



Residence Hall Association

Minutes for October 21st, 2013

Call to Order 4:00 PM

Housing Reapplication

- Alicia Stewart-Voytec from Residence Life
- NAU has experienced 9 consecutive years of enrollment increases, showed similarly by an increase in incoming Freshman students.
- Only about 11.5% of Juniors and Seniors choose to live on campus, and they are also more equipped to live off campus.
- Due to inability to house students' on-campus, particularly the groups in which it is important, Freshman and Sophomores, priority process is being shifted in order to house those students to whom it is most important.
 - Application will open March 24th, and within each priority group, room selection time will be randomly generated.
 - New halls are being added as Freshman-only halls.
- Current on-campus students are being prioritized on new housing off campus in the Suites and Hilltop Townhomes, these applications are open now.
- Rising Juniors and Seniors will no longer be able to expect a promised housing on-campus and will be facing a more competitive process for on-campus housing.
- There will be enough room to accommodate not only all the Freshman but also all of the sophomores, however, there will be limited housing offered to upper-classman.
 - Other schools don't even provide opportunities to live-on campus to rising sophomores.
- Numbers were calculated based on interactions over the summer with Freshman students.
- New policies will be enforced in newly Freshman halls.
- You can no longer place in same room, but you can pull in roommates.
- Recognize that this isn't a decision to kick everyone off-campus, this is due to constraints and is the best decision possible to accommodate the neediest of groups.
- Our current debt has been decided to not be used to build new buildings; instead we open this option to private companies, where we preserve our schools debt.
- Transition methods will be and have been implemented to provide the best opportunities to on-campus students that will have less ability to apply for on-campus housing.
- Financial aid will not be impacted by changing to off-campus, the difference will be receiving your scholarship money in a check rather than having it directly applied to your payments.
- Research allowing ACC reps allowed at our council.
- Spring only application opens on October 1st to students looking to move on-campus as well those who are transferring in.

Hall Announcements

- Mocaberry 5K run/walk for Paw Placement which helps animals who can't be placed in a humane society to put them in a home.
 - Required donation of \$5, if you want to set up a booth or are looking to volunteer contact the person on the sheet.
 - Email them by the end of this week to sign up to volunteer or sign up for a booth.
 - There will be some adopted pets there.
- Sechrist Hall dodge-ball tournament, looking for interested halls.
- This Saturday there will be the Halloween Extravaganza in South Family and is meant to be family friendly, if you are looking to sign up contact an RHA exec they can help you.
- NRHH will have its next meeting next Monday. Nominations close today for nominations to NRHH.
 - NRHH had three regional OTM's this month.
- RA applications will go out on November 6th this year. Due January.
- Taylor Hall Haunted House will be the 29th – 31st 8pm-12. Free to all on-campus students.
- Launch of Windows 8.1 launched this Friday.
- New club established on-campus, geared toward communication majors where students will meet to discuss movies.
- On the 8th of November in the Wilson Lobby at 7pm there will be an improv show from a club on campus.

Executive Report

- Spencer
 - SWAG axe will be going to Aspen for their multi-cultural night.
 - All things IACURH are going well.
 - NCLC applications will be coming out next Monday.
 - NRHH and RHA will be working on a group social.
 - Come to the RHA office to sign your name with a hand print to show that RHA cares.
- Kevin
 - Final logistics for the retreat. The retreat is this Saturday starting at 10am, we will meet outside the Union, and we will be visiting South Family to support their Halloween Extravaganza.
- Crystae
 - Letters of intent are due by the 31st of October.
 - Email me your homecoming pictures and hall event pictures to get put on the website.
 - Finals week care packages letters have gone out to the parents of freshman and transfer students.
 - Finance committee and volunteers will be making blankets in the RHA office this Thursday at 7:30 pm. There will be popcorn.
- Siera
 - Relay for Life kickoff is on October 29th in Reilly hall lobby at 7pm.
 - Traditions day went well, tug of war winners were 3rd place Cowden, 2nd place Taylor, 1st place Roseberry.
- Angel

- Working on the hall-buddies program amongst the executives.
- Work with the LLC.
- Victor
 - Thank you to the halls that helped make purple ribbons in support of Domestic Violence awareness.
 - Great job to Siera.
 - Great job to McConnell for winning the best hall float.

New Business

- Gabaldon moves to bring MMC to the table. Seconded by RA council. No dissent.
 - NCC moves to waive the reading, seconded by Wilson Hall. No dissent.
 - MCC corrects Residence Life to organization as defined by Student Life.
 - NCC moves to end QandA. Seconded by Sechrist. No dissent.
 - Reilly moves to end discussion. Seconded by South Family. No dissent.
 - Vote – 44-0-0 this legislation passes.
- Brittany Villagrana wins the shirt for the question of the week for guessing 330 for the candy corn jar which contained 327.

Open Forum

- Possibility of allowing ACC into the group meetings of RHA.
 - It generally comes down to the management of the facility.
 - They don't contribute to the money that funds our budget, so they shouldn't share in the voice that comes as a benefit.
 - Privatized housing is growing very rapidly amongst many schools.
 - Aspen Crossing move to table this to the LLC. Seconded by Pine Ridge. Dissented.
 - Tinsley moves to table to the executives. Seconded by NRHH. No dissent.

Adjorn at 5:55

Question of the Week

