

Southwest Area Government
September 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes
Attendees: Jean, Liz, Jason, Chris, Nicci, Dustin, Kristi

I. Event Evaluation: Stepanian

- It was great! – Good Turnout
- Everything was accomplished
- Need more seats for next time

II. House Council

a. SW Leadership Fairs – Wednesday September 10th 5-7pm

- Nicci, Jason, and Chris
- Nicci will make the tri-fold about HC

b. HC Election Shifts

Thursday 9/18: 5-6pm: Nicci, Chris, Kristi, Chantel

6-7pm: Nicci, Chris, Kristi, Chantel

7-8pm: Dustin, Nicci, Chris, Kristi

Friday 9/19: 5-6pm: Dustin, Chris, Kristi, Jason, Liz

6-7pm: Dustin, Chris, Kristi, Jason, Liz

7-8pm: Dustin, Chris, Kristi, Jason, Liz

- meet in SWAG office at 4:45pm Thursday
- Jason will grab nomination forms and tracking sheets from Thoreau
- Jean will grab the nomination forms and tracking sheets from Cance

III. Guest: Mike Fox

- Campus-wide Basketball Tournament 9/20, date is tentative and time is not yet finalized
- Mike would like SWAG to participate in event and in return offers SWAG full recognition
- SWAG will not be able to contribute any money but will help advertise the event
- Mike will send a copy of the flyer once list of sponsors is finalized

IV. Keeping SWAG Legit

- Everyone has registered for the **RSO Officer Orientation**
- We must submit a list of **RSO Information Sheet**
- RSO Members** = Executive Board
- Chris read aloud the **Anti-Hazing Compliance**

V. Blood Bus Dates

- Tuesday Sept. 30, Thursday Oct.30, Tuesday Nov. 18, Thursday Dec. 11
- SWAG will help advertise

VI. Southwest Saturday - October 4th @ 1pm

- We will meet at 11am to set up
- We need to buy lighters, lighter fluids, and charcoal
- Liz will talk to DC about amount of food and price
- Entertainment will be 2 student bands (Liz will talk to friend about performing)
- We will have voter absentee ballots available (Dustin will find out where to get them)

VII. People that have contacted Chris:

- We the Living (“inexpensive” band) can possibly play for Southwest Week
- SWAG Senator - will wait until after elections to appoint
- Nick Matthews, Student Band – Chris will find out about pay, date, and push them to a Sunday

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September 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes
Attendees: Chris, Jason, Jean, Kristi, Liz, Mike, Nicci

- **Officer Updates**
 - Be sure to put in your hours for the week by Thursday at noon
- **House Council Elections**
 - Jason will set up the ballot and Jean will have copies made
 - Nicci, Chris, Jason, Mike, and Kristi will do the ballot counting on Thursday
 - Chris, Liz, Mike, and Kristi will do the ballot counting on Friday
 - Jason will submit the results to SAA
 - Review of Shifts

Thursday 9/18: **5-6pm:** Nicci, Chris, Kristi, Chantel
 6-7pm: Nicci, Chris, Kristi, Chantel
 7-8pm: Dustin, Nicci, Chris, Kristi

Friday 9/19: **5-6pm:** Dustin, Chris, Kristi, Jason, Liz
 6-7pm: Dustin, Chris, Kristi, Jason, Liz
 7-8pm: Dustin, Chris, Kristi, Jason, Liz

*Please be 15 minutes early!

- **House Council**
 - **Chris:** Cance
 - **Chantel:** James/Emerson
 - **Dustin:** John Quincy Adams
 - **Jason:** Melville/Thoreau
 - **Kristi:** Patterson/MacKimmie and Prince/Crampton
 - **Liz:** Coolidge and Pierpont/Moore
 - **Mike:** Washington and Kennedy
 - **Nicci:** John Adams
- **Southwest Saturday (Saturday October 4th at 1pm in the Hampden Patio)**
 - Mike knows how to grill
 - Liz will shop for the charcoal, lighters, lighter fluid, and table cloths
 - Liz will also talk to the DC (Peter) for cost and amount of food
 - Chantel will create the advertisement
 - Dustin will find out where to get voter registration forms and absentee ballots
 - Liz will talk to her friend (Tom) about providing equipment for music and performing
 - Chris will get EH&S form for us to sign
- **Miscellaneous...**
 - We the Living (\$500 with all the setup) is a possible band for another event
 - **RSO Officer Orientation** Mon-Wed Sept 15-17, 7-10:30pm in Campus Center
 - **HC Elections** Thurs & Friday Sept 18&19 5-8pm Berkshire& Hampden DC
 - **Prince/Crampton Elections** Friday Sept 19 5-7pm Prince/Crampton Lobbies
 - **Blood Drive** Tuesday September 30 Southwest Triangles

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September 22, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chantel, Chris, Dustin, Jason, Jean, Kristi, Liz, Mike

- **Team Builder – Jean**
 - True Colors

- **Early Arrival Fee**
 - Check your SPIRE, some members have been charged an Early Arrival Fee

- **Southwest Saturday (Saturday October 4th at 1pm in the Hampden Patio)**
 - We will order 500 pieces in total of food
(300 Hamburgers, 150 Hot Dogs, 50 Veggie Burgers)
 - Chris will find out how much brownies will cost
 - Liz will do the shopping
(2 cases of lighter fluids, 4 big bags of charcoal, and matches)
 - Jean will get the non-latex gloves
 - Jean will provide some of the funding for the food
 - There will be a table with voting information and absentee ballots

- **House Council**
 - * **Elections**
 - Jason put together an 8-page review of the elections
 - There were a few ties and not all the positions were filled but there was at least 1 person in every cluster
 - We're still waiting for the results from the SGA
 - * **How to welcome House Councils**
 - Pre-Training Sunday Oct. 5th at 5:30pm in the Berkshire DC Conference Room
(Jason will reserve the room)
 - Goody-bags
 - Door decs
 - October 19th Official Training for House Council and Community Leaders
 - Jean is looking for people to present at the HC Training
 - * **How will we interact with House Councils?**
 - Bi-weekly meetings Mondays at 5pm
 - Attend their HC meeting bi-weekly to help guide and support them

- **Southwest T-Shirts**
 - Southwest Clothing was voted 197 Yes and 77 No
 - There were suggestions to make sweatshirts in addition to t-shirts
 - There was also a suggestion to have a t-shirt designing contest
 - Everyone should come back with more ideas for next week

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September 29, 2008 Meeting Minutes
Attendees: Chris, Dustin, Jason, Jean, Kristi, Liz, Mike

- **SWAG's Purpose/Goals**

- Purpose:**

- A voice for Southwest residents to SGA and ResLife
 - To keep Southwest residents informed
 - To address issues in the Southwest community
 - To help organize and assist House Council
 - To put on area-wide programs

- Goals:**

- To have good attendance at events
 - To evaluate past events and improve them
 - Raise money for a good cause
 - To work closely with House Council by making sure they are being productive yet enjoying themselves
 - To create a newsletter via Facebook or email

- **SGA Involvement**

- We need to appoint someone as SW senate to attend meetings with SGA
 - Senator will attend our meeting once a month to keep us informed
 - It would be a good idea to have monthly senate reports

- **Southwest Saturday (October 4th at 1pm in the Hampden Patio)**

- The food is ready! (Chris got the food from Berkshire)
 - Liz will do the shopping
(2 cases of lighter fluids, 4 big bags of charcoal, and matches)
 - We need to look into the absentee ballots restrictions/requirements

- **House Council**

- * Elections**

- We're still waiting for the results from the SGA

- * Pre-Training Meeting (Sunday Oct. 5th at 5:30pm in the Berkshire DC Room)**

- The room has been removed
 - We will get an opportunity to meet and socialize with the members

- * How to welcome House Councils**

- Liz will do the shopping for the Goodie-bags (\$75 max. budget)
 - Dustin will set up the Door decs

- * Jean is still looking for people to present at the HC Training**

- October 19th Official Training for House Council and Community Leaders

- * HC Course**

- Getting credits for being in HC Seminars
(programming, budgeting, community development)

- **Southwest T-Shirt Contest**
 - Mike will create the flyers and posters for the contest
 - Chris will send out a message to the Facebook group and to RA's
 - The due date for entries will be Mon 10/27, Decisions will be made Mon 11/3

- **Jason, U Rock!**
 - Jason was awarded the U Rock for doing a great job putting together the House Council elections

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October 6, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chantel, Jason, Jean, Kristi, Liz, Mike, Nicci

- **Evaluations**

- **Southwest Saturday:**

- It went really well overall, successful event, good turn-out
- We had a perfect amount of food, just the right amount
- People liked that it was free
- The sound system worked well
- We should invest in a sound board or fix the speakers in the office for future events
- We needed more plates!
- We can improve on advertising, Next time advertise more/better

- **House Council Meet and Greet:**

- Not many people showed up, not a good attendance
- Next time we should take attendance
- We can improve by having better communication with HC for events by notifying them in advance and sending them a re minder email
- We will meet with HC again Monday October 27th

- **Southwest T-Shirt Contest**

- Mike has created the flyer for the contest and will upload it to the Facebook group
- The due date for entries is Monday 10/27, Decisions will be made by Monday 11/3
- People will have the option to turn in their entries to the Cance Area Office or email

- **We will meet next week on Tuesday October 14th**

- Monday October 13th is a holiday and Tuesday is a Monday schedule

- **Liz, U Rock!**

- Liz was awarded the U Rock for doing a great job putting together the House Council goodie-bags and doing all the shopping. Thanks!

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October 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chantel, Chris, Jason, Jean, Kristi, Liz, Nicci

- **Officer Updates**
 - Chris and Jason have finalized House Council Officers
- **Senate Appointment**
 - Josh Davidson is our new Senate.
- **Blood Drive**
 - Chris has already designed the flyers for advertising
 - Chantel will make copies and put them in RA mailboxes
 - Chantel and Liz will take lead in tabling at Berkshire to have people sign-up
- **House Council**
 - HC Training is this Sunday October 19th from 1-5pm and meets at Mahar108 (Chris, Kristi, and Nicci will be attending)
 - SWAG members should be keeping in contact with their House Councils
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Maintainer Appreciation
 - Southwest Week date has been set for Monday April 27th – Friday May 1st
 - We will be picking a theme soon for Southwest Week
- **Reminders**
 - Don't forget to fill out the Door Decs for your HC Advisors
 - Read and revise the Charter for next week's meeting
- **Who Rocks?**
 - Chris Rocks! Thanks for all that you have done for SWAG!

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October 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris, Dustin, Jason, Kristi, Liz, Mike

- **Officer Updates**
 - Chris and Kristi attended the House Council training last Sunday
 - Liz attended the Coolidge House Council E-Board meeting

- **Charter Revision**
 - We went over the charter together and made modifications

- **Other Topics Discussed**
 - Attempting to implement wireless connection in the residential halls
 - Putting recycling bins in residential hall lobbies – Liz is taking the lead on this issue
 - Chris will be sending out a list of the House Council representatives with their addresses so that we can put up their door decs (We are each individually responsible for putting up the door decs for the House Council we were assigned)

- **Who Rocks?**
 - Kristi was awarded the U Rock for attending the House Council training

Southwest Area Government
October 27, 2008 Meeting Minutes
Attendees: Chris, Dustin, Josh, Kristi, Liz, Mike, Nicci

I. House Council

- We met with House Council
- It was a good turn out

II. Southwest T-Shirts

- We decided on a winner for the design contest (Jose Cotto)
- We will come back next week with T-shirt color ideas

III. Wireless

- We are attempting to implement wireless connection in the residential halls
- We need someone to take the lead on this project

IV. Recycling

- Liz is taking the lead on putting recycling bins in residential hall lobbies
- Jean suggests that we be specific about what we want
- We only want the paper recycling bins in the lobbies
- People were assigned buildings to check for recycling bins (email Liz with this info)

V. Southwest Week

- We discussed different ideas for SW Week
- Ideas included:
 - Free Food
 - Lots of Free Coke
 - Movie Night on the beach with popcorn
 - BBQ
 - Taste of UMass
 - Carnival with Inflatable/rides and cotton candy
 - Get cheese if we have nachos, not just salsa
 - MXC Night
 - Some sort of obstacle course
 - Homerun Derby
 - Competitions
 - Sports tournament
 - Basketball Tournament (Battle of the sexes or mixed teams)
 - Slip n Slide
 - Tug of War between clusters
 - Wiffle ball game
 - Mardi gras
 - Raffle for a helicopter ride
 - Hot Air Balloon Ride

- Comedian (Bo Burnham)
- Involve other RSO's
- Concert of a well known band
- More diverse and smaller bands
- Change Battle of the Bands (move location to Patio)
- Collaborate with LACC and Malcolm X
- Involve other RSOs (acapella, improv groups)
- A really original theme
- A lot of Advertising
- Fluorescent t-shirts
- Have a good cause
- Improve House Council Day
- Not force HC to plan events, just have them help out

VI. Who Rocks?

- Josh, U Rock! Josh was awarded the U Rock for attending senate meetings and joining us in our SWAG meeting

Southwest Area Government
November 3, 2008 Meeting Minutes
Attendees: Chris, Dustin, Jason, Jean, Kristi, Liz, Mike

I. Who will be here next semester?

- Jason is leaving us because he is studying abroad next semester.
- Mike may not be here because he might become an RA in a different living area.

II. House Councils

- Liz is taking lead in the HC Charter Presentation
- We should get ideas from HC for Southwest week

III. Recycling

- We collected data of which buildings do not have recycling bins in their lobby

IV. Video Game Event

- Mike came up with a Mario Kart video game tournament
- Up to 4 players can play at a time per system, \$2 to play per person
- We will have sign-up sheets in advance
- Should we buy the systems? (Nintendo 64)
- We are to find out if we know anyone with N64s that we can borrow

V. Food Bank

- To raise money for a food bank through a Basketball tournament/Donations
- Chris will reserve room in campus center
- We can promote the idea during Southwest Week

VI. Southwest T-Shirts

- We decided on the following colors for the t-shirts: blue, grey, maroon, and pink
- We will slightly alter the design by filling in the letters so that it stands out more

VII. Wireless

- OIT is actually already in the process of implementing wireless connection throughout all of campus – This will take time before it is complete.

VIII. Southwest Week

- We discussed more ideas for SW Week
 - balloon ride

IX. Money Budgeting/Spending

- No one opposed of getting rid of the office telephone
- Agreed to allocate money to other RSO's for programs in Southwest
- We want to invest in a sound system
- We also want to buy equipment

X. Who Rocks?

- Liz, U Rock! Liz was awarded the U Rock for always being quick to volunteer and to help out others.

Southwest Area Government
November 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes
Attendees: Chris, Dustin, Jason, Jean, Kristi, Liz, Mike

I. House Councils

- We met with House Council
- There is a conflict with the time for many

II. Southwest T-Shirts

- The t-shirt designer is giving us conflict about using his design
- We will try to negotiate with the designer and require a signature from him to pursue with the production of the t-shirts
- If the issue persists, we will use another design

III. Mario Kart Tournament

- Mike will be making sign-up sheets and posting them in the cluster office of each building

IV. Recycling

- Liz is working on setting up a meeting next week

V. Maintainer Appreciation

- As a form of appreciation to our maintainers, we will create “Meet your Maintainers/ Thank your Maintainers” bulletin boards in every cluster
- We will work with House Council to do this

VI. Southwest Week Theme

- We want a theme decided on before Thanksgiving break
- Themes are usually general so that it can be easily applied to the events
- Everyone should come in with ideas

VII. Food Bank

- The event will take place Nov. 17th at 6:30pm in the Campus Center or Bartlett

VIII. Who Rocks?

- Dustin, U Rock! Dustin was awarded the U Rock for his great food bank idea.

Southwest Area Government
November 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes
Attendees: Chris, Chantel, Jason, Jean, Kristi, Liz, Mike

I. Back to the People Meeting

- Chris attended the Back to the People meetings
- The Southwest South section suggested creating a newsletter, having an Energy Conservation Contest, and they had some noise concerns
- The Southwest North section suggested better communications and had complaints about the power outages

II. House Councils

- We discussed whether people were meeting with their House Council
- Maybe HC could put on events at our Winter Wonderland.

III. Southwest T-Shirts

- Jose Cotto retracted his entry from the contest
- Before we pick a new design, Jason and Liz will ask their friends to make a new design for the t-shirts
- If all else fails, we can have the ResLife Publicist/Artist develop a design based on our concepts/ideas

IV. Mario Kart Tournament

- Mike created the sign-up sheets
- Tentative date: Sunday, December 7th at 8pm in the Pierpont Lounge

V. Recycling

- Liz will set up a meeting with Ryan or Vic to talk about getting Berkshire to start composting napkins/paper

VI. Maintainer Appreciation Bulletin Boards

- We need to find out if it will be okay to use the bulletin boards in each cluster
- House Council can choose to do their own individual ideas if they like

VII. Southwest Week Theme

- We decided on the theme: DECADES

VIII. Residential Laundry

- The contract expires at the end of the year and there will be a committee formed
- We want to get someone on the committee from Southwest Area Government

IX. Who Rocks?

- Chris, U Rock!

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November 24, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris, Dustin, Jason, Jean, Kristi, Liz, Mike, Nicci

I. Officer Updates

- Mike will be an RA in James/Emerson next semester
- Dustin is leaving us next semester to become an RA in Orchard Hill
- We need more people to join SWAG for next semester

II. House Councils

- We met with House Council
- It was a good turnout (8 clusters were represented)
- We voted on the charter and it was passed

III. Southwest T-Shirts

- Jason will ask his friend to submit a design
- We should all ask around for ideas and then have the ResLife Artist develop a design based on our concepts/ideas

IV. Recycling

- Jean fixed the recycling bins in lobbies issue
- Liz and Chris will meet with Vic about getting Berkshire to start composting food

V. Mario Kart Tournament

- Tentative date: Sunday, December 7th at 8pm in the Pierpont Lounge
- We have two Nintendo 64s thus far and we will look for more in GameStop

VI. Newsletter

- We discussed ideas for a newsletter:
 - Upcoming events
 - Games like Soduku
 - Fun things like quotes and comics
 - Reviews of events and DCs such as "This Week in the DC"
- Danielle was interested in writing
- We can distribute them in the DC's

VII. Southwest Week

- We discussed what events to associate with each decade
- We are to come back with more ideas for the events

VIII. Who Rocks?

- Mike, U Rock! Mike was awarded the U Rock for everything that he has done, especially with organizing the Mario Kart Tournament.

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December 1st, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris, Chantel, Dustin, Jason, Jean, Kristi, Liz, Mike

I. Officer Updates

- We need to get our events approved by the Center of Student Development (CSD) a month in advance if we spend any money
- For example, the Winter Wonderland event in February
 - We need to see if we can get hot chocolate and brownies donated by Berkshire

II. Lt. Governor and new SWAG members

- Mike will be our new Lt. Governor beginning next semester
- We need new SWAG members for next semester
- Chris has already emailed the RAs and will be sending a message to the Facebook group

III. New CSD Advisor

- Erin Donnally Drake is our new CSD advisor

IV. AGC Meeting

- We need a few people to attend the AGC meeting Friday 12/5 at 5pm

V. Senate Meeting

- Chris will be attending the meeting this Wednesday 12/10 at 7pm to present the new charter

VI. Blood Drive

- We need to do sign-ups for the Blood Drive Thursday 12/11

VII. Video Game Tournament

- The Mario Kart tournament is cancelled because it will be too expensive to buy the Nintendo 64 systems
- We will have a Halo 3 tournament instead and set up a network online
- We can have a free trial this weekend to see how popular it is and then next semester we will charge and get people to register

VIII. Maintainer Appreciation

- Liz has already set up a meeting for the Maintainer Appreciation bulletin boards in February

IX. Berkshire Composting

- Liz and Chris will meet with Vic about Berkshire composting their food

X. T-Shirts

- Jason will talk to his friend on Wednesday

- Chantel will attempt a design for the t-shirts using her Mac
- Chris has a resident who spray paints t-shirts professionally

XI. Southwest Week

- We discussed what events to associate with each decade

* Monday 1950's

- BBQ
- Homerun Derby (Baseball)
- Hula Hoop Contest
- Karaoke Night (with emphasis on Elvis impersonation)

* Tuesday 1960's

- Condom Olympics
- Comedian (Bo Burnham) or X-Rated Hypnotist (Frank Santos)
- Battle of the Sexes
- UHS (sex education)
- RLA (tie-dye shirts)

* Wednesday 1970's

- Basketball Tournament (Food Bank Fundraiser)
- Environmental Awareness
- Disco
- Roller-skate (Skate Night)
- UHS (drugs)

* Thursday 1980's

- Movies Night (Animal House, Indiana Jones, ET, Die Hard)
- American Gladiators (MXC)
- Carnival (inflatables)

* Friday 1990's

- Concert (Girl Talk)
- Dance of the Decades
- Glow sticks

- We are considering a hot air balloon ride

XII. Who Rocks?

- We all rock this week!

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December 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Alex, Chris, Chantel, Jason, Jean, Kristi, Liz, Mike

I. Southwest Week

- Chris met with Erin our new CSD advisor and she suggested doing a community service for each day of the week to go along with the decades:

1950's – Retirement Home and she also knows a woman who gives hula hoop lessons

1960's – Veterans Home

1970's – Food Bank

II. Blood Drive

- We need to do sign-ups this week for the Blood Drive on Thursday 12/11
- Chris and Chantel will be taking lead on this

III. Maintainer Appreciation

- Maintainer Appreciation bulletin boards will go up in April

IV. Recycling

- Liz and Chris will meet with Vic soon to discuss Berkshire composting their food
- Recycling bins should be in the hall lobbies now, look out for them

VI. Winter Wonderland

- The event will take place in February
- We need to ask Berkshire to donate hot chocolate and brownies

VII. T-Shirts

- We need to meet with the ResLife artist as soon as possible to have the t-shirts ready by opening
- Mike is taking the lead on this and will meet with her

VIII. New SWAG Members

- Alyson Paige and Candace Johnson will be invited to join us in SWAG

IX. Who Rocks?

- Alex rocks for joining us in our meeting today.