. SHAAN they said we could add white and patterns to orange and yellow
- ii. LISA back in the day they said its ok to put murals on the walls, as long as not on the concrete
 1. MASON would have to be really well thought out, etc
 2. New Will Rice has a lot of really cool art in there, we could talk to her
- iii. ANNIE curator position? Make it a position?
 1. ADAM it's under the role of amenities?
 2. Amenities has more focuses than art in the halls though...?
 - a. ADAM they can appoint subcommittee heads and stuff
 3. MASON or just make another committee later
- iv. GRAHAM nervous about things coming to a vote or whatever, because art is really subjective and if a majority of the college wants a giant banana, that's not going to be good later, everything has its time and place
- v. LISA things that are removable should be yearly unless permanent, stuff disappeared over summer with TFA ☹
- vi. DJ DUKE as aaaaaah as orange and yellow are, they're special to our college > Duncan.
- e. Shout outs
 - i. GRAHAM why don't people want shout outs?
 1. You might need to get approval and get people's consent and some people might not want to be shouted out
 2. Could end up being more exclusive than inclusive
 3. PETER only 1 per week means only like 30 people shouted out and the other 370 awesome people not recognized
 - ii. SEAN totally unrelated, can we bring back DANCE OF THE WEEEEEEK!!!
 - iii. FARISH you could have sticky notes on a poster and write nice things appreciating each other like in the commons
 1. ALEX yeah nice idea, or like say quick stuff at
 - iv. JOHN I think that people who work really hard need to be recognized, like public servants committee heads and hall reps and it's deflating to work so hard and not get recognized, but there are multiple reports and psych studies that say that our generation appreciates feedback and positive criticism and we expect it and it can be deleterious if we don't ever get any ☹

1. TINA I think the McShoutout will perpetuate the idea that you have to have a title to do good things, and people are going to get left out feel bad
 - v. MARY MIKELL if someone's done something cool beyond the college that people wouldn't know about it'd be great
 - vi. WILL if it's not something people expect as in it's rare enough, then the few that do get it they'll be happy and other people won't feel bad
 - vii. MARGE AUX making an effort to notice people in itself is awesome and it doesn't necessarily have to be public
 - viii. JOHN at the end of the year at the associates thing we should change the "nicest" committee to most contributive...
 - f. MASON so in conclusion we should refine the idea and discuss it more later
- V. MASON Associates Study Break TOMORROW 7pm
- a. Make valentines!
 - b. Candy!
 - c. Homemade desserts!
 - d. Pitch Perfect playing
 - e.
- VI. SHAAN
- a. Friday in the Quad on Friday!
 - b. Lion's Den/Banner Raising NEXT TUESDAY 7pm
 - i. Champagne?
 - ii. Breakfast of champions food
 - iii. Donuts!!!!
 - iv. Here in the library = LION's DEN
 - c. Discussion in Duncan master's house 6:15 tomorrow with McM/Duncan architect discussing color theory
- VII. SEAN it's time for Housing! Woohoo
- a. Housing form going out at end of week
 - i. Due WED before spring break
 - ii. Eligibility jack thurs or fri before spring break
 - b. ADAM
 - i. Rising juniors – if you decide to not go through eligibility jack and volunteer to go OC, you'll receive .5 point bonus to jacking your senior year
 1. If you try to jack and then have to go off, you get .25 points
 - ii. If you go abroad in the fall we cannot reserve housing for you for the spring, but you can put yourself on a waitlist but you won't know until November.
 - iii. If you go abroad in the spring, you enter as a normal rising junior.
- VIII. MASON SA elections
- a. Trent! Is supposed to come here, but at 4 other colleges this hour

- b. GABRIEL take the survey about dropping classes!!! It's really important!!!!!! TAKE THE SURVEY!!!!!!
 - i. Show support for fellow murt Trent! Yay!
 - c. ALEX should we vote on the blanket tax stuff? Yay or nay?
 - i. GABRIEL honor code XII revision will help people be able to drop out without hurting record deleteriously again (silly registrar changed what it was)
 - 1. VOTE YES on the thing
 - ii. RES \$9 blanket tax, we were already paying \$9 before for RESET, it makes it so you can apply for environmental initiatives funds across campus yay GO ENVIRONMENT VOTE YESSSSSSS, PEOPLE!!!! (← that's me)
 - 1. MADHURI this is even better than RESET because anyone can apply now, and didn't pass last time because too few people voted, and this isn't a new thing
 - iii. Catalyst asking \$1
 - 1. Can vote for it without sunset clause = permanent
 - 2. Or can vote for it with a sunset clause, requires review for it in 3 years
 - 3. Can vote for both, if both win it will be permanent
 - 4. Sunset clause to see if it's being used well later
 - 5. ADAM a permanent blanket tax thing could still be removed bc audited every year
- IX. Mochi Olympics winner?
- a. Peter with 10 million jackets vs (actually 14 jackets)
 - b. Brad with ski boots, poles, skis, and even sunscreen on the nose...
wow.....
 - c. Both AMAZING, but Peter wins a baby bamboo to take care of