Residence Hall Council Meeting

Date: Nov 16, 2023 | Time 5:30 | Location: 825 Common Room

Agenda

Meeting minutes recorded by: Michel Liu

Attendance

Sherice Fields (See end of document, attached)

Call to Order: Thomas Sanford called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM with quorum being present

Old Business:

- I. Approving the minutes of previous meeting
 - a. Motioned by Thomas Sanford, seconded by Samer Mahmoud
 - b. Passed unanimously
- II. AED batteries are expired
 - a. From Suggestion Box: "The AEDs are still missing. What's up?"
 - b. AED's were sent by UPD to be professionally serviced and found to be in need of replacement. They are looking to obtain new units. This is very expensive so the requisition process is taking a while
- III. Washers and Dryers are out of order frequently
 - a. Conversation has been had with non-student users of the washers; they will take care to use them better
 - b. Request: Can there be regular cleanings for washing machines? Soap dispensers are crusted with hardened soap.
- IV. The elevators smell bad, especially in 811
 - a. Maintenance staff were consulted about using a trash bin so leaking trash bags don't contaminate the carpet
 - b. Carpets were shampooed, per Sherice
- V. Building water supply testing
 - a. Still pending
- VI. Game Night/Smash Tournament

- a. Student life had one this week, RHC's will be sometime next month
- b. Discussion: the event will preferably happen before Winter Break. Requested games:
 - 5 minute dungeon
 - Colonize Mars
 - Monopoly
- c. *To-do*: make sure pool table is moved away from the wall after monthly meetings
- VII. What is the status of the broken Hydration Station in 811?
 - a. It's fixed!
- VIII. Regarding building temperature in the Fall:
 - a. Heat is now on!
 - b. Aware of a heating issue on the 11th floor (825)
 - Remember the MySchoolBuilding website maintenance form
 - IX. Pricing a Air Hockey Table
 - a. Home/low use table costs ~\$150-250
 - b. Medium use table (most appropriate for us probably) is ~\$500-800
 - c. Very heavy use tables (like those at an arcade hall) are >\$2,000
 - d. Discussion: "it sounds noisy and may break easily."
 - Straw poll: 2 yes, 5 no
 - X. Laundry Carts Missing
 - a. Email was sent out by Resident Life. Looks like they are back! Thanks for returning them
 - b. 825 only has one laundry cart, one may be moved from 811
 - XI. Halloween event update
 - a. We had over 50 people come!
- XII. Thanksgiving Dinner Update
 - a. Was yesterday good turnout & all 75 tickets were claimed

New Business:

- XIII. Upcoming elections for new 2024 Res Hall Secretary and Treasurer
 - a. Many thanks to Jenelle Corcorpus and Michel Liu for their help
 - b. Taking nominations these next two weeks. Will have to make a brief statement at the next RHC meeting and we will vote in person.

- c. You can nominate a friend, but they must accept the nomination to be elected
- XIV. Transferring \$525.00 from Programs + Projects to

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to cover 75 thanksgiving tickets

- a. We already approved this expenditure last meeting, just need to approve the transfer now
- b. Motioned by Thomas Sanford, seconded by Samer Mahmoud
- c. Approved unanimously
- XV. Coffee Machine
 - Coffee from Cafe 101 for the free breakfasts costs about \$200 per week (~9.5 Gal/150 cups of coffee over the two days), including cups and extras
 - Investing in a coffee maker will cut down on this expense significantly. Keurig K-cups are about \$60 for 150 cups. A drip coffee maker would cost about \$30 for 150 cups. Also can be used to provide hot water for tea & hot chocolate
 - This requires a significant upfront investment in a commercial grade machine (necessary for the volume it would be used our non-commercial Keurig broke after overuse) at ~\$350-\$600. Estimated to pay for itself after 3-4 events (sooner if Resident Life is willing to split the cost with us)
 - c. Resident Life staff is willing to help maintain a Keurig. A drip machine would have to be maintained by students
 - d. Discussion: Keurig preferred
 - Sleeves and lids requested for hot beverages
 - Coffee provided by Cafe 101 is reported to be lukewarm
 - Not sure if we're allowed to charge students per K-cup.
 - Coffeemaker comes with hundreds of coffee capsules
 - e. Purchase a commercial coffee maker
 - Allocate up to \$600
 - \$400 for K-cup coffee expense will be drawn from previously allocated free breakfast bagels
 - Motion to vote: Thomas Sanford, Samer Mahmoud seconded

Unanimously passed

XVI. 825 Elevator in process of being fixed

Open Forum:

- XVII. From Suggestion Box:
 - a. Allocate support for Thanksgiving pizzas for residents staying at dorms over the holiday:
 - Equivalent to \$50
 - Motioned by Amanda Hariprasad, seconded by Thomas
 - Approved unanimously
 - b. "The Res hall could be cleaner and why does the first floor hallway flood when it rains?"
 - Wet linoleum tiles are a hazard to walk on
 - Looking to replace the tiles, per Sherice
 - Sherice said FM&D doesn't know why it floods either
 - c. "Any chance we can fix the front door handles? Half of them are just ripped off"
 - Waiting for a special screw for the front door handles, per Sherice
 - d. "Sometimes people have their TVs up really loud, and at night too."
 - Please talk to neighbors and then email Sherice if conflict doesn't resolve
 - e. "Mini Fridge for milk/cream cheese at the exam breakfasts?"
 - Would cost \$80
 - A communal fridge could be used for extra food, but difficult to maintain and clean
 - Extra food can instead be donated to the Food Pantry across the street (Student Center)
 - Voiced opposition towards Costco bagels
 - Could also make a bucket of ice Ice maker is there (and free)
 - f. More accurate "ending" times for events requested
 - g.

XVIII.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting: Michel Liu Seconded by: Navid Ashrafi The meeting was adjourned at: 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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