



the university of maryland
RHA ROUNDUP

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

RHA Senate Confirms Mikhail Labar for DSAB Coordinator



February 13, 2024 -- The Maryland Residence Hall Association voted 17-0-2 to appoint Mikhail Labar, a freshman from Bel-Air Hall, as the Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB) coordinator.

Labar will serve as the DSAB coordinator for the remainder of the Spring 2024 semester. Labar previously served as a senator from the BCC Council and was a member of DSAB.

"Food is the life and blood of any campus. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to campus dining" said Labar.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi there!



RHA councils are throwing incredible events around campus this week so be sure to stop by and say hi to your council! Want to get more involved? The executive board is running a survey about several topics related to on-campus life. Use your voice and let us know how we can advocate for things you care about by filling it out below!

We are also partnered with the Office of Civil Rights and Sexual Misconduct to encourage residents to fill out the SEES survey. Search your email for "SEES" to check if you can win \$10 in Terrapin Express by completing it! I look forward to hearing how we can better represent you all and as always, feel free to reach out to me at eholdren@umd.edu if you ever need anything.

- Erika Holdren, RHA President


We want your feedback!


We're looking for your feedback! Fill out [this midyear survey](#) to give RHA feedback on your experiences with housing, academics, mental health initiatives, and more!





Also, fill out [this plastic firms survey](#) to give RHA feedback on plastic firms (bag) recycling and collection! There's only 2 questions!

2024 STUDENT EXPERIENCES & ENVIRONMENT SURVEY (SEES)




 SEES is the biennial survey about sexual assault and other aspects of the campus environment at UMD.

 Students selected will receive an email

 **First 3,000 students get \$10 Terrapin Express!**

See the SEES, take the SEES!

 More details online at go.umd.edu/raise-your-voice **#SEES2024**

Senate Summary (2/13/24)

- **Agenda**
- **PASSED (17-0-2):** Special Order: Confirmation of the Dining Services Coordinator
- **PASSED (16-0-1):** **Resolution NBA001S** (A Resolution to Further the Awareness of Accessibility Resources in Cooperation with the Office of Accessibility and Disability Service).



Kelly received the Senate Book from Alexandra for their strong participation at Senate.

Committee Corner

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC): works with the university's Department of Transportation Services (DOTS).

- Meeting with the city to discuss Knox Road pedestrian/cyclist safety issues
 - Working to have weekly meetings with Facilities Management
 - Speaking to DOTS about parking spot shortages in Mowatt Lane Garage
 - Planning bikeways event for student body
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Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee (DIACOM): works to ensure students feel safe and comfortable on campus.

- Working on a proposal for break housing
 - Planning on a "Celebrate Cultural Clothing" day (possibly towards the end of February!)
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Sustainability Committee (SCOM): works on issues that concern the university's green initiatives.

- We are looking into sustainable laundry options!
 - Currently planning programming for Maryland Beautification Day and Earthfest
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Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB): works with the dining services directors to accommodate student's dining recommendations.

- Welcome Mikhail!

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.

- Working on ways to encourage as many students as possible to take the Campus Climate Survey
- The Resident Life fee proposal for 2024-25 was approved by the Committee to Review Student Fees and is being sent to President Pines and his cabinet for a final review
- Discussing break housing and resident hall scooter policies in upcoming meetings!

Resident Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB): works with the structures and attributes that directly affect students living in the residence halls.

- Work to reallocate facilities funding to provide support for more sustainability efforts within the department

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Photo Gallery

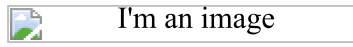
Various Councils' Valentine's Day Events - 2/12/24



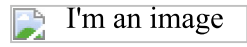
Denton Hall's Valentine's Candy Grams (Photo: Chelsea Aduo)



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Easton Hall's Palentine's Day Event (Photo: Sophia Chau)



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



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