



RHA

The Voice of the Residents

RHA General Council Meeting

November 29th, 2023 7:15 pm- LLC Performance Hall

Introduction

- 1) The meeting of the University of Oregon General Council will now come to order as of 7:15p.m. (2 taps)

Roll Call

The Assistant Director of Administration and Finance (ADAF) will now call the roll.

- a. Call each hall and have the two reps raise their hand, say “here”, name/pronouns/position and answer the question of the week
- b. After going through each hall, ADAF will declare whether or not we have met quorum

We have met quorum 13/18.

As the Meeting Minutes were distributed from the last General Council meeting to the Microsoft Teams chat, are there any corrections to the minutes? (If there are no corrections, say a, if there are corrections to be made, say b)

- a) If there are no corrections, the minutes are approved as distributed
- b) If there is no objection, the ADAF will make the correction(s) [the correction proposed]. If there are no further corrections, the minutes are approved as corrected

Executive Member Reports

- a) Director: Working with director of dining services to put together a feedback form for students in the dining halls.

- b) National Communications Coordinator: Meeting with the regional board to nail down the budget for RBC.
- c) Assistant Director of Administration and Finance: My finance committee and I have been working on funding requests that we have had coming in. Also working on budgets for the leadership retreat. Also working on making sure that all budget items match from month to month.
- d) Assistant Director of Leadership: Has been working on securing a venue and a date for the leadership retreat we have coming up
- e) Assistant Director of Programming: Working on winter events. These include paint and plant, a movie night, and a few other things.
- f) Assistant Director of Public Relations: Have been working on updating the website. Also please send in your photo if you have not yet done so.
- g) NRHH Representative: Not present
- h) Advisor: Working with the executive board to review the governing documents.

Hall Council Reports

- a) Global Scholars Hall: Working on an event for this Saturday. At 6:30pm will go outside and scream for a minute straight and then go inside and watch the Nightmare before Christmas. There will be snacks.
- b) Justice Bean Hall: not present
- c) Unthank Hall: treat event on Wednesday for finals week, cookies and drinks available to residents
- d) Hamilton Hall: Has been winding down for the term. Hosting an event tonight. Will be watching the SpongeBob movie and eating treats.
- e) New Residence Hall (B): Last week we had a game night which was very successful. Had around 120 people to show up. Working on planning a door decorating event for this Friday which will have a prize involved.
- f) New Apartment Style (C): Last night goodie bags were handed out to promote the hall council meetings. Fall Feast went very well and the cookie decorating event was finished awhile back.
- g) Living Learning Center: Part of the Fall Feast which went very well. Had to postpone the food drive for the holidays. Also thinking about plans for next term. Working on getting lights and washing machines fixed.
- h) Carson/Earl Hall: Hot cocoa movie night on Saturday, wrapping up the term
- i) Barnhart/Riley Hall: Discussed event last week for arts and crafts which had a little over 50 people. Talked about the event this Friday which is a water bottle event. Also got NRHH representative to work with the organization to have snacks.

Old Business

None!

New Business

Quorum Requirement Legislation Change

- I. Reading of the Presentation
- II. Presentation- 5 minutes- **Speaker:** Garrett Caldwell (New Residence Hall B RHA Representative)
- III. Q&A- 5 minutes:
 1. **GSH: Why are the voting requirements being changed? The way it was before required that for hall councils to meet quorum you needed half representation from either halls or floors (such as 3/5 floors or 3/5 wings, etc.)**
 2. **Building B: Is there specific reasoning why we are using 50%+1 instead of majority? This is the wording used throughout RHA and consistency is valued.**

LLC motion to end Q&A. Barnhart/Riley seconds.

If there are no more questions, is there a motion to end Q&A?

- IV. Discussion-5 minutes:
 1. **Barnhart/Riley: Thinks it is a good change as it seemed like a lot of nonsense beforehand.**
 2. **Unthank: This is much easier to read and understand.**
 3. **Carson/Earl: Thinks this change makes a lot of sense and is a good representation of how they are functioning.**

Barnhart/Riley motions to end. Building B seconds.

If there are no more questions, is there a motion to end Discussion?

- V. Vote: With a vote of 9 (Aye)-0 (Nay)-5(Abstain),(1 tap) funding slate passes/fails
Passes.

APASU Funding Request

- I. Reading of the Legislation/Funding Slate
- II. Presentation- 5 minutes- **Speaker:**
- III. Q&A- 5 minutes:
 3. **GSH: Are you requesting a specific amount from RHA? The finance committee has approved \$1,500 so that is what is being voted on.**
 4. **LLC: With giving out reserved seats for people who have sponsored the event, are you worried about the general public seats being limited because of donors? Not a concern since there is such a large amount of seating in each room.**
 5. **Barnhart/Riley: If you aren't able to get enough funding, do you have alternative candidates to consider? Bretman Rock is who we are shooting for, but we are in the works of talking to others. There is a backup. We will either get it or we won't by week 5 of winter term.**
 6. **Building B: How much confirmed funding do you have as of right now? Right now we have around \$1,000 in sponsorships but will probably spend around \$10,000 on our own. We will then go to ASUO. They have gone to surplus from ASUO before so they are prepared to do so.**

7. **Building C:** Have other schools worked with him before and how did it work getting in contact with him? We are in a unique situation right now because ASUO has a lot of surplus funds

LLC motions to extend q&A by five minutes. Carson/Earl seconds.

1. **Unthank:** what experience would students get? Would they be able to ask him questions? Typically these events are 1-2 hours long, and we ask for a 30 minute keynote speech. Then we'll move to a moderated Q&A session, then a meet and greet. Depending on the talent, we may have to cap the number of students to talk/take pictures.
2. **Unthank:** Have you discussed how many people are going to give seats to APASU members? We are planning to do the ticketing process which is first come first serve. APASU members will not get priority.
3. **LLC:** Wondering if the funding will be approved only for Bretman Rock or only for that amount? Contingent upon what they are voting for.
4. **Director:** is the advertisement of our logo included in all advertising? 1500 would be a story post on the day of the event – dedicated to RHA.
5. **ADP:** You mentioned the capacity was 500- would you be open to more people if you could get more space? It is dependent on the venue.

Building C motions to extend q&A by 5 minutes. Unthank seconds.

1. **Barnhart/riley:** would we have to do at least tier 4 to fund? Yes.
2. **LLC:** Are we voting on funding in general or are we voting on funding for Bretman Rock?
3. **Building B:** Bretman Rock is more expensive so what is the \$50,000 tangible benefit of having someone so influential over someone who is cheaper but less successful? As an organization, we strive to highlight both. With Bretman, the big benefit is that he is someone who inspires so many people every day. We have been striving to bring more people from Hawaii and other southern Asian communities.

GSH motions to end Q&A. Barnhart/Riley seconds.

If there are no more questions, is there a motion to end Q&A?

IV. Discussion-5 minutes:

4. **LLC:** in the past, how much have we given to the speaker series? We gave ~\$2,000
5. **Barnhart/Riley** thinks the motion is a good initiative and that the timing is good and there is proof the event is successful as well as having a relationship with them.
6. **Building B** has a concern about the individual not being worth what we are giving granted how expensive the event is.
7. **LLC** is worried about the capacity being only 500. However it would be good advertisement and beneficial to RHA

8. **Building C:** agrees with New Residence Hall that the funding request should be contingent on Bretman Rock being the speaker.
9. **Unthank:** Agrees with New Residence Hall. Agrees Bretman Rock would not be as good of an expense especially if we
10. **Carson/Earl** thinks that we should keep in mind the total budget of their event does not matter to us.
11. **Barnhart/Riley** also agrees that having an influential artist versus one who is not will have a big impact. Regardless of the funding, the mission is good. Agrees with Carson/Earl that although their general budget for the event is 50,000- we are only discussing 1,500 for RHA.
12. **Building C** believes this event would be good in terms of advertising, but the amount of funding they are asking for and that 500 seats is a lot for who he is.
13. **LLC:** Keep in mind we are not voting 50,000 being spent. We are voting on 1,500 being spent. Thinks we should keep in mind what we have done in the past.
14. **Barnhart/Riley:**
15. **Building C:** Feels there should be more seats with this type of influential.
16. **ADP:** There is a potential for more seating.
17. **Barnhart/Riley:** Thinks they are trying their best to have as many people and it isn't valid to punish them for something that isn't in their control.
18. **Building B:** Concerned about whether or not the APASU has done an in depth enough job about planning this event. Wondering if someone this large and influential will actually be relatable to students. Worried about funding something that seems so large with so little planning.
19. **Barnhart/Riley:** Important to consider 500 seat cap, but important to understand that if APASU did this event it would be successful.

Hamilton moves to end discussion. Carson/Earl seconds.

If there are no more questions, is there a motion to end Discussion?

LLC motions to vote regardless of the speaker. Carson/Earl seconds.

V. Vote: With a vote of 10 (Aye)-5 (Nay)-0(Abstain),(1 tap) funding slate passes/fails

Passes.

Upcoming Events

None!! Have a fabulous winter break everyone!

Winter Leadership Retreat is February 2nd-4th at Tadmor.

Currently, general council members are not invited on this retreat.

General Council next term will go from 7pm – 8pm.

Adjournment

Leadership Opportunity of the Week: Student Food Pantry Volunteers Needed!

- We understand that, with the increasing costs of tuition, textbooks and student fees, it can be difficult to fit healthy food into one's budget. The Student Food Pantry emerged as a direct response to college student need on campuses in the area, and it continues to serve over 200 students each week. The Student Food Pantry is a partnership between the University of Oregon, Episcopal Campus Ministries, and Grace Lutheran Church. Student success starts with a full belly, and, with the help of our donors, partners, and volunteers, the Student Food Pantry is able to provide free, nutritious supplemental food to college students every week while school is in session. We are located at 710 E 17th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401.
- **The Student Food Pantry will be open from January 10th to March 22nd this Winter Term!** The pantry is almost entirely run by student volunteers like you who are dedicated to increasing food access on campus. Volunteers help organize, stock, and run the pantry during distribution hours. We look forward to working with you this term! Questions about the volunteer shifts or the pantry? **Contact us at bnfoodsecurity@uoregon.edu**

Are there any other announcements to come before the chapter?

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 15th at 7:15 pm in the LLC Performance Hall

Is there any further business to come before the chapter?

- a. If not, I need a motion for the meeting to adjourn
 - I. Do I have a motion?
 - II. Do I have a second?
 - III. Is there any discussion?
 - a. If not, we will move into a period of voting
 - IV. All in favor, raise your hand and say “Aye” 14
 - V. All opposed, raise your hand and say “Nay” 0
 - VI. Motion carries, Meeting adjourned as of 20:27(1 tap)