



Wednesday, October 16th, 2024

Dr. Patty Perillo visits RHA Senate, gives updates on Student Affairs



OCTOBER 15 - Dr. Patty Perillo addressed the Maryland Residence Hall Association (RHA) Senate on Tuesday night. Dr. Perillo gave updates on the Division of Student Affairs and emphasized the importance of RHA in residence halls.

Dr. Perillo highlighted the need for air conditioning in all of the residence halls. She also introduced the upcoming additions of five cultural centers next fall (Asian-Pacific Islander Desi American, Disabilities, Multi + Biracial, Latinx, and Native + Indigenous).

"We are all on the same team in Student Affairs. We just do our work in different ways. You as students have enormous power and potential to create community on campus. You're Terps," said Dr. Perillo.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Terps!

I hope you are all doing well, and having a great midterm season! I have a few exciting things to share. RHA is excited to announce the formation of our Mental Health AdHoc Committee. RHA constantly works to address the issues that residential students face. As mental health concerns and resources keep growing, it is the duty of RHA to oversee university-wide efforts focused on improving mental health. This is a one-year-long committee that is formed with the focus of creating community events, educational programs, and outreach efforts regarding mental health. Interested in joining? [Click here to show your interest!](#)



We are also in the middle of our Voter Education Competition with TerpsVote! We will be tabling with their organization and SGA at the Farmer's Market on Wednesday the 23rd! Come stop by to make an ice cream float and make your voting plan at Floats4Votes! Our members have been working hard to continue the effort of creating a sense of belonging within our residence halls. I want to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of them for their dedication and commitment to making our campus a better place.

- *Samantha Briggs, RHA President*

There's still room for you!

FIND YOUR PLACE WITH RHA! Interested in joining? Do you know a friend or floormate who might be? We have open positions available—25% of our council roles are still up for grabs! Click below to check out the vacancies in your hall council! For more information, email the resident director listed.

Want to know who's representing your residence hall? Take a look [here](#) and see the student leaders on your hall's council. Also, be sure to follow your council's Instagram to stay up to date with the latest council events and initiatives!

[CURRENT RHA OPEN POSITIONS](#)

Register to Vote!

This fall, RHA is partnering with [TerpsVote](#) to help YOU register and be informed to vote in November's presidential election! Look around your residence halls for posters with information about registering to vote, checking your registration status, and/or requesting a mail-in ballot. DM [@marylandrha](#) or email marylandrha@umd.edu with questions!

MARYLAND RHA x TerpsVote

REGISTER TO VOTE

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

RHA HAS PARTNERED WITH TERPSVOTE TO MAKE VOTING EASIER FOR YOU!

✓ Look out for flyers in your residence hall with info on:

- How to Register
- Checking Your Voting Status
- Requesting a Mail-In Ballot

ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 5
TUESDAY

RHA
RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

Join SALC!

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SALC

Apply by October 16th!

 @umdsalc



The Student Alumni Leadership Council (SALC) is currently recruiting new members this semester! The Student Alumni Leadership Council (SALC) is an on-campus student organization that aims to inspire a sense of community between Terps across generations while instilling loyalty to our alma mater.

Joining SALC is a great way to get involved on campus! Through our robust event calendar including events we host and ones we are invited to as ambassadors of the Alumni Association, our members can

build their network and grow both personally and professionally.

Applications are due Wednesday, October 16th at 11:59 PM. The application link can be found [here](#). You can check out their website at salc.umd.edu and join their [GroupMe](#). If you have questions, please reach out via GroupMe.

Senate Summary (10/15/24)

- **Agenda**
- **APPROVED:** 10/1 Meeting Minutes
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** VP of Student Affairs Dr. Patty Perillo
- Executive Team + Committee Updates
- Resident Council Updates



Jonas M. received the "Senate Book" from Madyann S. for their strong participation at Senate.

Committee Corner

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC): works with the university's Department of Transportation Services (DOTS). *Committee Coordinator: Akash Balenalili (akashnaudii@gmail.com)*

- Got complaints or feedback on transportation in College Park? TAC collects feedback and shares it with the appropriate organizations on a weekly basis. [Submit feedback anytime!](#)
- We will begin investigating potential solutions to mitigate parking relocation challenges
- We reached out to the Purple Line team about Campus Drive & Regents chaos and will look into ways to pressure changes

- We are looking into scooter and bike charging/parking proposals
- As a reminder: we meet 3-4 in the Art-Sociology Library on Monday.

Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee (DIACOM): works to ensure students feel safe and comfortable on campus. *Committee Coordinator: Selam Fesseha (sfesseha@terpmail.umd.edu)*

- We are continuing to plan for a Global Harvest event in mid-November. Stay tuned!
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Sustainability Committee (SCOM): works on issues that concern the university's green initiatives. *Committee Coordinator: Emily Shoemaker (shoemak@terpmail.umd.edu)*

- We're tabling! Come say hi to us over the next couple of weeks:
 - Sustainability Month: Thursday, October 17th (1 - 3 p.m.) @ Hornbake Plaza
 - Harvest Fest: Friday, October 25th (5 - 8 p.m.) @ 251 North Dining Hall
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Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB): works with the dining services directors to accommodate student's dining recommendations. *Committee Coordinator: Mikhail Labar (mulabar@terpmail.umd.edu)*

- We working on the possibility of getting more board games available at 251 North and South dining halls
 - Yahentamitsi dining hall is testing out a new ice unit
 - The port strike has created supply issues (especially with fresh produce selection).
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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: Kevin Duru (kduru1@umd.edu)*

- We are preparing to look at student fees for the next academic year.
 - Join us for our biweekly meeting this upcoming Monday from 4-5 p.m. (2101 Annapolis Hall).
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Resident Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB): works with the structures and attributes that directly affect students living in the residence halls. *Committee Coordinator: Anya Olson (asolson@terpmail.umd.edu)*

- We discussed new bathroom designs for planned improvements in residence halls.
- We are looking at ways to reduce water waste and (possibly) add green infrastructure to residence halls!
- We are exploring ways to keep spreading the word about the 24-hour facilities service center (4WORK) at 301-314-WORK (9675).

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A COMMITTEE](#)

Looking Ahead

- **Thursday, October 17th** - Sustainability Month Celebration (1 - 3 p.m. // Hornbake Plaza)
- **Friday October 25th** - Harvest Fest (5 - 8 p.m. // 251 North Dining Hall)
- **Tuesday, October 29th** - RHA Senate Meeting (7 p.m. // Prince George's Room - STAMP Student Union)
- **Wednesday, October 30th** - South Hill Area Council: Halloween Costume Contest + Pumpkin painting (7 - 9 p.m.)
- **Tuesday, November 12th** - RHA Senate Meeting (7 p.m. // Prince George's Room - STAMP Student Union)

Photo Gallery

Dr. Patty Perillo visits RHA Senate Tuesday night



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



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