



the university of maryland
RHA ROUNDUP

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

RHA Senate passes resolution recommending more benches at ShuttleUM bus stops



February 27, 2024 -- The Maryland Residence Hall Association voted 16-0-1 to encourage more benches near ShuttleUM bus stops. Kyle Bos, a senator from LaPlata Hall, sponsored the resolution.

The resolution specifically encourages the University of Maryland Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) to build more seating or shelters at ShuttleUM bus stops.

This comes from recommendations from the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to further enhance the rider experience in a way that anticipates the growing needs of our campus community.

"I think that this legislation is very doable. It is such a small offering to people that work for the university, people who have disabilities, or anything that could cause someone to be unable to stand for an extended period of time," said Natalie Ashbury, a Senator-At-Large who supported the resolution.

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hey Terps,

This semester continues to be a busy one for RHA. At every Senate moving forward, we will have a guest speaker! From mental health to campus infrastructure, we will have campus administrators available to answer any questions you may have. If you're looking for more ways to hear from campus administrators, we will be holding a Town Hall on April 16th



at 6 p.m. in ESJ. We look forward to seeing you soon and thank you for keeping up with RHA

- *Quentin Hoglund, RHA Vice President*

Year End Forms are Open!

The executive team nomination form is open right now! Fill out this form to nominate someone (or yourself) you think should be on RHA's executive board next year. Descriptions of each position are listed on [the nomination form](#). The form is due **March 12th @ 11:59 p.m.**



Want to nominate yourself or a council member for an award at RHA's Year End Reception? Click [here](#) to nominate an RHA member for Senator of the Year, Council President of the Year, RHA Building Block Award, Create Your Own Award, and more! You must be an RHA-affiliated member to nominate. The form is due **April 1st @ 11:59 p.m.**

Senate Summary (2/27/24)

- **Agenda**
- **Special Order:** Vice President of Student Affairs Patty Perillo
- **Special Order (16-0-1):** Confirmation of Elections Chair Eli Brennan
- **PASSED (15-0-1):** [Resolution KBB001S](#) (A Resolution to Encourage More Benches Near ShuttleUM Bus Stops)
- **PASSED (15-0-1):** [Resolution MSG001S](#) (A Resolution to Encourage the Residence Hall Association Sustainability Committee to Plan and Host Maryland Beautification Day Once a Year)



Kyle received the Senate Book from Michelle & Nat (and Kelly) for their strong participation at Senate.

Committee Corner

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

- Still working on Knox Road improvements
 - Exploring bike/scooter shelters
 - Exploring ways to codify alternatives to petitions on off-campus streets that are tailored to students
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Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee (DIACOM): works to ensure students feel safe and comfortable on campus.

- Cultural Clothing Day has been postponed to later in the semester. Stay tuned!
 - Still working towards creating a proposal for break housing
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Sustainability Committee (SCOM): works on issues that concern the university's green initiatives.

- Started registration for apartment compost bins trial-run
 - Planning Maryland Beautification Day on March 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.
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Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB): works with the dining services directors to accommodate student's dining recommendations.

- "Talk to me" flags in dining halls are coming soon!
 - Panera Bread is coming soon!
 - Unfortunately, renaming South Campus Dining Hall looks unlikely.
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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.

- Working on ways to encourage as many students as possible to take the Campus Climate Survey!
 - Collaborating with DIACOM on reviewing break housing policies
 - Discussing a new housing selection process
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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

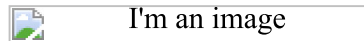
Various Councils' Valentine's Day Events



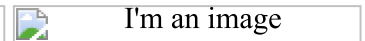
La Plata Hall's Gift Making Workshop (Photo: Mary Akinrogbe)



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Ellicott Hall's Candy Grams (Photo: Adithya Satheesh)



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