

the **MARYLAND** **RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION** **NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

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!



NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Welcome back, Terps! RHA Senate is so back! We passed two resolutions at the first Senate of the semester. We're looking forward to communicating these resolutions to campus administrators so that we can enact change. We brainstormed some more advocacy ideas at our Leadership Training Day so look out for more resolutions to come.

If you have any ideas for things that RHA should advocate for, don't hesitate to reach out to me via rhavp@umd.edu or feel free to attend our next Senate meeting on February 13th at 7pm in the Charles Carroll room of STAMP. I hope to see you all soon.

- Quentin Hoglund, Vice President

Senate Summary (1/30/24)

- **Agenda**
- **PASSED (17-0-1): Resolution MAA001S** (A Resolution Supporting a Bid to Host Annual Regional Leadership Conference).
- **PASSED (18-0-1): Resolution ELS001S** (A Resolution Encouraging the Department of Resident Life to Implement a Plastic Bag Recycling Program).



Alexandra J. received the Senate Book from Nat A. and Michelle A. for their strong participation at Senate.

Committee Corner

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

- Goal for this semester: Aim to improve on- and off-campus roads for pedestrians and cyclists using Senate legislation, petitions, and meetings with officials
 - Goal for this semester: Address upcoming bus service cuts with public information sessions, route workshops, and tabling events
 - Planning to host bikeways event for students to provide feedback on plans in late February/early March
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Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee (DIACOM): works to ensure students feel safe and comfortable on campus.

- Goal for this semester: Work with Terps with disabilities
 - Goal for this semester: Come up with a proposal for better break housing
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Sustainability Committee (SCOM): works on issues that concern the university's green initiatives.

- Goal for this semester: starting a composting pilot program in South Hill apartments
 - 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.

- We are looking for a new DSAB coordinator - please reach out!
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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.

- Goal for this semester: Promote engagement with Resident Life and campus surveys to improve data collection
 - Goal for this semester: Review changes to the housing selection process
 - Goal for this semester: Collaborate with DIACOM to review break housing policies
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Resident Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB): works with the structures and attributes that directly affect students living in the residence halls.

- Goal for this semester: find ways to keep residents more informed on facilities news/projects
- Goal for this semester: look for ways to update furniture in residence halls

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Photo Gallery

RHA Leadership Training Day - 1/28/24



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