



Tuesday, November 18th, 2025

RHA sends delegates to Slippery Rock University for CAACURH



November 17th, 2025 - The Maryland Residence Hall Association (RHA) sent delegates to the Central Atlantic Association of College and University Residence Halls (CAACURH) Regional Leadership Conference (RLC) at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania last weekend. The RHA delegates who attended included several RHA area council executive members, President Emily Shoemaker, and National Communications Coordinator and Chief of Internal Affairs Saniyah Jean.

During this weekend, the University of Maryland RHA won the bid for Commitment to Sustainability, and 7 pieces of legislation were passed in the National Communication Coordinators (NCC) Boardroom. Delegates were also able to participate in various social events and philanthropy.

"It was a wonderful conference up in the mountains of Pennsylvania!" said Shoemaker. "The UMD delegates had a blast with finishing the GooseChase prompts for spirit points and our

voting members were productive and helpful in the boardrooms."

"The SRU Conference team did a wonderful job organizing this conference and our delegation felt welcome from the moment we arrived," said Jean. "It was a great opportunity to engage with other coordinators as well as the CAACURH board. I'm very happy with the legislation we passed and receiving recognition for our sustainability efforts."

For more information on CAACURH, click [here](#).

Last Tuesday, the RHA also had its fee presentation during Senate. Ve Lee, the Student Fees Coordinator, talked about mandatory and non-mandatory fees and how the fee review process works. Next Senate, Senators will vote on Non-mandatory fee proposals and after Thanksgiving Recess, Senators will be presented with Mandatory fee proposals.

NOTE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT



Hi Terps!

We're rapidly approaching the end of the semester, but first, a chance to rest and recharge for the final push over Thanksgiving. The Residence Hall Association has been working hard over the past few weeks, and we're not slowing down! We've passed resolutions supporting UMD's own Terp Farm, begun a pilot to provide laundry detergent to residents in need, and our committees have heard a lot about and deliberated fee increases. At the same time, our Hall and Area Councils have put on a flurry of events, which I hope you had the chance to partake in!

After the break, we will be back at work considering the proposed fee increases before the entire Senate, as well as hearing from a special guest (stay tuned!). It's an exciting time, but it also requires a lot of effort, so let's all pull together to advocate for our residents and build community. We're finishing strong, so keep an eye out and continue to engage lest you miss out!

Wishing everyone a restful break,

- Anya Olson, RHA Vice-President 2025-2026

Senate Summary (10/28/2025)

- [MINUTES](#)
- **Special Order:** Fees Presentation
- **Executive Team + Committee 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)

- Meet virtually on Thursdays biweekly @ 1-1:50
- Come with any ideas, complaints, concerns, or curiosities about transportation!
- If you aren't able to attend but are still interested, feel free to DM me on Slack about the details of the meeting!
- If you requested to join TAC meetings and aren't able to see the #tac channel also be sure to DM me so that I can add you.

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

- DIACom will be meeting next Thursday Nov 20th from 5-6 pm on Zoom

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

- Projects:

- Beaver dam cleanup and tennis ball recycling program implementation. Cleanup event was this past Saturday @ 12pm
- Plans for supporting native pollinators on campus!
- Next SCOM Meeting: Thursday, 11/13, 4-5 pm, virtual. Link sent out over Slack in the SCOM channel! You're welcome to join us even if SCOM isn't your "official" committee!

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)

- No updates!

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)

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 19th from 4 - 4:45 pm on Zoom.
- We will be continuing the fee review process and also discussing how to improve the on campus housing selection process so please let me or a member of ReLATE know if you have any questions about the process or ideas to improve it! Or feel free to come and join us!
- If you ever have any ideas for improving resident life on campus please feel free to reach out to me via email or Slack!
- Stay warm!!

Resident Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB): works with the structures and attributes that directly affect students living in the resident halls. Committee Coordinator: *Jonas Marquart* (jmarqua1@terpmail.umd.edu)


- Meetings are still bi-weekly 4:30 - 5:30pm
 - @ McKeldin Library: Rm. **2113**

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Looking Ahead

- **Thursday, November 20th:** General Body Meeting (7:30 - 9:30p.m. @ Pyon-Chen MPR)
- **Thursday, November 20th:** National Indigenous Peoples Month Bonfire Night (5:00 - 6:00p.m. @ Cambridge Community Center 1200)
- **Tuesday, November 25th:** Thanksgiving Recess (until November 30th)
- **Tuesday, December 2nd:** RHA Senate (7 p.m. @ Stamp Charles Carroll 2203K)
 - Senators will be voting on Non-mandatory fees

- **Friday, December 5th:** Winter Wonderland Gingerbread House Event (5:00 - 7:00 p.m. @ Banneker Key Room in STAMP)



**GENERAL BODY
MEETING
PJ BINGO!**

NOV 20TH PYON-CHEN
7:30-9:00PM MPR

**COME TO OUR GENERAL BODY MEETING IN
YOUR PAJAMAS FOR BINGO, FOOD, AND PRIZES!**

***Open ONLY to RHA Council Execs**



We are excited to announce our **General Body Meeting** for this Fall! It will be one of 2 GBM this semester. The theme is **PJ Party**: there will be a bingo game (with prizes) and food! Pull up in your pajamas to the **Pyon-Chen Multipurpose Room** on **November 20th** from **7:30 PM to 9:00PM!**

WINTER WONDERLAND Gingerbread House Event

DECEMBER 5 | 7:00 PM

BANNEKER ROOM – STAMP STUDENT UNION

Gather your hall/area council execs for a fun evening of icing, candies, and creative confections.

Best house wins!



Open only to hall/area council exec members

Build gingerbread houses and win prizes at our upcoming **Winter Wonderland Gingerbread House** event **December 5th at 7:00PM!** This event is open to council exec members and will have lots of opportunities to bond with others and relax before finals! :)

Photo Gallery 

Photos from CAACURH Senate!



Delegates @ CAACURH



Last Senate @ ESJ



Delegates @ CAACURH



Senator Recognition @ Senate



Emily @ CAACURH



Delegates @ CAACURH

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