



**Wednesday, October 15th, 2025**

## **UMD Division of Administration visits RHA Senate, first 2 bills of the school year passed**



**October 15th, 2025** - The Maryland Residence Hall Association (RHA) was visited by the UMD Division of Administration last week where guest speakers Bob Reunning, Danielle Glaros, and Courtney Brown talked about various issues on campus. The Senate also passed its first two bills of the 2025 - 2026 school year **CTK 001F** and **ECC 001F**, both relating to sustainable developments on Terp Farm.

Last Tuesday's guest speakers covered a variety of topics. In relation to how to request assistance through UMD, the speakers went over how to use the UMD Guardian App, Bluelight emergency phones, UMPD walking escort, and the StuttleUM Niteride.

Public safety and emergency preparedness were also discussed as pertaining to cross-jurisdictional agreements and the OMBC Department. Several sustainability milestones were shared such as UMD reaching carbon neutrality in the spring.

Lastly, transportation updates were shared: the purple line will be set to be complete December 2027 and provide free rides for students and faculty. New bike lanes have been installed, traffic patterns have been adjusted, and more discussions are being had relating to micro-mobility on campus.

Last week the RHA Senate also passed its first two bills of the school year.

The first bill passed was **ECC 001F** which affirmed the RHA's support of the Terp Farm Experiential Education and Leadership Pilot Program, a 3-year internship program at Terp Farm. The bill was passed with a vote of 23-0-1.

The second bill, **CTK 001F** was passed with a vote of 20-0-1 and affirmed the RHA's support of the Terp Farm Production Expansion Project grant proposal to use processing machinery at Terp Farm.

## NOTE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT



Hi Terps!

I hope you've been making it through UMD spooky season (midterms) alright and enjoyed your fall break! RHA has been hitting the ground running this fall, passing our first two pieces of legislation at our last Senate meeting last week, and many of our hall councils are busy planning events for their communities to celebrate the season and build connections. Soon, many of our committees will begin looking at fee proposals from various departments, so keep an eye out for this important process and don't hesitate to share your thoughts!

As always, I encourage you to recognize what an opportunity you have in front of you: RHA was built to amplify on-campus student voices and press for improvement. Make a connection with your hall council's senators, send us an email, or get involved in RHA yourself and let us know what's on your mind. Our campus is wonderfully dynamic, so seize the chance to shape the direction it is moving in!

Wishing everyone a good start to the second half of the semester,

- Anya Olson, RHA Vice-President 2025-2026

## Senate Summary (10/7/2025)

- **MINUTES**
- **APPROVED:** 9/23 Meeting Minutes
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** Division of Administration Presentation
- **PASSED (23-0-1) - RESOLUTION ECC 001F:** A Resolution to Support the Terp Farm Internship Sustainability Fund Proposal
- **PASSED (20-0-1) - RESOLUTION CTK 001F:** A Resolution to Support the Terp Farm Machinery Improvements Facilities Fund Proposal
- **Executive Team + Committee Updates**
- **Resident Council Updates**

## Committee Corner

**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC):** works with the University's Department of Transportation Services (DOTS). Committee Coordinator: *Attowla Kouadio* ([akouadi1@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:akouadi1@terpmail.umd.edu))

- Meet virtually on Thursdays biweekly @ 1:00 - 1:50pm
- Come with any ideas, complaints, concerns, or curiosities about transportation!
- October is Safety Month!

**Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee (DIACOM):** works to ensure students feel safe and comfortable on campus. Committee Coordinator: *Giselle Maravilla* ([gmaravil@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:gmaravil@terpmail.umd.edu))

- No major updates :)

**Sustainability Committee (SCOM):** works on issues that concern the university's green initiatives. Committee Coordinator: *Claire Bushar* ([cbushar@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:cbushar@terpmail.umd.edu))

- Campus Sustainability Month Tabling (10/23, 1:00 - 3:00pm)
  - Let me know if you'd like to volunteer! Google Form in the SCOM Slack channel :D
- Next SCOM Meeting: Thursday, 10/16, 4:00 - 5:00pm, virtual

**Dining services Advisory Board (DSAB):** works with the dining services directors to accommodate student's dining recommendations. Committee Coordinator: *Inemesit Udoakang* ([iudoakan@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:iudoakan@terpmail.umd.edu))

- On the 29th, we will be joined by representatives of the SGA Sustainability Team

- Meatless Monday Initiative
- Next DSAB meeting will be held on Wednesday 10/15, 3:00 - 4:00pm, in-person.

**Resident Life Advisory Team (ReLATE):** works directly with the Department of Resident Life to understand the issues faced by the on-campus residents and solve them. Committee Coordinator: *Nicole Barnes* ([nbarnes3@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:nbarnes3@terpmail.umd.edu))

- No major updates!
- As of now, ReLATE committee dates are 10/8, 10/15, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, and possibly one final meeting in December.

**Resident Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB):** works with the structures and attributes that directly affect students living in the resident halls. Committee Coordinator: *Jonas Marquart* ([jmarquai@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:jmarquai@terpmail.umd.edu))

- Next Meeting: Friday 10/17, 2:00 - 3:00pm, virtual
- Subsequent Meetings: Bi-weekly 4:30 - 5:30pm (10/30, 11/13, etc.)
  - @ McKeldin Library: Rm. **2113**

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## Looking Ahead

- **Thursday, October 23rd:** RHA Town Hall (6 p.m. @ Symons Hall 0200)
- **Tuesday, October 28th:** RHA Senate (7 p.m. @ Stamp Juan Ramon Jimenez 2208)
- Watch out for our General Body Meeting and some cool Winter Events coming up!!



# TownHall

*Thursday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6pm | Symons 0200*

**Are you looking for news about on-campus happenings? Hear from our guest speakers:**

- **Resident Life:** Dennis Passarella-George (Director: Resident Life)
- **Dining Services:** Chris Moore (Director: Dining Services)
- **Residential Facilities (4-WORK):** John Blackwood (Interim Director: Residential Facilities)
- **Transportation:** David Allen (Executive Director: Transportation Services)
- **Community and Belonging:** Daniel Satterthwaite (Graduate Coordinator: Deliberative Dialogue & Community Engagement Team)



Do you have issues with our campus? **Complain to these guys!**

Come to our semesterly **Town Hall** where guest speakers Dennis Passarella-George, Chris Moore, John Blackwood, David Allen, and Daniel Satterthwaite will present recent developments and campus relating to resident life, dining, resident facilities, transportation, and community and belonging.

There will be a Q&A session to ask questions and learn more about what is going on on campus!

**SAFETY MONTH**

**OCTOBER 2025**

**SAFETY IS  
NOT A GAME**

NO CHEAT CODES

NO EXTRA LIVES

JUST SMART MOVES

### Safety Is Not a Game!

In real life, there's no reset button. When navigating campus, take your time and make smart moves. Whether you're biking, scooting or power walking to class, following the rules helps everyone get where they're going safely.

Remember, Terps: Walks, ride or drive we all share the road.

**October is Safety Month!** Join DOTS for giveaways, fun events and some great tips to help you stay safe while getting around campus.

## Photo Gallery

No photos this week!

Missed a previous newsletter? Click [here](#) to see all of the RHA newsletters from past school years.

Have an on-campus idea, comment, or concern? Contact us or visit our website!



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