Residence Hall Council Meeting

Date: Oct 12, 2023 | *Time* 5:30 | *Location:* 825 Common Room

Agenda

Meeting minutes recorded by: Michel Liu, Samer Mahmoud

Attendance

Shadayah Dowdy

Call to Order: The Chair Thomas Sanford called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with quorum being present

Old Business:

- I. Approving the minutes of previous meeting
- II. AED batteries are expired
 - a. Waiting on University Police to receive replacement batteries after months
 - b. We can reach out to UPD, since it may be a legal requirement that they are in place
- III. Washers and Dryers are out of order frequently what can be done?
 - a. Using less soap will prevent breakdowns
 - b. Private messages have informed us that non-students may be using machines to wash tablecloths with improper soap this may be contributing to the problem. We will inquire about these events.
- IV. The elevators smell bad, especially in 811 numerous urinal cakes do not help
 - a. Staff were spoken to, and new cleaning supplies are looking into getting ordered, per Shadayah Dowdy
- V. Building water supply testing
 - a. No updates per Shadayah Dowdy
- VI. Game Night/Smash Tournament
 - a. Allocated \$200 during September meeting
 - b. Will take place sometime after Unit 5 exams (or not at the same time as Student Center smash tournament)
- VII. What is the status of the broken Hydration Station in 811?
 - a. Technically the water is drinkable, but 811 only has one filter (while 825 has two working filters). We are still waiting for the new filter, per Shadayah Dowdy
- VIII. Regarding building temperature in the Fall: in October, a city-wide switch to heating will occur
 - a. Annual maintenance to steam plant was completed October 7th

- b. It has to be consistently under 60 degrees for the heat to turn on. Historically, heat has turned on October 15th (based on New York City tenant laws)
- c. If you're feeling very cold, the building has a very limited number of space heaters

New Business:

- IX. Vote to allocate ~\$100 for this meetings food
 - a. Motioned by Thomas Sanford, seconded by Samer Mahmoud
 - Motion passes unanimously
- X. Vote to allocate \$250 for next meetings food
 - a. What food type do we want? Thai, empanadas,
 - b. Raised hands for top choices, ranked voting
 - Empanadas win!
 - Please include vegetarian and halal

Open Forum:

- XI. Outdoor work (leaf blowing, grass cutting) happens on the weekend mornings. Can this be done at a different time?
 - a. We will reach out, but no promises. Services are done by the same employees at the hospital.
- XII. Air Hockey Table for common area?
 - a. Gauging interest to possibly purchase: 5 interested, 2 against, 2 abstain
 - b. We will look into the prices
- XIII. From feedback form: consider changing dates/times of free breakfasts
 - a. Next free breakfast is the week of Dec 11-15
 - b. Final Exams are scheduled then for
 - School of Health Professions
 - School of Nursing
 - School of Public Health
 - Diagnostic Medical Imaging
 - Applied Behavior Analysis

- Health Informatics
- Midwifery
- OT
- PT
- PA
- Medical Billing & Coding
- c. You can still take a bagel even if you personally don't have exams
- d. Res Hall Council did request Cafe 101 to bring ice/cooler for the cream cheese, but has not been provided. We will keep asking.
- e. No motion to vote on new time or date at this time
- f. Please remember to take just one bagel per person
- XIV. Laundry Carts missing in 811 (2x)
 - a. Another email will be sent reminding to return these carts!
- XV. From feedback form: Can we get a laundry app to see status of laundry machines?
 - a. We can inquire about it. We know that it would be beneficial, per Shadayah Dowdy.
 - b. In the meantime, remember to pick up finished laundry promptly.
- XVI. Potential pumpkin carving / Halloween event
 - a. Varsha Talanki motioned, Joanna Denarine seconded
 - 6 in favor, 1 against, 4 abstained
 - b. Discussed: are small pumpkins (vs. large) acceptable? Are pumpkins available after summatives? There is already a pumpkin-related event the week before at the Student Center
 - c. ~\$150 or less for bowl of treats on October 31st
- XVII. Payment for Thanksgiving dinners
 - a. The Thanksgiving dinner that takes place every year in the Student Center offers free tickets to residents, if RHC covers the cost
 - b. No more than 75 tickets for event at \$5 each
 - c. Thomas Sanford motioned, Samer Mahmoud seconded
 - 7 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained

Motion to Adjourn the meeting: Thomas Sanford Seconded by: Navid Ashrafi The meeting was adjourned at: 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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