



Hall Council Officer Elections Information

Fall 2021 HCO Elections



GT Residence Hall Association





What is RHA?

A look into the second-largest organization at Tech





A Note on Scale

- The second-largest student organization on campus, yet distinct from most other organizations structurally
- Recognized at the State, Regional, and National levels
- About \$250,000 annually, with an extra \$150,000+ in surplus
- 49 residence halls & 8,000+ residents

Our Pillars & Focus

1

Grow: Elevating resident voices to HRL and guiding the growth of the department, based on resident input, concerns, and ideas

Maintenance Request System, Free Laundry, & MPP

2

Lead: Contributing to RHA development across the nation through SAACURH/NACURH involvement and developing the next generation of student leaders & RAs

Conference Workshops, RHA Leadership Track

3

Unite: Making halls into home and building communities that residents are proud to call home

Hall Councils, Events, and Initiatives



How We're Structured

Residence Hall Association

Executive Branch

Executive Board

Executive Cabinet

Legislative Branch

Legislative Council

Hall Councils

Judicial Branch

Chief Justice

Conduct Board



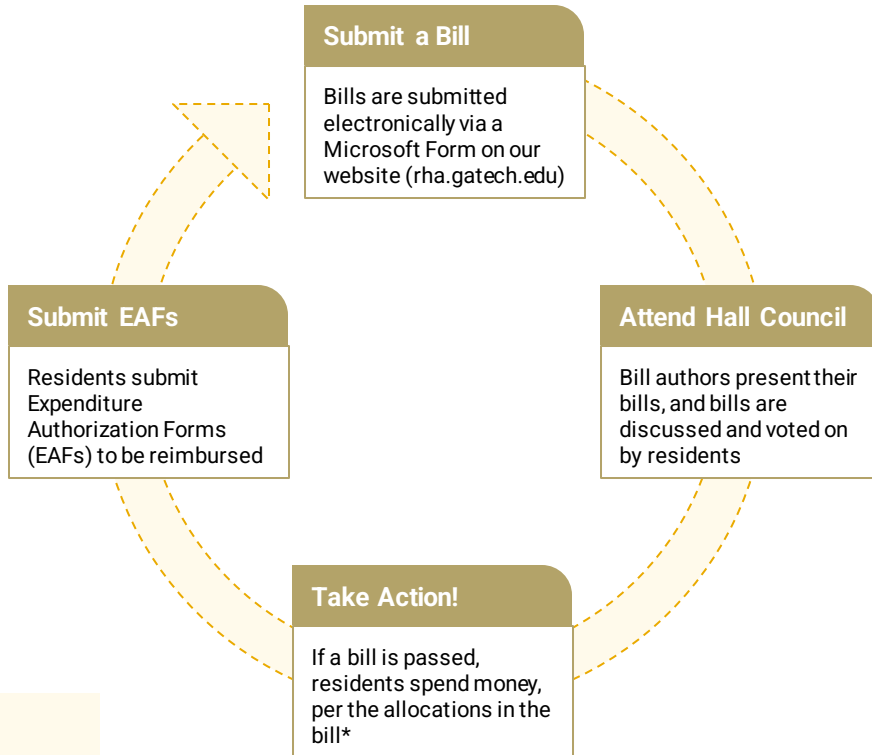
Hall Councils

- The **heart of community** in your assigned buildings
 - A gathering space
 - An opportunity for residents to voice concerns and ideas
 - A funding source
 - An event venue
 - A meeting
- Business is handled through **bills**



Hall Council	Residence Halls
Bobby Dodd	Brown, Harris, Smith
Brittain	Howell, Harris, Cloudman
Burger Bowl	Fitten, Freeman, Montag
Commander	Hefner, Armstrong, Fulmer
Eighth Street	Eighth Street South, Eighth Street East, Eighth Street West
Glenn	Glenn
Grad and Family (GAF)	Graduate Living Center, Tenth & Home
Hemphill	Crecine, Center Street North, Center Street South
Nelson Shell	Nelson Shell
North Avenue East (NAE)	North Avenue East
North Avenue North & West (NANW)	North Avenue North, North Avenue West
North Avenue South (NAS)	North Avenue South
Stamps	Zbar, Maulding
Techwood	Towers, Gray, Hayes, Goldin, Stein
Third Street	Perry, Matheson, Field, Hopkins, Hanson
West Village	Folk, Caldwell
Woodruff	Woodruff North, Woodruff South

How Does Hall Council Business Work?



Types of Bills *

While most bills authored through Hall Council are financial bills—and taking action on the bill means spending money per the allocations in the bill—there are different types of bills, and taking action on them may prompt actions other than just spending money.

- **Program Allocation:** Used to fund events and other transient costs
- **Item Allocation:** Used to fund permanent infrastructure
- **Resolution:** Used to indicate a sentiment, create a committee, initiate impeachment proceedings, etc.
- **Amendment:** Used to alter RHA's Governing Documents (only seen in LC)

Meetings Coordinator

- Create meeting agendas and facilitate Hall Council and Coordinating Board meetings
- Communicate with residents and Resident Assistants
- Advertise for Hall Council meetings and events
- Advocate on behalf of residents

Communications Coordinator

- Take meeting minutes during weekly Coordinating Board and Hall Council meetings
- Attend Legislative Council as a voting representative
- Act as a liaison between the RHA Executive Branch and your Hall Council
- Promote your Hall Council on social media

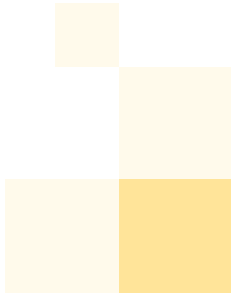


Finance Coordinator

- Oversee Hall Council finances and budget
- Process reimbursements
- Ensure proper usage of Hall Council budgets
- Update residential community on weekly spending

Events Coordinator

- Plan large events for the residential community
- Participate and aid in the execution of larger RHA campus-wide events
- Collaborate with other Hall Councils and Resident Assistants for events



Legislative Council

- A **campus-wide gathering** similar to Hall Councils
 - An opportunity for HCOs to engage cross-HCs
 - Larger bills that benefit RHA and/or other organizations
 - Wednesdays @ 7:30pm
 - Two HCOs per HC
- Business is handled through **bills**



What does it take to be an HCO?

Eligibility Criteria

- You must live on campus for the full duration of your appointment
- Be in good disciplinary standing
- Be in good academic standing

Commitments

- Attend weekly LC—two out of four HCOs must be present at each LC (Wednesdays, 7:30 pm)
- Attend the first LC—all four HCOs must be present (September 15)
- Attend and facilitate weekly Hall Council meetings
- Attend 1:1s with your Hall Council Advisor
- Attend weekly Coordinating Board meetings
- Help plan and facilitate Hall Council programming
- Attend semesterly trainings (“HCOFT” & “HCOST”)
- Attend and participate in campus-wide events run by the RHA Executive Board
- End-Of-Year Banquet

Hall Council Elections

Overview

- **Completely virtual**, from information sessions to applications to voting
- Elections Website: bit.ly/rha-hco
- Sunday, August 29, 11:59PM: application deadline

Application

- Applicants will provide basic demographic and personal information for internal use
- Applicants can apply for two positions and indicate bid down preferences
- Applicants will respond to a series of questions regarding their past experiences, leadership skills, and platform through either **written responses or a recorded video** (their choice)

Platform Questions

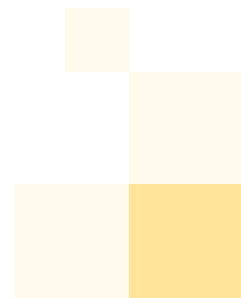
- Please introduce yourself. You might consider discussing your majors, interests, hometown, or anything that lets voters get to know you as a person a little bit better.
- What prior leadership experience do you have? How do you plan on applying that experience to this position?
- What ideas do you have for this HCO position? What do you hope to accomplish in Hall Council? What are your goals?

Hall Council Elections



Campaigning

- Campaigning is strictly prohibited; your submitted platform must stand alone
- No flyers, emails, websites, canvassing, etc.
- If you see your peers campaigning, let us know!





Voting

Residents will vote for Hall Council Officers in their community from Friday, September 3 5PM - Sunday, September 5, 5PM.

Voting will be held on a secure Qualtrics form with ranked choice voting, bid downs, and voter validation.

First 5 Weeks Calendar

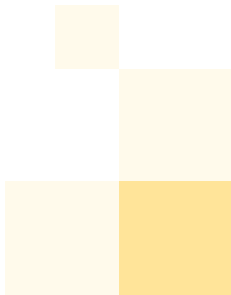
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
HCO Virtual "Information Sessions" and Recruitment						
29	30	31	SEPTEMBER 1	2	3	4
App Deadline 11:59PM					Voting	STARTS 5PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Voting ENDS 5PM	HCOs Announced				HCOFT Day 1 - SOCIAL	HCOFT Day 2 - ASYNC
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
HCOFT Day 3 - SYNC			First LC Meeting			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	First Week of Hall Council Operations					

HCOFT 2021



Overview

- Will return to be primarily in-person, over the span of “three days”
 - **Friday, September 10th:** A very brief introduction to RHA & social; 7-10pm
 - **Saturday, September 11th:** Second football game of the year; no in-person or synchronous content, but HCOs will be provided with some material to review on their own time
 - **Sunday, September 12th:** The main instructional day, scheduled for 10am - 5pm; a light breakfast and full lunch will be provided
- HCOs will receive an RHA onboarding package containing RHA merchandise and supplementary materials





Have Questions?

Email us at rha-exec@groups.gatech.edu, see our Hall Council page on our website at rha.gatech.edu, or visit the RHA Executive Board at our tabling sessions and office hours during the first week of classes!

