



Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes

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			Ex-Officio: Samantha Speed RBD SJS18	
Minutes # 06				

Call to Order: 7:01pm

Attendance: 27 of 29

Also Present: Rebecca Coons, Janet Selgulerst, Amanda Godfrey, Kevin Hahn



Approval of the Agenda: 27 of 29

Karen: For item 17-0708, in the price breakdown it says there will be a Wegmans gift card, instead there will be two Mamma Mia's gift cards.

Approval of the Minutes:

Vinita: Katelyn is at home attending to family business and won't be back on campus until next Wednesday. We didn't think it would be appropriate to ask her to send out the minutes while she was home. That said; is there a motion to table the approval of the minutes until next week?

Laura: I motion to table the approval of the minutes until next week's meeting.

Alicia seconds.

Vote: 27-0-0 Minutes tabled

Reports:

Vinita Mishra: I met with Ralph Carrasquillo this week. I held a conference staff meeting in Sam Speed's absence. I met with Allison Moesel. I presented at the CRT meeting about the Mini-No-Frills conference. I got to watch your hall Presidents shake your booty's to the left and right. I attended the delegation meeting for Regionals, which was really fun and productive. I joined Bethan, Matt, and Sam at the Sub Regional meeting in Oneonta. It was rejuvenating for me to see how well our SA and IRC work together, because they typically don't. IRCs and

Residence Life Departments also do not work well together at other schools, so it was really nice to see what a good system we have here and try to help other schools. Its all because of you guys that our system works so well.

Jonathan Shepard: I sat in on Monroe's Hall council last Wednesday and met with their president afterwards. Thursday I attended CRT and took minutes. Sunday I went to SA Exec.

Katelyn Conway: Absent.

Sam Forlenza: I went to the conference staff meeting. I helped with the POY bid. I stuffed bags with rice for Rocky Horror. I attended an emotional and entertaining lecture by Roland Freeman today.

Matthew Thackston: Last week I worked insane amounts on the Program of the Year bid, which turned out amazing. It's been printed, bound and sent out. We have a few extra copies around if anyone is interested in looking at it. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on it! I attended the Sub-Regional meeting at Oneonta, it was lot of fun and we got to talk with a lot of other schools in the region. Bethan and I hosted our second delegation meeting on Sunday, where our delegates did AMAZING work on the banner and our roll call. I attended the IRC executive meeting on Sunday.

Bethan Maher: This week I worked on the bid, with a ton of help Matt and I finished it. Thank you so much to everyone who assisted us, I appreciate it very, very much. I also attended SUB Regionals this weekend in Oneonta. It was an amazing meeting, I learned a lot about preparing a delegation for Regionals and the boardroom. It also renewed my excitement for IRC, my position, and upcoming Regionals.

Danielle Forrest: I went to Ontario Hall Council's BBQ. I went to Family Day activities. I worked on Rocky Horror stuff some more. I went to exec.

Daniel DeHollander: I attended a GOLD workshop about Team Building. I invited all the HC Presidents but none of them showed up, but that is okay because I learned some great Ice Breaker and Team Building Activities that I will be using at the next CRT. I attended Onondaga's Hall Council and got to hear about all the activities they have coming up, and I met with Aaron, the HC President, afterwards. I quickly reviewed the POY Bid with Matt and Bethan. I hosted CRT on Thursday. Vinita came in to talk about the conference. I made the HC Presidents cheer for Marty! We completed brainstorming ideas for our leadership development activity and campus wide program. I attended NRHH and a Regionals Delegation Meeting.

Allison Moesel: The past week was busy with Residence Life and IRC meetings. I also read the final version of the Program of the Year Bid for the Regionals Conference. Please congratulate the entire executive board on a job well done!

Thomas Johns: I attended several Hall Council Meetings this week. There are only two more Hall Council meetings to go to and will be taking care of that this week. I would like to thank Dan DeHollander, Mindy Long, Ray Fedora, Ashley Jones, and Nikki Lynn for helping me with these presentations. I also went to an RA class today to give a very similar presentation about OTMs so that they may be able to use the resource as well. I also met with Matthew Thackston to talk about the delegation meeting and about what I missed as I was unable to attend.

Sam Speed: I attended exec on Sunday. I went to NY Subs this weekend. I laminated the images to be passes out at Regionals. I talked to Lindsay and Garrett about the budget.

Open Reports:

Alicia: Suffolk just finished painting our hockey banner and we're really excited. We got our whole Hall Council involved and we think it looks great!

Joey: We had a Hall Breakfast in Genesee last Tuesday and Dean Tom Greenfield came in and played for us as well. He is a teacher and a sorority advisor.

Mark: Ontario Hall is holding a Haunted Basement program this Friday along with a scary story session about the construction worker that haunts our basement. The whole campus is invited but

we will mostly be advertising on Northside so we don't interfere with the events on Southside. It starts at 6:00 p.m. and runs until 8:00 p.m. and then everyone can go to the Monster Mash Bash.

Katie: Saratoga Terrace is planning what to do with the Great Room including ordering furniture and we are very excited!

Announcements:

Vinita Mishra: The Energy and Water Saving Contest has been going on since the beginning of October. I hope that your halls have been participating in that. I will be meeting with Tom Johns and Sam Speed this week. I will be attending the Rocky Horror Picture Show and the Monster Mash Bash this weekend, and I can't wait! This week is Cultural Harmony week, so be looking out for all of the exciting programs. Please attend them.

Jonathan Shepard: None.

Katelyn Conway: Absent.

Sam Forlenza: Care Packages are in and they'll be going out the next couple days. My office hours will be all over the place Wednesday, not at the usual time, because I'm attending a GOLD workshop. I'm attending the lecture by Julian Bond, Chairman of the NAACP, this Wednesday. Rocky Horror is Saturday!

Matthew Thackston: This week I'll be working on the bid presentation with Bethan and getting a ton of things ready for the upcoming Regionals Conference at Ithaca. I'll be working on giveaways with Bethan. We'll have another delegation meeting on Sunday. I'll be attending Rocky Horror, which I'm really excited about.

Bethan Maher: This week Matt and I will be working on our POY Bid presentation. We will probably be buying give-aways for Regionals and helping with Roll Call and the Banner. In general, I'll be running around tying odds and ends together to prepare for Regionals.

Danielle Forrest: Rocky Horror!!!!!! It is October 27th at 11:59pm. Programming Committee and anyone else who wants to help out can come at 10pm. Monster Mash is from 8-12 on Sunday in the Union.

Daniel DeHollander: There is a HCIC meeting this Wednesday (10/24) during all college free hour in the IRC Office I'm going to ROCKY HORROR this weekend and I also will be attending the Monster Mash Bash after E-board.

Allison Moesel: This week is Cultural Harmony Week so be on the look out for some fantastic events. Also this Sunday (10/28) is the Monster Mash Bash in the College Union Ballroom at 8:00pm. Please stop by in your Halloween best!

Thomas Johns: As I said before I will be finishing up OTM presentations this week. We also had some regionally winning OTMs, "2nd Floor of Jones Hall" by Ashley Jones, won Community of the Month, and "Dinner Topics: Fiction Writers" by Kimberly Harvey, won for Educational Program of the Month. Thank you to all for submitting, and keep recognizing. I also will announce that NRHH will be showing RENT as part of their No Day But Today campaign which I will be talking about more in an NRHH Moment later this month. I also received some very exciting news about a banner that we had made for the campaign, and I have it with me and am going to show it to you <gasps and awws from the crowd>.

Sam Speed: I will be finishing the lanyards this week. I am going to Rocky Horror on Saturday. I will be getting ready stuff ready for Regionals. I will be updating the budget.

Open Announcements:

Vinita: The Undergraduate Student Association Elections Committee has announced their timeline for Fall Elections. You can run for the positions of Student Association Director of Student Affairs, Student Assembly Representatives and most class officer positions. If you have any questions, e-mail saelections@geneseo.edu.

Eleanor: Could you repeat the positions available?

Vinita: Director of Student Affairs, Student Assembly Rep and some class officer positions.

Eleanor: Thank you.

Tom: College Bowl is coming and it's a great opportunity to test your knowledge of the world. There are four person teams with one alternate. It is \$20 per team and applications are available in the SA Office. There is a maximum of 10 teams so sign up soon! The event takes place 11/3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Knight Spot. It's a great time and I'll be there.

Vinita: At this week's AAC meeting will the Provost be there?

Tom: Yes she will be.

Vinita: If you are interested in seeing her speak please stop in to AAC. The meeting is at the same time and place as our meeting only on Tuesdays.

Treasurer's Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$ 5,614.31>>> \$5,410.54>>>\$5,299.56

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

Bad Financial Standing:

Jones: Week 1 of 2

Suffolk: Week 1 of 2

Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:

Tom: I brought Ingrid to the NRHH meeting and discussed her with the members. She basically became a member of NRHH and we gave her a little membership pin.

Vinita: This week Ingrid goes to a hall president, a transfer student, she's the Wayne hall president and will also be attending regionals with us. She's involved all over her campus and we really appreciate all the work that she does. She works really hard all over campus, and is always happy and lighthearted. Although she's not here tonight, we really want to recognize Alyssa Briscoe so can the Wayne representative bring Ingrid to her and let her know we appreciate all she does?

Moment of Silence for Kaitlin Charity:

Vinita: We would like to have a moment of silence to show our respect and sadness for the tragic loss of Kaitlin Charity. We will miss her and we know she was a Nassau Hall Council representative. If you need any assistance or need someone to talk to there are resources like the Counseling Center available so please contact them if you need someone to talk to. Please understand the resources available to you, or ask your RA if you do need anything.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item #16-0708 Nassau Hall:

Amanda: Nassau Hall Council is asking for \$110.68 and we're asking if you waive the two week reading so we can ask for this amount in one week. Last year Nassau had this program and we ran out of pumpkins. This year we hope it will be that popular if not more. We bought more pumpkins from the Anthropology Club and the extras will be used to decorate the Monster Mash Bash. Their proceeds from the pumpkins go toward hurricane relief in Cuba, Mexico and are bought from a local farmer. The paint, glitter glue and other items are being donated by residents. We are also providing cider and donuts. We're hoping for a great turn out and are asking for your support.

Vinita: Any questions?

Ros Lawrence: If IRC didn't fund the program or funded a smaller percentage, could you still run the program?

Amanda: Yes, if it's not funded the Hall Council budget will pay for it.

Tom: Are you expecting more than 30 people?

Amanda: Yes, we are sending out a hall email, hanging flyers and we also have a chalkboard in the main lobby. Our public relations rep is going to advertise on that.

Ros: Why waive the first reading?

Amanda: It was my mistake, I thought I had enough time to make it a two week reading but if it's not funded I'll take the mistake and I'll learn.

Christina: Were the pumpkins any less expensive than other vendors?

Amanda: We purposefully didn't look around in order to support the Anthropology Club, the local farmer and Cobra.

Vinita: Any other questions for Amanda? Seeing none Amanda, can you please step out?

~Amanda leaves

Vinita: Is there any discussion on the reading?

Christina: Despite the fact it may seem more pricy, it's important that as IRC we are reaching out to work with other groups like the Anthropology Club.

Ros: I think going through Anthropology Club is good but maybe we should decrease the percentage.

Alicia: It looks very well thought out and we've had success in years past. They also appear to have assumed less people are attending and they are trying to get more out there through advertising. This is also her first reading so waiving the first reading seems alright.

Joey: First, I think this is fantastic program. Second I think it's great they are doing a program they also did last year. I don't think this is a lot of money but I think it is important to know you can't waive every first reading. It shouldn't be a habit but it is a tricky process so I think we should waive it.

Tom: I don't know if the prospects of high attendance are really that good so I'm not sure we should fund it.

Laura: I agree that it sounds like a great program. She also mentioned a lot of the supplies are being donated by residents so I'm not sure if that's factoring in the price breakdown. I'm not sure if they're Hall Council is really a part of it.

Vinita: A budget breakdown is supposed to be all inclusive and show the entire idiom.

Will: To comment on attendance, I'm the 3rd floor rep in Nassau and I personally have gone around and got a lot of enthusiastic responses. They seem very excited and the first floor has 40 people only so I can almost guarantee we'll get at least 30 people and most likely more. I've also met with the other floor reps and we've all gone around to the rooms and told them what we're doing and there is a lot of positive response.

Alyson: It sounds like a strong event and they said they're expecting 30 people but I'm unsure we can count on people saying they will go. They may say that and not show up. The cost is too high and it's against the rules to give this amount of money for only a week reading so I think we should decrease it to \$75.

Christina: If we choose to waive the second reading, we can allow the amount above \$75 to go through?

Vinita: Yes.

Joey: I've haven't been to a program yet that had over 30, people. Nassau is a suite style dorm and I think having 30 is great and so I think we should fund the full percentage.

Matt: I also have a concern about attendance and it seems they're asking for more pumpkins than people they expect to attend which may be too much.

Will: We were planning to donate those pumpkins to the Monster Mash Bash. It's Nassau's contribution to the decorations at the event. So we are only going to have 25 for students to paint but we're donating 4-6 to the dance. That's why the numbers look off.

Shane: I'm sure people that show up will carve more than one pumpkin

Adam: It seems this was hastily thrown together and I have a problem waiving the two week rule for more than \$75.

Matt: I'm sure people would carve more than one pumpkin, but do we want to pay for them to do it?

Laura: The date the drawing form was put in was 10/10 so maybe she didn't take into account we weren't having a meeting over Fall Break thus making it a two week reading.

Tom: I'd like to call to questions

Vinita: The reading will fail if a vote is taken.

Tom: Then I do not want to call to question.

Alicia: I motion to waive the first reading.

~Laura seconds.

Vinita: We'll now have a discussion on waiving the first reading.

Melissa: I think we should just fund \$75.00

Christina: If we choose to do that, it's only ¼ of what's being requested, she also seems embarrassed by the mistake and I don't think she'll do it again. It's not as if she decided to throw this together. The Hall Council spent time doing this and we should support it by waiving the first reading.

Vinita: Any other discussion on waiving the first reading?

Joey: If this motion fails does the reading fail permanently? Could we make a motion again?

Vinita: Yes, it would be a whole separate motion, but I hope we're all speaking our minds now.

Ros: If we're looking to reduce the amount than would we have to waive the first reading. Maybe we should decline this motion and look at reducing the amount or percentage?

Will: She had filed this on the 10th but this was discussed earlier in the year and was an original idea. I can't say if it was a mistake or not but it has had a lot of success in the hall and she won't make this mistake again and I hope the motion passes.

Adam: Can we bring up things that aren't specific to the reading?

Vinita: While outside discussion is helpful it should be reading specific.

Sam Speed: The day it was written was the 10th, but it was actually submitted to the SA office on the 16th.

Adam: She wrote it after Fall Break

Joey: The mistake she made was that she didn't know about the \$75.00 limit. I don't think it's concrete that everyone knows it. Someone earlier pointed out it was \$80.00, so maybe not everyone is sure.

Will: I was informed by Rebecca Coons who is in the Anthropology Club, the reading was filled out later. Hall Council couldn't get the price right away from the Anthropology Club so that's why it wasn't submitted. It was submitted later to have an accurate price breakdown for the reading.

Alyson: I don't think it's a good precedent to set and people make mistakes but we can't always make allowances for that.

Laura: This was her first reading and she is not a normal IRC rep which I think we should consider and I think Nassau could use a good program at this time.

Adam: If we waive the first reading I feel we're setting a precedent. I feel in asking for \$110, more initiative needs to be shown by the Hall Council.

John: If we waive this, we're not setting a precedent; we're just waiving this first reading because it's a good program.

Megan: If we've had this much discussion, I doubt any of us are going to forget the concept.

Christina: As IRC, we're supposed to support good programs and keep in mind the purpose of the organization and we can do this by waiving the reading.

Laura: Call the discussion to question

Vinita: Any dissent? Voting to waive the first motion: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion to waive the first reading passes 25-0-2

Vinita: Now the reading is in its second week

Melissa: I call to question

Tom: I second.

Vinita: Any dissent

Ros: I have something to say.

Vinita: We'll continue the discussion and I have a speakers list.

Laura: I move to lower the amount allocated for this reading to \$83.00.

~Tom seconds.

Joey: Why?

Laura: This way we are still funding the program while not setting a precedent of waiving a second reading without consequence. Many of the supplies are being donated; so this causes the Hall Council to fund some of the program but does not penalize them completely.

John: It's not a selfish proposal and I don't think we should give them a consequence just to not set a precedent. Given their donations, and other information I think we should support it.

Adam: I think it's a good compromise

Alyson: I agree, she said their hall could still fund the program. They still receive help and are able to hold the event

Christina: If we're talking about reducing it what's the amount?

Alicia: \$83.00

Christina: Was there a reason?

Laura: It was 50% of the program.

Joey: Farmers need their pumpkins bought and pumpkin carving is incredible. The Hall Council doesn't have unlimited money and we have over \$5,000 to give.

Matt: Someone said we should look at penalizing them, if we don't look at it that way can we look at it attendance wise and see there may be more pumpkins than residents?

Megan: Because it is a good program, they're not just buying for themselves, and like Joey says we have the money, why reduce it? The only reason is selfish and that's to keep the money to ourselves.

Winnie: They asked for 32 and let's say they get more people. We wouldn't want people to get rejected because there weren't enough supplies

Eleanor: There are three things working against the program. One is cost but like Joey said we have a good fund. If their proposal was for more money it would be different. Two is penalizing the hall for being late. She did seem embarrassed and it's only the hall's second reading. She is a new rep who may not be aware of the policy. I don't think they should be penalized, it's not our purpose. As for setting a precedent, seeing our length of discussion, we will be mindful of not making it a precedent.

Adam: Just because we're not on pace for spending the money doesn't mean we should be lax in the by-laws and how we allocate money.

Adam: I call to question.

~Tom seconds.

Vinita: There is dissent; we'll go on with the speakers list.

Joey: I agree we shouldn't send the wrong message but I also believe our purpose is to support them so they can have a good program and not so we can protect our hoard of gold.

Will: Bringing it back to the three things that were said, I want to bring it back to the enthusiasm.

Vinita: Is this in regards to the discussion about the motion to amend?

Will: Well, yes. To bring it down to 50% because they were late, or didn't understand doesn't seem right. Even the reps don't know the procedure, so we can't penalize them for not knowing

everything. Giving the 67% would be a great way to show IRC supports the program and we're here to encourage halls to come up with new and better ideas and create the community like we say we're here to do. What does that say to students when IRC reps go back and tell them what happened? It doesn't encourage them to be active, they want to know someone is there to vote and fight for them.

Debbie: I feel like we already discussed the time issue and it's wrong to punish them since we passed the original motion to waive the first reading.

Rahul Singh: Call to question

Tom: I second.

Vinita: Is there any dissent?

Shannon: What is this exactly?

Vinita: This is the call to question on the vote to amend. There is no dissent so vote on to reduce the amendment to reduce the reading to \$83.00: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion fails 7-18-1

Vinita: Back to discussion

Alicia: Motion to call to question voting on the reading.

Tom: I second.

Vinita: Seeing no dissent, voting on the reading: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

~Reading passes 23-1-2

Vinita: I hope you'll bring this discussion back to your reps and subs. From some of the discussion I got the impression that some of you aren't aware of procedure. If this is the case please come and talk to me. I am always available and I sit eight office hours a week in the SA Office. Please feel free to talk to us about the process. You did an excellent job discussing. So please understand the importance of your positions and bring this information back to your Hall Councils. Please make sure you understand the rules and thank you again for your discussion.

Item #17-0708:

Karen: I'm from Wyoming and this Friday we're having a Halloween party with food and pumpkins. The pumpkins are coming from the Anthropology Club. We realize they are more expensive but we're supporting the causes through Anthropology Club. There is a costume contest and there will be an iTunes gift card and Mama Mia's gift certificates as prizes. Wyoming is a suite style building but we're expecting 50 people. We've already been doing a lot of advertising. We will have around one pumpkin per suite available and we're really excited. We're asking for 41% which is \$75.00 and the rest will be funded by the Hall Council.

Vinita: Questions? Seeing none Karen can you please step out?

~Karen leaves

Alicia: It sounds well planned and the prizes are great. I'm a little jealous and I wish Suffolk would do something like this. I also like they just went with \$75.00 and the fact they are asking for less than 50% is important.

Vinita: Any other discussion? I know we had a long discussion but Wyoming hall deserves as much consideration as any other hall. Seeing none, voting on the reading: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading passes 25-0-0

Item #18-0708:

Laura: I'm from Saratoga and on 10/31 we're having a Halloween party in the Great Room. It has two purposes. The first is to get people out of the houses. As you know, we can just close the door to the house and never see anyone. It's hard to get people excited and active but we think the program is early enough so people with plans can still come. We'll also find out the winner

of the door decorating contest at the event. We're having a mummy wrap, bobbing for apples and painting pumpkins. We are also willing to extend the time for the program to accommodate people that want to stay later. One of the prizes I'm excited about is the nice toilet paper.

Alyson: Are you really expecting 100 people?

Laura: It is enthusiastic but I like to say go big or go home. We're also working on the Great Room and as some of you know our room has been taken over by other organizations. This is a good way to advertise the redecorating and get people excited to be involved. Also 100 people are only about half our residents.

Tim: Is the mummy wrap for a real person?

Laura: They way it works is my house would come and wrap the toilet paper around me.

Tim: Ok thank you.

Eleanor: Are you advertising for this and how?

Laura: We are advertising through emails, posters and laminating things to the ground. They will include the IRC and SA logo. My housemates are also really enthusiastic about arts and crafts and will be helping to make some of the ads.

Adam: Is this just for Saratoga? As in, if I show up will you kick me out?

Laura: We won't kick you out but it may be awkward.

Vinita: I have a question about the health and safety of bobbing for apples.

Laura: Someone brought that up but because the townhouse residents are older we think they can use their discretion to participate or not. Or we could drain the water after each bobber?

Will: What will you be decorating?

Laura: Residents will be decorating their outdoor townhouse areas.

Tom: Where did you get the supplies from?

Laura: Most of it is from Wal-Mart but we priced Wegmans as well. The decorations are all from the Dollar Store because it's cheap and the gourds are being donated by Heidi's grandparents who own a farm.

Vinita: Any other questions? Laura could you please step out?

~Laura leaves

Vinita: Discussion on the reading?

Shannon: I think it was well put together and the fact it coincides with another program is great! I like how it all works together and giving the door decorating prizes at the event is a great idea.

Tim: I also like how it's all put together and I'm depressed I can't be mummy wrapped.

Alyson: I support the program although expecting 100 people seems a little bit high.

Katie: We do have a lot of residents and half the things we utilized are free. We will also be using word of mouth to advertise and promote.

Vinita: Any other discussion? Voting on the reading: All those in favor? Opposed? And abstaining?

Reading passes 26-0-0

Item #19-0708:

Ros: Steuben is really excited about our program, A Week of Halloween. It's made up of four different programs. A door decorating contest on 10/29 with first through third place prizes, cookie decorating Thursday, Halloween jeopardy type trivia and a try out your Halloween costume party on the 30th. As you see we collaborated with an RA to bring in a UP officer to talk about ghost stories from Geneseo as well.

Vinita: Could you give some examples of the Halloween jeopardy questions?

Ros: I found out Halloween originated in England and it's sometimes also celebrated with fireworks.

Eleanor: I see vampire teeth in the price breakdown. How will the vampire teeth decorate doors?

Ros: They will go in as prizes in our Halloween themed fun baskets.

Vinita: Any other questions for Ros? Seeing none please step out. Discussion on the reading?

Christina: Despite asking 100% it's really four programs in one. Also back to supporting good programs, I think this is well put together and we should support it.

Laura: I like the idea of working with the RA on the ghost stories; I'd sneak in to hear that.

Will: I like that the Halloween jeopardy could have all the halls involved and they're working to bring people together.

Vinita: Other discussion? Seeing none voting on the reading: All those in favor? Opposed? And abstaining?

Reading passes 26-0-0

Dan: If you'd like to get Mummy wrapped, you can always come to the Monster Mash Bash.

Open Discussion:

Vinita: Dr. Celia Easton, the Dean of Residential Living has asked us to discuss the idea of moving the housing assignment information to KnightWeb as opposed to sending the hard copy letters home as Residence Life has done in the past. I wanted to discuss the sustainable move to paperless information with you and see if you had any feedback.

Will: I like the idea for environmental purposes. I wouldn't automatically change it; maybe use paper for freshmen and transfers and give the electronic information for upperclassmen. It's hard for new students to go and navigate KnightWeb but for returners I think it's a great idea since they're used to using KnightWeb for a year or more.

Alicia: I agree because I know over the summer is when freshman/transfers need tech support and you don't want to get the assignment late because of technology. I agree we should use it for upperclassman, as they are less likely to use the paper copy.

Melissa: The letters came with a map which was really helpful to navigate move in day and as a sentimental aspect, I saved the letter.

Tim: It may be good to send an email to say when it's posted and email makes you feel important.

Tom: For formal things and for the freshmen they should send it on paper and also post it on KnightWeb. You should get one sheet of paper and maybe put the other random info online like what to bring and the map.

Raul: It's so easy to go to your mailbox at home and it's exciting. For upperclassman it's not as exciting. Let the upperclassman get it on KnightWeb.

Shannon: I agree and have a question about the housing license agreement. Could that go online?

Vinita: Right now it just looks like we're talking about housing assignments but that's as far I as know.

John: I think it's a good idea because it gets new students oriented with KnightWeb as opposed to using KnightWeb the first time for registration.

Mark: I had a bad experience in that I was unable to get on KnightWeb since I wasn't in the system, so if it had been all online, I wouldn't have received my room assignment. And would it save paper as most people would probably print it out?

Laura: The paper copy is also easier for the parent. There is also information about what you can or can't bring. Would you run into the problem of people claiming they didn't know about the rules like they did with the lamps?

Vinita: Last year's case was special as it was a new development not on the license.

Elliot: Freshmen have to go on KnightWeb anyway so it would encourage them to get to know KnightWeb better outside of just the registration aspect.

Megan: I'm bad with technology so I may have cried if more had been done via the internet.

Alyson: I agree as freshmen it's important to have a concrete form of the information you need. I can understand using the internet for upperclassmen but for freshman and transfers it's important to send the message.

Bethan: I would rather have a letter on how to use KnightWeb and have all the other papers online. Or at least have a section on the login page that asks do you need help or the log in information. The college would also need to be prepared for any problems that may arise.

Matt: I know I had problems with my KnightWeb password. Instead maybe just send an email? It's still electronic and everyone uses email.

Joey: Bethan made a great point but it would be easier to check on your housing agreement and possibly check your status. It would let you now you got it done and it had been received.

Tim: The map they give you shows where to drop off your stuff. Would that be online as well? Perhaps they should put that online.

Mark: We have to consider all freshmen have a laptop but there are some people that may not have easy access to the internet at home so that's a concern. I think KnightWeb should be redone anyway as I think it's a horrible program. *multiple snaps*

Katie: During orientation, could they spend more time on what to expect with KnightWeb instead of just showing it to us?

Adam: If we're going internet than we need a commitment that KnightWeb will be working in the summer. I couldn't agree to the code of conduct since it wasn't working.

Tom: What is Holcomb used for?

Katie: Some classes and is also used as a preschool.

Sam S: It's for all Block 4 education classes and Head Start. They are knocking it down for the new stadium.

Shane: It seems impersonal to find out the person you live with for the next 9 months online, maybe that's just me.

Sam S: Going back to Orientation and being a former OA, that is the worst part of orientation. Trying to get freshmen to use KnightWeb because there are so many steps, no matter how many times you explain it, it's not that they're freshmen; it's that the program is so difficult. While it would be nice to take an hour and teach each freshman how to use KnightWeb it may be impractical.

Tim: They give you your email and password right away at orientation. Perhaps we can teach them to use MyGeneseo since it's easier to access KnightWeb that way.

Raul: Don't they already put your room on KnightWeb?

Vinita: Does it tell you your roommate? I don't think it does. This is for all of the rooming information together.

Tom: I think some tech people take for granted how to use KnightWeb. Using the three menus and other aspects should be made easier for those who aren't computer science majors.

Vinita: Should an open discussion about technology and MyCourses be offered? *snaps* I will work on that.

Christina: Maybe we can save any other thoughts for the next discussion?

Ros: I think since most upperclassmen already know their roommates going in, KnightWeb would be good. My letter was sent to New Zealand and the email I received was fine.

Will: Perhaps an attachment in an email would be better. Even MyGeneseo can be confusing so I think the letter for freshmen is still really important.

Alicia: It seems the Residence Life stuff is on numerous websites; maybe we could have it all in one place. Sometimes it's KnightWeb, sometimes it's in a letter, sometimes it's the Residence Life website.

Bethan: We don't get room assignments until after orientation therefore if they were to put it online; they need to a lot more time explaining how to access it at orientation.

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