



Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes
For
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Chair: Vinita Mishra SAIRC	Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 12:30-1:30 Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00-12:30	Office Phone: 5854	Programming: Danielle Forrest DHF1	Tuesday: 1:00-2:00
Vice Chair: Jonathan Shepard JRS22	Friday: 12:30-1:30		NCC: Matthew Thackston MJT8	Monday: 1:30-2:30 Tuesday: 1:00-2:00 Wednesday: 1:30-2:30
Secretary: Katelyn Conway KLC10	Monday: 1:00-2:00 Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30- 12:30	IRC Office located in Monroe 29	NCC: Bethan Maher BEM4	Tuesday: 1:00-2:00 Wednesday: 1:30-2:30 Thursday: 10:00-11:00
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CRC: Daniel DeHollander DHD1	Monday: 9:15-10:15 Thursday: 11:30-12:30		Ex Officio: Thomas Johns NRHH President TEJ1	
			Ex-Officio: Samantha Speed RBD SJS18	
Minutes # 05				

Call to Order: 7:01

Attendance: 29 of 29

Also Present: Ben Delozier, Rebecca Coons, Janet Segelhurst, Kevin Hahn

Approval of the Agenda: 26 of 26

Mark Sperraza: For Ontario's reading, the actual total is \$158.17. The new percentage is 53%, but we are still asking for \$75.00. Also, add a \$25 gift certificate to Mama Mia's to the price breakdown.

Approval of the Minutes: 26 of 26

Reports:

Vinita Mishra: I missed everybody. I hope you had a wonderful break. I paraded all over campus with Sam Forlenza to make sure that we could spend money out of the Mini's account. Once we had money, we promptly began spending it. I attended the Alzheimer's Walk, which was a fantastic success. I met with Student Association, Regionals Delegation, and the IRC executive committee. I talked with Joe VanRemmen from University Police. We discussed campus safety and the emergency alert system. University Police will be coming in to speak to us during our open discussion, so be looking forward to that. They will be here on October 29th.

Jonathan Shepard: I met with Dan. I went to CRT. I went to Exec. I sat in on Livingston's Hall Council meeting and met with their President afterward. I went to my Office Hours.

Katelyn Conway: I met with the Public Relations Committee after the last IRC meeting. I sent the minutes from our last meeting to everyone in Residence Life. I met with Vinita. I met with Dan to plan our first Hall Council Improvement Committee meeting. I ordered IRC thank you cards. I went through 8 year's worth of old Secretary binders and organized them. Dan and I held our first Hall Council Improvement Committee meeting, and it went very well. I attended the Saratoga Community Council meeting. I typed the minutes from the Hall Council Improvement Committee meeting. I emailed the Public Relations Committee. I emailed Nancy about ordering promotional items. I attended the Regionals Delegation meeting. I attended Exec.

Sam Forlenza: I went to the Treasurer's Training GOLD workshop. Vinita and I made lanyards for Regionals. I helped a little with the Program of the Year Bid today.

Matthew Thackston: I attended Exec on Sunday. Bethan and I held our first Regionals Delegation meeting. I've been working on the bid a lot. I registered everyone for Subs and Regionals.

Bethan Maher: Same as Matt's.

Danielle Forrest: I picked up the Rocky Horror Shirts and distributed the posters to the RD mailboxes. I went shopping for projectiles with Vinita, and ordered the rest of the projectiles from Oriental Trading.

Daniel DeHollander: Jon and I hosted a CRT meeting on October 4th. Every hall had someone that was there so no one is in bad financial standing due to CRT attendance. Katelyn and I hosted a Hall Council Improvement Committee meeting on October 10th. We were able to define our goals for the year and also able to use the position description survey results to better define the President and Vice President positions. I walked in the NRHH Alzheimer's Memory Walk and had a great time! Good job NRHH! I attended a Regionals meetings, Eboard, and NRHH.

Allison Moesel: I hope you all enjoyed your Fall Break! I had the opportunity to attend the CSPA conference and have been busy around Niagara Hall.

Thomas Johns: The Corn Maze was great I hope a lot of people enjoyed themselves. I saw a couple of reps, so thank you for coming out and supporting us and having fun. The Alzheimer's Walk was this past weekend and was a huge success. Around 280 people attended with almost \$8,000.00 raised to support the Alzheimer's Association. Thank you to all who participated, we could not have done it without you. The odometer is up outside of the residence life office so please check it out.

Sam Speed: I sent Sam my bio for the Mini's website. I sent an update about the conference to Brandon, the RCC of New England, so he could update them at Subs this past weekend. Sam and Vinita finished the lanyards and important date cards for the giveaways at Regionals. I sent in my September RBD report. We made a lot of RBD decisions about late bid intents and other things

Open Reports:

Tom Richards: If I am interested in volunteering for the conference, who should I talk to?

Sam Speed: You can email me at Moosebook@gmail.com and I will put your name on the list.

Announcements:

Vinita Mishra: Applications for the three open positions on Activities Commissions are due tomorrow, so please think about picking one of those up. I will be speaking about the Mini-No-Frills Conference at this week's CRT meeting. I'm excited to meet all of your presidents. We will be finishing the Program of the Year Bid this week. I will be attending the Sub Regionals meeting at Oneonta this weekend with Matt, Bethan, and Sam. Dr. Bonfiglio came in to speak with SA during our Open Discussion. You are always welcome to come to SA and sit in on those meetings and listen to their Open Discussions. As a fee paying student, you are always welcome to participate at SA meetings. Some of Dr. Bonfiglio's updates that I think would be interesting

to you include the building projects that are going on. They are hoping that enough work will be done on the union patio before the weather gets cold. Seneca, the new residence hall, is being built between Ontario and Genesee. That should be open the spring of 2009. Erie hall should be opening this year. The Copa is being turned into a Multicultural Research Room for diversity research.

Jonathan Shepard: I will be attending Monroe's Hall Council meeting this week.

Katelyn Conway: I will be meeting with the Public Relations Committee after the meeting. I will be sending out the minutes from the Hall Council Improvement Committee meeting to everyone who is involved. I will be meeting with Dan about our next Hall Council Improvement Committee meeting, which is Wednesday, October 24 at 1:45pm in the IRC office. I will be attending the Regionals Delegation meeting. I need to speak with Tom and Esther after the meeting.

Sam Forlenza: I'm going to the Conference Staff meeting tomorrow.

Matthew Thackston: We'll be having another delegation meeting. We'll be working on Roll Call, the Banner and, most importantly, finishing the bid and working on the bid presentation! We'll also be attending the Sub-Regionals meeting this weekend at SUNY Oneonta!

Bethan Maher: Same as Matt's.

Danielle Forrest: Rocky Horror is next week, October 27 at 11:59pm in the Ballroom. Programming Committee will be meeting after the meeting. Also, the Clayton Miller Band is coming to Genesee on Saturday, October 20. The show starts at 8pm, everyone should go!

Daniel DeHollander: I will be going to the Onondaga Hall Council Meeting this Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 7pm. There is a CRT meeting this Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 7:30pm in Sturges 111. We will be brainstorming for our all campus program so if you have ideas please share them with your Presidents. The next Hall Council Improvement Committee Meeting is Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 1:45pm in the IRC Office.

Allison Moesel: Again I'd like to encourage you all to attend the Julian Bond lecture on Wednesday, October 24th at 8:00 pm in Wadsworth Auditorium. This takes place during the middle of Cultural Harmony Week so look for other great events on campus as well. Also, Resident Assistant Applications for Spring 2008 are now available on the Residence Life Website. The application deadline is this Friday, October 19th. If you have any questions, please see me after the meeting or contact your Residence Director/Area Coordinator.

Thomas Johns: In terms of OTMs, at NRHH's last meeting we had three campus winners, two which we passed on to be voted on regionally: Jones Hall Second Floor written by Ashley Jones and Dinner Topics: Fictional Writers by Kim Harvey went on to regionals. Alicia Jeffers by Kim Harvey won locally but was not passed on to regionals. Recognition Coordinators are invited to this weeks meeting in Sturges 208A at 6pm. NRHH will be showing RENT with FACEAIDS and KINO on November 27, 2007 in the ballroom at 8pm. This will be one of the events we host during our No Day But Today Campaign.

Sam Speed: We will be going to Subs this weekend at Oneonta. We will be writing a speech for Regionals. There is a conference staff meeting tomorrow that I cannot be at, but my wonderful assistant chair Vinita is going to run it for me. We are still waiting for budget updates from Garrett.

Open Announcements:

Melissa: Friday at 8:00pm is Kaleidoscope. It is a concert with a bunch of different music groups and it is free, so if you have friends or people in your hall who are in those groups, you should go. It is in Wadsworth Auditorium.

Treasurer's Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$5,796.47 > > > \$5,586.87 > > > \$5,586.87

Wellness Drawing Fund: \$1,500.00 > > > \$1,500.00 > > > \$1,500.00

Bad Financial Standing:

Nobody

Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:

Vinita: Megan has her.

Megan: We added a Joker card.

Vinita: This week, Tom Johns gets to take care of Ingrid with everyone else on NRHH for all of the fantastic work that they have done. The Alzheimer's Walk had a great turnout and they raised a lot of money, and the Corn Maze went very well, so congratulations and thank you for all of your hard work!

Old Business:

None.

New Business:**Item #13-0708:**

Michele Rusick: I am the former IRC rep for Wayne Hall, and I am now the Recognition Coordinator. The RA's are sponsoring the Haunted Arboretum. Our Hall Council decided to set up a pumpkin painting booth for the people who do not like being scared. We are all really excited for this. As reps, you are supposed to decide if this is a good program. This is a good program. I believe that Wayne hall is the absolute essence of Geneseo. We are the international dorm, and we bring people from around the globe together and what better way to do that but by painting pumpkins? If you fund our program, we will be able to purchase a pumpkin for every single Wayne resident to come together and get to know each other and become friends. There may be a discrepancy in asking for 100%, but every Hall Council receives a certain amount of money per resident, and we only have 100 residents. With IRC funding, we are able to fund more quality programs. Will you help me unify the entire world?

Tom: You say that your hall is the international residence hall. What about people who do not know what the significance of painting pumpkins for Halloween is?

Michele: This is a learning experience! I will personally make sure that every residence knows.

Shane: That is not a lot of money for 100 pumpkins, so how big are they?

Michele: We got them from Wal Mart. Our president shopped around a lot and found the cheapest prices.

Alyson: What about advertising?

Michele: We are leaving this up to the PR Coordinator. The RA's are advertising for the Haunted Arboretum and we will be going door to door in our Hall.

Christina Miller: So since the RA's are sponsoring the Arboretum and the Hall is sponsoring the pumpkins, they are separate programs?

Michele: Yes.

Ros: So they are going on at the same time?

Michele: Yes, but you will have time to do both.

Ros: You are expecting your whole hall to come?

Michele: Yes.

Laura Bugaj: Is it campus wide or is it only open to Wayne Hall residents?

Michele: I am not sure, but I believe it will be just for Wayne Hall residents. I believe that the RA's are allowing everyone into the Haunted Arboretum, but I'm not sure.

Tim: You said that your Hall is the international hall. Can you name 3 countries that are represented there?

Michele: Yes, we have South Korea, obviously the US, and Hong Kong, just on our floor.

Shane: Will there be sufficient lighting to paint a pumpkin?

Michele: Yes.

Tim: Will there be any Europeans there?

Michele: Yes. I am not sure where Turkey falls, but there will be.

Adam: Where will the leftover pumpkins go?

Michele: They will be given to the Monster Mash Bash to help decorate.

~Michele leaves

Ros: I do not think \$60 is that much, but I think 100% turnout is unrealistic, so I do not know if we should fund that many pumpkins.

Eleanor: In her defense, I do not think that you should have too few supplies, and I think she is right to be optimistic. It is better to have too many than not enough.

Christina: She said that the leftover pumpkins can also be used for the Monster Mash Bash. Is that an IRC-funded program?

Vinita: No, it is not.

Christina: Ok, but it is still a campus program, so they will not go to waste.

Alicia Jeffers: I like it. It is well planned out and I think we should support it. I am jealous that I do not live in Wayne.

Reading passes 28-0-0

Item #14-0708:

Laura: I am Laura from Saratoga, and I am one of the IRC reps. Saratoga's Community Council will be sponsoring a door decorating contest, and it will culminate with a Halloween party. It will make the walk through the terrace more festive, and it will get the residents involved. It will also help to advertise for our Halloween party later on in the month. We would like to encourage the residents to get into it and have fun. The judging will be on October 22 by Kevin Hahn and friends, and the winners will be announced on October 31 at our party. The prizes are pretty big, because there are 4-5 people per house, so we are asking for 75% of \$100. The residents that win can pick where they would like a gift certificate to from a list including every eatery on Main Street, as well as iTunes and Amazon.com.

Tom: Any eatery on Main Street?

Laura: Everything with the exception of bars or anyplace that sells alcohol.

Christina: Are you purchasing the gift certificates ahead of time?

Laura: No, the winners will get to choose what they want, and then we will buy them.

Alyson: Each townhouse will get 1 prize?

Laura: Yes, the whole house will split one gift certificate.

~Laura leaves

Esther Yoon: I like the idea. I live in Suffolk, so every time I go to class, I walk past there. It helps the community spirit if it is decorated. \$40 between 4 or 5 people is nothing, so to give nothing while helping the community is great.

Reading passes 28-0-0

Item #15-0708:

Mark: Our hall council has planned a Barbeque-Bake Off Blast. There is free food, so we are expecting almost everyone in our hall to come. Also, since it is difficult to get people out of their suites to mingle, we are having a bake off. Each suite can bake one dessert, and the RAs will judge them. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Mama Mia's. We have been sending out emails with the subject of "Win \$25 for Mama Mia's" so people have been reading them. We would like IRC to help support Ontario community building.

Shannon Mathews: Are there other advertisements other than email?

Mark: Yes, there are posters.

Jon: Are you barbequing indoors?

Mark: No, we will be outside in the quad.

Alyson: What is your expected attendance?

Mark: 150 people.

Adam: What was the amended total?

Mark: It is \$158.17, but we are still asking for \$75.00. It is 47%

Eleanor: Where are you getting the grill?

Mark: Through CAS.

Tim: What is the Ketchup brand?

Mark: I am not sure, but I hope it is Heinz.

Eleanor: On the other side, it says Catsup.

Mark: That is just how it is spelled in some places.

~Mark leaves

Tom: As a member of the Hall Council, I helped plan this. Not only will it bring people out for the barbeque, but they will stay out for the bake off.

Rahul: It sounds like fun, I wish I was in Ontario.

Alicia: Suffolk is also suite style, and it sounds like a great idea that will work.

Tim: I hope that it is Heinz ketchup.

Shannon: They said that they would be grilling outside. They are really dedicated to grill outside when it could be really cold. Suite style is hard to meet people.

Christina: I call to question.

Reading passes 28-0-0

Open Discussion:

Vinita: The open discussion tonight is two parts. The first part: in an effort to help you get to know each other, we have put together a game that you can participate in outside of meetings. Ingrid has gone missing, and you have to figure out who took her, how they lured her away and where she is! Bethan is passing out the rules, and Matt is giving out game pieces which I will explain in a minute. Each person picks 3 clues, and everybody must contact other players from the game in an attempt to put it all together. If somebody asks you for clues, you must tell them your 3 original clues. You should not tell the person any other clues that you have found. The object is to get to know all of the members of the IRC, so please go out and meet people and introduce yourselves.

Kyle: Is this supposed to be done tonight?

Vinita: No. When you have a guess, you can email Katelyn at klc10. You need to tell her who did it, how they lured her away and where she is. If you are right, you win. If you are wrong, you are no longer eligible to guess, however, you can still trade clues. If you are a sub tonight, please make sure that the permanent rep gets this information. Are there any questions?

Allison: If you've collected a lot of clues, and you cross off what you have, then you can make a guess?

Vinita: Yes.

Esther: So if everyone guesses and I do not, do I automatically win?

Vinita: I suppose, but now that you have said that, I think other people will do it, so please make a guess. If there are no further questions, we will move on to the next piece of open discussion. I would like to know how your Hall Councils are doing. Homecoming is over, and we are really getting into the semester, so how are things going?

Nick (Niagara sub): I just wanted to say that our Homecoming celebrations went very well. We won most spirited. We are already onto the next thing: a t-shirt design competition. We are running smoothly.

Michele: Wayne Hall just finished our mural. We are the only Residence Hall on campus that can have a mural, and you should all come see it. It is the most beautiful thing that I have ever seen. We had a huge contest and people submitted designs.

Allison: As a side note, in most of your Hall Constitutions, most halls have a designated mural area inside the hall, so speak to your RD/AC/SRA about it.

Jessica: I am from Nassau, and we are also doing a mural. All designs are due tomorrow and we will be voting on Wednesday. We have a pumpkin carving program on October 25. We are helping with the Monster Mash Bash, because our RAs in Nassau are running it. We also have a floor competition going on where each floor is a different house in Harry Potter, and as you go to events for Hall Council, your floor can win points, and the floor that wins gets the coveted house cup.

Alicia: What is the house cup?

Jessica: We do not know yet, but it will be a trophy of some sort. We are also doing a Halloween floor decorating competition.

Rahul: In Putnam, with so few students, it is hard to get stuff together. We have stuff going on. We are planning an 80's party, and we have a Putnam Hall seal.

Vinita: It sounds like things are going pretty well, but there may be some small problems. Is there any hall that is having a bit of trouble so you can get feedback from everyone? Any other issues, concerns, or things you want to share?

Kyle: How big should a hall council be? Bigger than 10? Less than 10?

Laura: It depends on the hall. The number of members does not necessarily determine how well the hall is doing. Even if only a handful of people come, it can be good.

Jessica: We have 15-20 people come every night. People enjoy it.

Kyle: We do not have non-elected members yet, but we are working on it.

Christina: Aside from our unofficial hall baker, we do not have any non-elected members coming.

Alicia: In Suffolk, we have our 9 position people and our advisor, and maybe 1 other people will come.

Vinita: The open discussions are for you guys to learn from each other, so thank you for your input! All of those things you talked about are also good for open announcements, so keep that in mind. Before we adjourn, I have one announcement: IRC readings are due at noon on Thursdays, and I just want to make sure that everyone is clear on that. SA readings are due on Thursdays at 4pm, so make sure that you are going by the correct timeline.

Adjournment:

8:00