General Body Meeting
Monday, October 4th, 2021
Conference Call (Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm
ROLL CALL: (1 min)

- Kavindri - present
- Eleni - present
- Madhushi - present
- Manoj - present
- Riya - present
- Lakshitha - present
- Kavya - present
- Jason - present

EXECUTIVE REPORT(S) : (15 min)

- President - (5 min)
  - Maguire Village Mayor elections - next GBM (10/18). Only one nomination so far, deadline - 10/11
  - Upcoming additional events (information shared via email)
  - All the promo items were handed-over to the Mayors
  - Maguire-UVS

- Vice President - (5 min)
  Twoood residents meeting minutes for August and September to update the website

- Treasurer - (15 min)
  - Spring budget requests

MAYOR REPORT(S) : (15 min. – 2 min. per village)

- Corry: 9/30 35 participants no requests from residents - parking problems during game days
- Maguire: N/A
- UVS: grad. Appreciation event - next event 10/16 - increased participation - snake issue inside apt
- Tanglewood: painting event last week - residents liked it - no CA attended the meeting - AC did not stay to talk to the residents
● Diamond: Mid-Autumn festival - 30 residents attended - everyone enjoyed the event/food/promotional items - discussed laundry issues - residents interested in swimming classes in twoood or maguire pool

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESSES: (5 min for ERS approvals)

Points by Manoj:
Make constitution easy to understand, and more attractive to join by new members and without any opaqueness.

1. What is role of executive board, it is now where defined. We can replace this word with whole mayor council with equal representation. Most visible face of MC is mayor and they should have more or equal say in all decision making
2. Make mayor council meeting monthly instead of biweekly now as dont have much business like resident meeting etc
3. Create common folder Ex. google forms for submission and approval for ERS so save time and unnecessary email.
4. Few change in existing constitution
5. VI officers
   President duties:
   Shall individually meet with each executive board member, mayor, and advisor at least once a semester-----can delete this
   Prepare and submit SAR of village wide common wide common event if no other member volunteer
   Treasurer:
   ● In absence of the President, the Treasurer (vice president) shall chair meetings of the Mayors’ Council.
   ● Mayor:
   ● Shall schedule and hold monthly meetings (event as decided in MC) with the residents of their respective villages
   ● Shall compose and send the minutes to the Vice President no later than five days after the meeting( we don't need now after no more collaboration with GFH)
   ● Shall submit to the Vice President the ERSs for village events (date, attendance, description, budget with taxes, vendor details) at least one month before the event
   ● Shall meet monthly with their resident director/area coordinator (delete)
   ● Shall be concerned about the curb appeal of the villages----????
   ● Shall be responsible for events approved for their village by Mayors’ Council and the Department of Housing and Residence Education, including food and materials pick up from the vendors or the Student Government office (Delete)
• Shall post his/her agenda items to the Vice President two (2) days prior before meeting to the Mayors’ Council meeting

VII. ELECTIONS

A. For electing an Executive Board Members: Instead of executive members simply say President, Vice President, and Treasurer

5. Voting in the Mayor Election

Residents will vote by secret ballot or online voting method.

Fifteen percent (15%) of the village’s current apartment occupancy must vote in order for the election to be valid----remove 15% quota

XI. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended or changed by a majority (⅔ majority) vote of the members of the Mayor’s Council. Amendment proposals shall be sent to the Vice President at least two weeks (Before meeting) in advance to be considered at the next regularly scheduled MC meeting.

1) Constitution Amendment due to housing discontinuation
   a) Information given via email due Oct 11th week to SAI with the previous additions. SAI will only consider the most recent submission if another amendment is submitted while one is in progress.

III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, Mayors’ Council shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida.

b) Any new additions to article VII? We may include additional policies regarding the advisor role (what we expect from an advisor, meeting with the entire MC, not just with the President etc.).

Comments by Lakshitha:

1. Article VI: Officers: Any line involving anything with UF housing.
VI. OFFICERS - Section C. Duties → Mayors:

Shall be responsible for attending events approved for their village by Mayors’ Council and the Department of Housing and Residence Education

Shall be solely responsible for events approved for their village by Mayors’ Council and the Department of Housing and Residence Education, including food and materials pick up from the vendors or the Student Government office

2. Article VII: Elections → Section 2 (B) 5 → “A graduate and family housing staff member will be available in the respective village .....” should be removed

VIII. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONAL ADVISOR

The student organization advisor shall serve as a resource person and provide advisory support for the officers and members of the organization. The student organization advisor should attend executive and general body meetings, should actively participate and guide the council; however, the student organization advisor may not vote in any Mayors’ Council matters. The student organization advisor shall be nominated by the officers and confirmed by the majority vote of the members. The student organization advisor will serve a term of one (1) Academic year. In the event that the student organization advisor is unable to continue in their position, officers may nominate a replacement at any time, to be confirmed by a majority vote of the members.

Comments by Lakshitha:

Isn’t this the exact same as appearing in the current constitution? If there is nothing to change in this, why is it necessary to have this again on the agenda? If not relevant, please remove it to save time.

Kavindri - Yes, I copied it here from the constitution to save time. I’m asking whether the members want to add anything to article VIII? Please see my comment above 1-b

Lakshitha - Got it. None from me.

The verbatim language necessary for the organizational constitutions has been updated for 2021/2022 and should have been informed to the organization presidents.

Kavindri- That’s right! I have used the updated constitution template (https://studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/student-organizations/resources/ → See CONSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS) that orgs who wish to update their constitutions ought to use, when submitting the previous amendment. Solnge mentioned that our first amendment request will be disregarded (submitted on August 23rd and is still processing) since we will be submitting a new one. So I will make sure to include all the amendments submitted in the previous request with the new one.

Lakshitha - Perfect. Just wanted to make sure, otherwise they send it back.
2) **Picking a new advisor:**
   a) The organization will not be fully functional if we don’t have a advisor by 12/31/2021
   b) Suggestions → Dr. Murielle Gammons and Dr. Randall Cantrell

3) **Prioritizing and compromising work/projects, time commitments with respect to unforeseen situations in the organization, per week emailing courtesy respecting member schedules, and members focusing on their assigned duties for the efficiency of the organization and as a courtesy.**
   a) From 09/27 to 10/01 (5 days), there have been at least 8 email threads (not individual emails, which were much higher), initiated with respect to MC alone. Numerous emails per day by certain members.
   b) Reiterating not to overwhelm member responsibilities, and focusing on assigned duties and important tasks which arose unforeseen.

4) **Chair massage event details and ERS approval**
5) **Website expenses**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (3 min)

**Q & A** (25 min – 5min. per village; anything that is not discussed will be moved to the next meeting, if they are not urgent matters)

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:50 pm