

November 15, 2006

I. Roll Call

Absent: 8th St #1, 8th St #2, 8th St #3, Area 2 #1, CHill #2, FC, Woodies #1

II. Guest Speakers

III. Approval of the Minutes

IV. Executive Reports

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V. Standing Committee Reports

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VI. Special Committee Reports

VII. Bill Status Reports

- 07-015: Food for SJP Movie Festival **P** **\$ 500** Neil Tolbert
- 07-016: Financial Literacy Program **P** **\$ 150** Neil Tolbert
- 07-017: Campus Wide Capture the Flag Committee Megan Richards
- 07-018: ARI Speaker – Andrew Bernstein **P** **\$ 180** Tobey Fowler

VIII. Special Orders

IX. Old Business

- 07-019: Fall Festival **P** **\$ 3327** Megan Brodale

Megan Brodale presents.

MB: Spoke to Risk Management, initially he said no but upon further explanation of exactly what a hot air balloon ride meant, he said he would consider it some more but he hasn't gotten back to me yet. In case we don't get permission, I want to show a movie, which would cost about the same (\$1600). We had considered inflatables but a

movie is better.

Tobey Fowler: How long does the event go?

MB: We start around 3:30pm and go until 7:30pm.

Woodies: How high does the balloon go?

MB: 75 ft. w/o wind, 40-50 ft if wind too much.

TB: How tall is Tech Tower?

MB: Not that tall, it will go over Tech Tower.

Tim Gallagher: 75 ft. is about the height of an 8-story building.

Matt Scudato: How long will rides be?

MB: We haven't decided yet; if only 5 people show up they can ride for a long time.

FOC Recommendation: No change.

If PR follows through and since this is for all residents targeted to residents, it's a good bill.

Adam Weiss: Are you guys chalking?

MB: <outlines PR campaign>

Matt Scudato motions to vote.

Vote: 15-0-0. Bill passes.

• 07-020: Thanksgiving Dinner **P** **\$ 400** Tobey Fowler

Tobey Fowler presents.

TF: GLC puts on this event every year for people who don't go home to see their families. We're expecting 100 residents, requesting about \$4/person. Residents are bringing their own plates and we have enough cups in the funshop. Kaleitha (GLC RLC) hasn't gotten exact numbers back to me yet but assures me there will be at least 100 people and Marcus Smith told me there were 150 people when this event was done last year. We want to feed about 75 people with the 4 turkeys, and the rest with hams. The sides come with the dinners. We're also going to have pies.

After buying everything there will be about \$20 left which won't be enough so we'll get some money from our hall council.

We're requesting this from LC because we have 2/3 undergrads and it is incredibly hard to get anyone out of their rooms for anything besides lab. We're trying to get people out of their rooms and get involved in RHA before Christmas and Amanda Killebrew, who is also PR chair for RHA, is planning a lot of events that will use up the remainder of our (GLC's) budget so we can't spare the money for this event, we only have about \$400 left in our funds. There is about \$15000 in the [LC] Programs Account.

FOC Recommendation: Amend to \$200.

While it sounds like a good and successful program, FOC feels that \$400 for only one hall council is too much. During FOC Tobey mentioned that \$400 is standard, \$4/person. We felt it would be more appropriate if the hall council contributed half of the amount. (Alex Becking requests Lisa to speak up) (Lisa repeats recommendation).

Matt Scudato motions to append per FOC (\$200).

Woodies: I think they should get the full \$400, the majority of people on campus who are staying on campus over Thanksgiving live in GLC, the rest of campus is freshmen and sophomores who are going home.

Adam Weiss: I believe the reasoning behind FOC's recommendation is that it will only benefit one hall council and there will actually be less people than last year and they pulled it off last year w/o asking LC for money.

TF: We've taken that into consideration, and based on the numbers on the sheet this \$400 only funds enough meat for 82 out of the expected 100 people in attendance and will stretch portions so thin that it won't be a proper Thanksgiving dinner. That assumes 18 vegetarians which is unlikely. We actually need *more* money, but we'd rather not take money from our own hall council's funds. The whole reason we're putting on this event is because these people won't be going home for Thanksgiving and we want them to have a good Thanksgiving.

AW: How much will you be asking from your hall council? Maybe \$50.

AW motions to amend the amendment to \$300 from \$200.

MS: I think that's reasonable.

Division Vote: 10-7-0. Amendment to amendment carries.

Division Vote: 8-9-0. Amendment fails.

Vote: 16-1-0. Bill passes.

- 07-021: Life Series – Cooking 101 **P** **\$ 150** Megan Brodale
Megan Brodale presents.
MB describes bill as written. **Friendly amend from 3 entrees to 2 entrees.**
Neil Tolbert: Will the total still be \$150? Yes.
FOC Recommendation: No change.

This program targets residence halls which is what RHA is all about, this is a skill that residents should have and it has been done before in Area 2 with success.

No discussion.

Vote: 18-0-0. Bill passes.

X. New Business

- 07-022: Funshop Inventory Committee **P** **\$ 100** Alexandria Pearson
Adam Weiss wants to present from his seat. Denied. Presents.
AW: As you all know, our funshop is in a bit of disarray, we don't know what all is there or not in there, um, we, I know a lot of people have expressed interest in getting an updated inventory, so this bill is for the creation of a...committee's a bad word, but whatever...committee to inventory the funshop and come up with a way to organize and streamline a process to keep a real-time inventory of what's in there. The \$100 is for food since this would require like 2 meetings beforehand to look at it and establish what's there, plus a final meeting to sit there and actually inventory everything. If passed it would be probably come into effect next semester. It's more for the creation of a committee co-chaired between Jeff and myself.
Deanna Kopp: So the \$100 is for like 3 meals?
AW: It's for pizza. We'll be meeting a couple times to discuss how to organize it and the last meeting will be actually going to the funshop one day and spending the day cleaning it out and inventorying (sp?) it.
Tobey Fowler: So this will just be you and Jeff?
AW: No, we'd be co-chairing a committee, Jeff and I will chair it.
Matt Scudato: Would you need separate days for the two funshops, one on east and one on west?
AW: I was advised by Jeff that the one on west didn't need to be cleaned.
Jeff Wei nods in agreement.
TF: So the whole committee would be going in there? Yes.
MS: Would any of that money be going towards buying materials for inventorying like labels?
AW: I'm hoping everything that needs to be done can be solved with an excel sheet or hopefully a program that will be written after this. If any of that is necessary we'd put in an additional bill.

- 07-023: 3rd Semiannual GT LAN Party **P** **\$ 300** Ben Johnson
Jeff Wei presents.
JW describes the bill as written. We got money from SGA for a technique ad and money from CoC UCouncil for food. For advertising there's the technique ad and housing flyers.
Someone: Where is this LAN Party going to be? CoC 101 and 102.

- 07-024: East Campus Rape Aggression Seminar **P** **\$ 200** Samantha Thompson
Samantha Thompson presents.
ST describes the bill as written. I'd like to change the date to (tentatively). We've had three hall councils express interest. Lt. Cook and Officer Jackson are going to present a powerpoint and maybe show us what to do.
Matt Scudato (to Tim): Are we meeting next week? No.
George Ray: How are you advertising for this event?

ST: Hand-making flyers as usual.

GR: Can you get RHA to make flyers for this event since it's a safety event?

Matt Scrudato motions to suspend the by-laws and move to old business.

Motion carries without opposition.

FOC Recommendation: No change.

This program has been done before, and I'm assuming Lt. Cook and Officer Jackson are w/ GTPD. (Yes) so FOC recommends this bill be passed.

Vote: 19-0-0. Bill passes.

• 07-025: Recycling Competition **P** **\$ 150** Matt Scrudato

Matt Scrudato and Binh Dam present.

MS describes the bill as written. I'd like to change date from 2007 to 2006 (typo). Each hall council from today until next week will collect cans and on the 22nd they will line those up and take a picture. Based on cans/resident the two highest residence halls will get \$75 for a pizza party for their halls.

Tobey Fowler: Is there any clause in there that doesn't allow these to be discriminating pictures, in other words if freshmen take pictures with empty beer containers?

Tim Gallagher: Alcohol is allowed in the residence halls.

MS: That's why we're not doing bottles.

TF: Yeah but I'm just saying...

TG: If freshmen take pictures with empty beer cans and hand them to us, that's on them.

Neil Tolbert: Is this limited to aluminum cans? What about glass bottles and such?

Binh Dam: We want only aluminum cans.

Adam Weiss: I only know of four vending machines on campus that dispense cans, can we open this up to plastic bottles?

MS: Yeah I'd like that.

Binh Dam (at the same time): No it will be only aluminum cans.

Deanna Kopp: So is that a yes?

BD: No, only aluminum cans.

TF: So you don't care about plastic bottles.

Ben Johnson: Who do we email the pictures to and when do we need them by?

BD: recycling@rha.gatech.edu by next Wednesday.

TG: Right before we go on Thanksgiving break.

Matt Scrudato motions to suspend the bylaws and move this bill into old business.

Motion carries.

FOC Recommendation: Reduce to \$75.

Even though we agree recycling is a good thing, only two hall councils will benefit from this.

George Ray: Will the author yield to a series of questions? Yes.

GR: They have to turn the pictures in by the 22nd? Yes.

GR: And you haven't done any publicity? No.

GR: So they basically have four school days and two weekends to do this? Yes.

GR: In that case I believe this bill is a bad idea and you should vote against it. This event is starting tonight and will end in a week and there has been no effort to get the word out to the hall councils.

AW: Would the author be willing to extend the due date to December 1? **Motions to amend.**

Amendment passes without opposition.

6th St.: How long does it take to get fliers up in housing? Two weeks?

TG: Sometimes, yes, it depends on when the housing meeting is.

TF: You can print them and hand them out to hall council officers here to put up in their halls.

Amanda Brown: You could email out the flyer and hall councils can print them and put them up themselves.

MS: I think we wanted people to go back to their hall councils and tell them about it.

AW: I wanted to extend the deadline to December 1 because my hall council meets on Tuesday which would've been

only a day before the deadline.

Alex Becking: I just have a couple concerns. Have you thought about where the cans will be stored and what will be done w/ the cans after the contest?

BD: No plans, I hope that people can find a place to put them themselves.

Alex B.: So there's no plans for you to pick them up?

BD: Me, no.

AW: I think it's something as simple as, get a cardboard box and after the competition dispose of them properly.

6th St: On what days do they collect the cans in the blue bins around the residence halls?

Alex B.: Facilities is in charge of that I think it's once a week.

DK: I have a suggestion, if you have a lounge you could put something up, just talk to your staff and make sure they don't throw it away when they clean up.

Vote: 15-3-0. Bill passes.

XI. Open Forum

Adam Weiss: Is it correct that the mailing lists are up and running now?

Jeff Wei: According to your roommate they are.

AW: I've actually Remember the vending machines that sold sandwiches and coffee in the library? Is there anyway to have them opened after Jazzman's Café closes? Because if you're there after 11, Jazzman's is closed and you don't have any food.

Tim Gallagher: We can look into that.

AW: 4th St. hasn't had problems with this, but I've heard complaints about hot water on East Campus (gasps of agreement).

TG: We can bring that up to facilities.

Alex Becking: I encourage you to flood the maintenance system with work orders complaining about a lack of hot water whenever it happens.

AW: Yeah but usually it's solved within a day, but it just happens so frequently.

AB: The world is an imperfect place, sorry. Submit a work order so they know it's broken.

Tobey Fowler: We have a PR Chair for a reason, so if you need fliers or anything like that let them know, they have networking capabilities and connections and they can advertise your events, in fact they have a book of ideas, and we have two PR chairs don't we? I never see either of them show up, but send them an email, it's their job to advertise your events for you.

TG: Email pr@rha.gatech.edu

TF: Do we have helium for the balloons?

Megan Brodale: We're empty.

TF: Can you put that on your shopping list? Sure.

XII. Miscellaneous Business

XIII. Announcements

Tim Gallagher: Keep in mind next week we don't have LC, I won't be here, I don't expect any of you to show up.

Alex Becking: Email your residents and tell them to lock their rooms before they leave for Thanksgiving and take their valuables home w/ them.

Harrison-Cloudman: Tell your residents about the Rape Awareness Event.

Tim Gallagher: Sign up for the Greek Habitat project. You get fed and a free tshirt and might be in a document.

Matt Scudato: Collect cans!

XIV. Adjournment