

Town Hall  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

*It's the first Town Hall of the new year and the new semester. The theme is High School StereoTHAlpes, meaning that there is delicious Thai food and hilarious outfits. Peter is in goth attire, looking quite creepy. Pretty sure that was not his stereotype. Robin and Bili look like they're pregnant, so there's that. At the end, they win the prize!*

- Patio
  - The miraculous Adam works his magic again
  - Grand opening Friday of MLK...or tues afterwards
  - We can use it soon!!!
  - We got tiny trees :( but they cost us less :) so we can add dos mas picnic tables FABULOUS
- Elections
  - Universalized across campus
  - New EC, RPC rep, U court will be 1st week of Feb --- 2 weeks of shadowing
    - Official timeline: petitions on 25th Jan (fri) due 1st Feb 5pm-- Feb 4th president/CJ, 5th rest of EC/SA senator -- 6th-8th voting tallied by end of weekend
    - Changeover on march 5th right after spring break
  - EC open house
    - Show up around 915 on the 22nd to tell you about our glamorous positions and all that they entail :)
- Re-structuring the Committee System
  - Been working on this for a while and have come up with some ideas... we still have a couple weeks to iron things out -- until Jan 22nd to handle this more formally
    - Socials and programs combined with a separate public parties committee (like college night)
    - 3 VP/PM positions (events, function, community -- associates, philanthropy, etc)
      - Only for 1 year and look at the pros and cons and then see what the college things
  - Idea #1
    - Public party is a really big task and working with SJP really needs practice -- this may be a ton of work for someone coming in without experience
    - Possibly have a separate committee that is specifically used to help with big events such as the public party
    - Possibly electing more socials (most other colleges have 3 or 4 ppl) --- within these 4 people, they are staggered so that each individual has different roles throughout the year
    - Helps to keep them separate because both committees plan so much together that the job can get overwhelming if we combine the two committees
    - Socials for external events and programs become the "internal socials" -- so we would give them Fridays in the quads
      - WOW! Shaan is brilliant -- Lets do high brow low brow -- the classy and the trashy -- it might work?!?!
  - Idea #2
    - Would it be like a trifecta?

- One role is events based so it would basically be what the prime minister does now
  - It would give clear distinction for each committee and their roles
  - NOW: emily makes sure MCM function (laundry, technology, kitchen, amenities etc) -- the more community based ones (associates, philanthropy, sports) will be given to the 3rd VP
  - Committees that run study breaks will be all run under the same VP
  - Maybe put the smaller committees together so that multiple people could fill multiple roles?
  - By dividing the position even more it makes communication and navigating the system even harder -- the position is supposed to oversee committees and its not as hands on as the committee heads
- Noah has like 6 quick announcements. IE not quick at all.
    - Yay socials! The public party was awesome
    - Private gatherings during the public went really well and were all registered...but lately there have been some unregistered ones going on. Tisk tisk. -- so please please just report them to Noah or the CJs
    - Officer Alejandro is gone :( after thanksgiving he got in an accident and broke his leg but he will be back mid January!!
      - Lets sign a get well card for him
    - Vandalism from last semester was unacceptable -- if you know anything tell Noah anonymously because its not fair for the college to be fined -- We are intellectual adults at Rice, and we are so above that shit.
    - Throwing bottles this weekend during the middle of the night which is not cool -- don't be afraid to contact people -- just remember that H&D to have to return from break and clean up a huge mess and we still have to get fined -- the college shouldn't have to pay for that shit because we all know who did it
  - Coordinators
    - New coordinators for next year are...anticlimactic drum roll....Jordan, Tim, and Tristanne :D
  - Beer Bike Study Break
    - We need to decide our beer bike theme like...now!
      - Red neck theme??? YEEEEHHHH
    - Make posters before dinner! There will be snacks for those of use who get hungry early
    - Post beer bike we will watch a movie of the colleges choice
  - So the coolest thing to do with the college will be a girls and guys college event....separately
    - But you are totally welcome to go to either.
    - Event to watch the series "Girls" with yummy food and good company!
    - But they need moneys. We vote, and it passes! YAY!
    - It's happening every Sunday night! More YAY!