

McMurtry Town Hall – 2/7/2012

SA Updates:

- LPAP Survey
 - Admin is seriously considering eliminating or changing the LPAP requirements
 - Please take the survey that will be coming around
- Next week we are having an open forum with Leebron
 - Open Discussion on Wait-listing
 - Zenas does not like it
 - Problems with it emailing the wrong email
 - If the teachers want to hold their own personalized waitlist then that might be alright, but the current way on ESTHER is just hard to handle
 - However, it also worked out for some
 - Problems with getting into major requirements
 - It is a good way to see if you will be able to get into a class and for the teachers to see how interested students are in the class
 - SA is pushing to give professors the ability to special register students as well as have the waitlists.

RPC:

- Crush party is on Thursday in the Grand Hall at the RMC, fill out survey on the facebook event or check your listserv emails
- Battle ball will be on Friday from 12-6 in the main quad (mix between paintball and capture the flag).

O-WEEK:

- One O-Week to Rule Them All: Fellowship of the Murts
- Advisor Applications will be up tonight and will be due next Monday
- Dereth and Karim have opened up their home for a Lord of the Rings viewing party on Saturday night around 7 or 8 (check your emails). The Coordinators will be there if you have questions.

Accomplishments This Year:

- Regrading our quad and looking forward to a deck
- Establish a better relationship with H&D
- We greatly reduced our Serveware problems and fines
- Update Election By-Laws
- Update Housing By-Laws
- Worked on the Graduate Student Meal Plan
- Revamped A/V at McMurtry
- We cleaned out a lot of rooms to help make more room for things we want
- We created the Hall Rep system
- We passed quiet hours
- New website
- Reduced Listserv emails with the digests
- Great budget handling
- We are thinking about establishing an endowment if we have surplus budget
- Dealt with the alcohol probation
- Banners at Tudor and shirts at the RMC
- Caregiving system off the ground

- O-week education
- Signage installation
- Passed gender neutral housing resolution
- Revamped the college courts
- Increased accountability respect and student responsibility

SA Presidential Candidates:

- Ben Chou
 - Junior at Martel.
 - We really need to address rising tuition.
 - We need to rally together behind this issue in order for the administration to take us seriously
- Sanjula Jain
 - Junior at Brown
 - I've really learned how to work with the administration through my current SA experience
 - I really want to focus on things that will be effected while we are all still here at Rice and not years ahead.
 - I want to address increasing enrollment and also residential college outreach
 - Rotating SA meetings where they meet at the residential
 - votesanjula.weebly.com
 - sj4@rice.edu if you have any questions

Beer Bike:

- It is getting closer
- We are excited to announce some new positions, which have applications coming out very soon (you can even run as a pair for a few of the positions):
 - Music Maestro
 - Balloon Master
 - Parade Position
 - Jacks Coordinators
- T-shirt designs:
 - If you have any ideas for our Beer Bike t-shirts an email will be going out asking for designs, so you may be the one who designs this years Beer Bike T-shirts.

Others:

- This Friday all 3 A Capella groups on campus are putting on an event at 8 pm in the grand hall. It is free but donations are welcome and they will go to The Houston Center of Music Therapy.
- This Sat at 7pm is a basket ballgame and we would love your support (3 Murts are on the team)! They are giving away \$50000 (!?) to a random student (or someone who makes a half-court shot) who comes to support the team
- Zenas emailed the guy in-charge of West Servery and has heard that they are installing a panini press
- The eco-reps are holding a green dorm initiative week, which is a week where you log your time at different activities and see how green you are living. You can win prizes. Signups will be next week.
- Elections are this week and we expect to see the results on Saturday.