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**RHA ROUNDUP**

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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## RHA Senate passes resolution encouraging furniture changes



**MARCH 26** -- The Maryland Residence Hall Association voted 16-0-1 to approve a pieces of legislation supporting changes to the University of Maryland and Maryland Correctional Enterprise's partnership.

The resolution specifically supports a press conference on McKeldin Mall at 12:30 pm on Monday, April 1st. You can read more about the resolution and RHA's support for action [here](#).

"Just because something is legal does not mean that it is just. I think it's important to bring attention to it. It's not over," said Natalie Asbury, who wrote and sponsored the resolution.

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### NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

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What's up Terps!

We're so happy to return from break and continue our great work! Most recently, we passed a resolution supporting a press conference addressing the university's partnership with Maryland Correctional Enterprises. With that, we look forward to advocating for an increase in wages for the



inmates who construct the majority of on-campus furniture. Make sure to RSVP for that event [here](#).

Aside from that, we will be holding a Town Hall meeting on April 16th at 6 p.m. in ESJ. This is a great opportunity to talk with administrators and voice your concerns. We hope to you soon. Thanks!

- *Quentin Hoglund, RHA Vice President*



Save the date! Join us for the Maryland Residence Hall Association [Year-End Reception](#) (only open to RHA councils, Senate members, and the Executive Board). Enjoy food and drinks as we celebrate everything RHA's accomplished this year.

Want to **nominate** yourself or a council member for an **award** at YER? Click [here](#) to nominate an RHA member for Senator of the Year, Council President of the Year, the 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.**

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## Senate Summary (3/26/24)

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- **Agenda**
- **SPECIAL ORDER:** Special Order: Vice President and Chief Administrative Carlo Colella
- **PASSED (16-o-1):** ***Resolution NBAoo3S*** (A Resolution to Support a Press Conference on the UMD and MCE Partnership)



Quentin H. received the "Senate Book" from Emily S. for their strong participation at Senate.

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## Committee Corner

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

- Planning to expand traffic enforcement for scooters, cyclists, and vehicles
  - Currently working on Student Facilities Fund proposal to serve as a pilot for covered bicycle/micro-mobility parking with charging facilities
  - Continuing to collaborate with the city on Knox Road improvements on the segment between Guilford Drive and Baltimore Avenue
  - Working with city and SGA liaisons to talk about resolving parts of city code that make infrastructure changes difficult on street segments with high-density housing
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**Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee (DIACOM):** works to ensure students feel safe and comfortable on campus.

- Look out for more details soon about Cultural Clothing Day!
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**Sustainability Committee (SCOM):** works on issues that concern the university's green initiatives.

- Working on EarthFest! If you have any ideas, please reach out to Ilene Stark ([istark@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:istark@terpmail.umd.edu))

**Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB):** works with the dining services directors to accommodate student’s dining recommendations.

- Check out our [new initiative](#) with Dinning Services: Conversation Flags at Yahentamitsi Dining Hall
- Voting Boxes are returning soon!!

**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!
- Assessing this year’s housing selection process
- Collaborating with DIACOM on reviewing break housing policies

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

- Learning about future plans in residence halls: 2-ply toilet paper, automatic soap dispenser, and softer paper towels

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## Photo Gallery

Recent guest speakers at RHA Senate - 2/27 (left 2) & 3/12 (right 2)



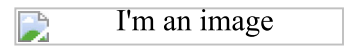
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