

TOWN HALL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10th 2013

10:00 pm McMurtry PDR

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
 - A. All here except new FYR Gustavo... just kidding he's here now!
- II. GABRIEL NSR Intros
 - A. Madhuri, Isabella, Kai, Sawyer!!! Woooh!
- III. JOSHUA – Center for Teaching Excellence Director
 - A. Stopping by on college tour to talk about Center for Teaching Excellence
 - B. Great profs laid groundwork for support for great teaching (classes, tutoring, fellowing, etc)
 - C. What does CTE mean? Stand for? Devoted to fostering teaching culture – programming, teaching consultations, classroom observations, conferences, symposia, to make Rice the best! Yay!
 - D. ALEX H – where are you located?
 - i. Desk in Keck Hall currently, but soon will be an area in Herring Hall
 - E. BILI – how do we contact you?
 - i. Website rice.cde.edu
 - F. We've worked hard to put students at the center of this
- IV. TREASURERS – Budget!!
 - A. Total year budget pie chart (based on last year because haven't gotten money from Rice yet)
 - i. Scroll down to see more detail
 - ii. It's all on the website if you want to see it
 - B. EMILY public party?
 - i. KYLE public party in spring semester
 - ii. SHAAN to do that we gave amenities more first semester and external socials more 2nd semester
 - C. WILL why does laundry cost so much?
 - i. MASON we don't own rental machines
 - ii. ADAM H&D charges flat rate \$580/month, this is based on last year as well
 - D. NICO what does senior's committee mean?
 - i. TRISTANNE in past doing fun social events, but we want to try to do some legacy stuff this year, senior advice thing, freshman/senior mixer
- V. DORIN Vote on Budget
 - A. Approve - 12
 - B. Abstain - 4
 - C. Nay - 0
 - D. Budget Passes! Yay
- VI. ADAM Initiatives

- A. We have rollover money because we don't always use all our money, so we put it into initiatives, budget \$1500/year as well
 - B. We've decided to stop limiting initiatives fund to \$1500, but now we're making all McM's extra money available to initiatives
 - C. We'll keep budgeting \$1500 to put into that slush fund that's available to everyone to apply
 - i. Anyone can apply
 - ii. Especially if you aren't under a committee
 - iii. MASON how to get initiatives
 - 1. Fill out a form, semi-formal
 - 2. Present 1 week before Town Hall at Hall Rep meeting, why? Why beneficial? Why we should spend money on it? Reps will get feedback from constituents then vote at the Town Hall
 - iv. WILL E what about like getting another hammock or something?
 - 1. ADAM that would probably fit under amenities so you should go to them
 - 2. MASON but if you think its above and beyond a committee, apply!
 - 3. SHAAN anything as long as supported by college
 - v. Examples:
 - 1. First year/senior mixer
 - 2. Birthday gong
 - 3. Partly girls fun nights
 - 4. Burt's, originally
 - 5. RHAs
 - vi. MOLLY what about asking for money for like a club/team trip?
 - 1. MASON generally not approved, puts voting members in awkward position, voting against that person
 - 2. SHAAN should be for the betterment of the college
- VII. ROBIN Powderpuff Team Tent Initiatives Request
- A. Fans + players catch shade, can also be used for beach trips, beer bike, etc.
 - B. WILL can other teams use it?
 - i. Yeah of course
 - ii. SHAAN probably turned over to IM sports committee
 - C. PETER how expensive would it be to customize it?
 - i. SHAAN estimated \$400-\$2000... oooh...
 - D. MICHAEL what if 2 people want to use the tent at the same time?
 - i. Case by case
 - ii. We can always buy another tent
 - E. MYA is it big enough?
 - i. Not enough for the whole team, but good for just taking a break
 - F. JUAN would it be best interest to buy one nicer one that would last longer?

- i. SHAAN this was the middle option
 - G. LISA we can decorate it ourselves!
 - H. DORIN vote on it
 - i. Yay – 17
 - ii. Nay – 0
 - iii. Abstain – 0
 - iv. Yay we're getting a tent! McMurtry is intents!
- VIII. ALEX Dishes...
 - A. Big issue with there not being enough dishes to go around because people are stealing everything and keeping them in their rooms
 - B. H&D gets dishes back 2 ways
 - i. Finding it and bringing it back (nice way) pleas bring your stuff back or even put it in the kitchen or something
 - ii. Fining people when then find it (mean way)
 - C. MASON this is decreasing our yummy food budget because they have to spend their money on buying new dishes and cups and silverware instead of yummy fancy food
 - D. DORIN does leaving it in an open suite work?
 - i. ALEX outside on the benches or kitchen would be great
 - ii. Just bring it back to the servery!
- IX. MASON new calendar in servery!!!! With awesome recycled stand from TV lounge! Yay Veronica!!!!
- X. PHILIP PCA Business
 - A. Yayy peer career advisors
 - B. The odds may ever be in your favor career expo 10-3 Thursday 19th
 - C. 7pm Sunday night what to do-what not to do at the career expo event by McM PCAs
- XI. GABRIEL SA Update
 - A. Teaching culture thing
 - B. Building new tennis center
 - i. Takes up ~600 parking spots... stuff getting pushed around
 - ii. Temp housing in rainbow building?
 - iii. Greater security in rainbow building
 - C. EMILY C refund for cost where we had to move because spots gone?
 - i. Yes
 - D. PHILIP can we make west lot 2 stories?
 - i. Actually it is in the master plan... but no one wants to fund it...
- XII. GRAHAM VSL Update
 - A. Rice's First Home Football Game
 - i. Kansas Jayhawks
 - ii. Saturday 6:30
 - iii. Tailgate alley before game ~3:30 FUN!
 - iv. ROBIN will there be beverages? And food?
 - 1. Yes
 - v. each college will have own tent and tailgate, judges + prizes for best tailgate

1. DEREETH we need a live band!
 - vi. The more people who come the better!!!
- B. Next Saturday game against UofH at Reliant Stadium!
 - i. Enough tickets for everyone at Rice
 - ii. Will send out update about how to get tickets
- XIII. NICOLA + ELLEN Blood Drive Reps
 - A. Do we want to host a blood drive?
 - B. April 7th?
 - C. Straw poll: yay people approve
 - D. BILI does it cost money?
 - i. No
 - E. We had one here last year
- XIV. MASON head caregiver
 - A. Guests didn't come
 - B. We need one still
 - C. There's training now
 - D. If you or you know anyone who might want to do it please contact me!
 - E. SHAAN they have role in making events
 - F. ALEX and you get to work with meee!! Yayyyy
- XV. TRISTANNE senior gift rep
 - A. Someone at RAFSI needs a senior gift rep
 - B. Needs to be a senior
 - C. Would work with RAFSI to get donations + matching donations and stuff, plan senior toast and all that
 - D. SHAAN college that gets most donations wins something!
 - E. If you or someone you know is interested come talk to me or SHAAN!
- XVI. MASON Senior Rings
 - A. Reps from Balfour here later next week for sizing and ordering
 - B. Last time to order rings before senior ring ceremony
 - C. You can get sizing thing at the bookstore
 - D. MOLLY they were out of forms today...
- XVII. NICO the water machine is really slow...
 - A. ALEX it's an overall design flaw

Wooh! Yay Town Hall!