



Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes
For
Monday October 29, 2007

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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
Treasurer: Sam Forlenza STF3	Tuesday & Thursday: 11:15-12:15 Wednesday: 1:30-2:30		Advisor: Allison Moesel moesel@geneseo.edu	
CRC: Daniel DeHollander DHD1	Monday: 9:15-10:15 Thursday: 11:30-12:30		Ex Officio: Thomas Johns NRHH President TEJ1	
			Ex-Officio: Sam Speed RBD SJS18	
Minutes # 07				

Call to Order: 7:00

Attendance: 29 of 29

Also Present: Kim Harvey, Nikki Lynn, John O'Hara, Garry Morgan, Kim Bilinski, Ralph Carrasquillo, Kevin Hahn

Approval of the Agenda: 29 of 29

Rahul Singh: Where it says approval of the minutes from October 22, it should be October 15.

Tabled Item:

Approval of the Minutes from October 15:

Vinita: Is there a motion to untable the minutes?

Joey Sinchak: I motion to untable the minutes.

~Adam seconds

Motion passes 29-0-0

Vinita: We do not have the minutes. We can hold off on voting on them for now. Allison, can you take minutes while Katelyn goes to print them out?

Approval of the Minutes: 29 of 29

Ros Lawrence: On page 5, I did not say, "Why waive the first reading?"

Joey: Actually, that was me.

Vinita: All right, we will make that change.

Reports:

Vinita Mishra: I did many of the same things as everybody else. I hope that you enjoyed Cultural Harmony week and that you took advantage of many of the programs. I also hope you enjoyed the Halloween activities this weekend. I saw a lot of you there.

Jonathan Shepard: I went to exec. I went to the NAACP speech. I went to Steuben's Hall Council meeting and met with their President. I went to Rocky Horror.

Katelyn Conway: I am really sorry that I missed last week's meeting. I had a family emergency and had to go home. I am happy to be back! Dan and I held our second Hall Council Improvement Committee meeting last Wednesday. We are almost done with the position descriptions. I attended Rocky Horror and it was fantastic! Congratulations to Danielle and everyone who helped, you are all amazing! I attended the Regionals Delegation meeting on Sunday. I attended Exec before this meeting.

Sam Forlenza: Halloween care packages went out. I saw Julian Bond speak, and he was amazing. I attended the Rocky Horror Picture show, which was a scary good time. I went supply shopping with Vinita and Bethan.

Matthew Thackston: I attended Rocky Horror on Saturday. I attended The Monster Mash Bash on Sunday. Bethan and I lead a delegation meeting on Sunday where we worked on the banner and roll call. Bethan and I got some supplies for Regionals. Bethan and I wrote out the bid presentation.

Bethan Maher: This past week I did more work for Regionals. Matt and I wrote the Bid Presentation and held a wonderful delegation meeting where we accomplished a lot on the Banner and Roll Call. Our delegation is amazing and has been working very hard. I started writing thank you notes to people who have helped us with our POY Bid. I attended Livingston's Hall Council meeting and worked on our Pre-Monster Mash Bash party, which was a huge success. I also attended Rocky Horror, which was absolutely, wonderfully terrifying and thrilling. Congratulations to Danielle and the Programming Committee, you all did a wonderful job.

Danielle Forrest: Rocky Horror was this weekend!!! It was a great success. Over 350 people came and had a blast. Special thanks to everyone who came to help out! I couldn't have pulled it off without you!

Daniel DeHollander: Katelyn and I hosted a Hall Council Improvement Committee meeting on Wednesday. We only have a couple more positions to finish up and then we will be looking through your Constitutions. I spent my Friday night planning a dance for Roll Call at Regionals. I went to the Rocky Horror Picture show and it was interesting.

Allison Moesel: This week I was busy working with our Hall Council. I attended a few different IRC meetings and prepared for the RA Interview process. Good luck to everyone that applied for a position!

Thomas Johns: I completed OTM training for all Halls and two of three RA Classes. I would like to congratulate all the successful programs this weekend. They were all amazing! I also attended delegation and E-board meetings.

Sam Speed: We finally finished the lanyards to be handed out at Regionals. They look great! Thanks to Vinita and Sam for all of their hard work. I had a meeting with Vinita on Friday to discuss some conference things. I have been making some RBD decisions regarding bids and other things before Regionals next week. I went to Rocky Horror on Saturday night and it was amazing.

Open Reports:

Tom Richards: Yesterday Ontario had its Haunted House of half witted horrors and it went well.

Shane Melvin: I attended Nassau's pumpkin carving, you may remember. All of the pumpkins were used and it was fun.

Joey: Adam and I played pool and chess. The deal was whoever won got bragging rights here. He schooled me in chess.

Vinita: Congratulations.

Laura Bugaj: Saratoga had its door decorating contest. Winners will be announced Wednesday at our Halloween party.

Katie LeFevre: There was a 4 year old judge and he loved it.

Kerrin Fitzpatrick: Wyoming had our Halloween party and everyone had fun. Our Halloween contest winner was a "holy" cow.

Announcements:

Vinita Mishra: On top of the usual meetings and things, I will be going to a Student Health Advisory Committee Meeting this Friday. If you have any concerns that you would like me to bring up, please let me know.

Jonathan Shepard: None.

Katelyn Conway: I will be emailing the Public Relations Committee so that we can get started on our new project. I will be talking about that more next week. If you are on the Public Relations Committee and you could not attend the last meeting, please come and talk to me after the meeting. It will only take a minute, and I just want to make sure that everyone is aware of what is going on. I will be attending the Regionals Delegation meeting after this meeting. I will be attending the Environmental Impact and Sustainability Task Force Committee meeting on Wednesday. Dan and I will be hosting our next Hall Council Improvement Committee meeting on Thursday at 1:00 pm in the IRC office. We will be finishing up with the position descriptions.

Sam Forlenza: I am going to the Conference Staff meeting tomorrow and the SA meeting Wednesday.

Matthew Thackston: I'll be working on getting our delegation prepared for Regionals, practicing the roll call and bid presentation, working on the banner, and getting more things to be giveaways during the Regionals Conference. There will be another delegation meeting on Sunday and a short one after this meeting. I'll be attending the Conference Staff meeting tomorrow.

Bethan Maher: This week, Matt and I will buy supplies for Regionals. I plan on finishing the thank you cards and editing our Bid Presentation. Tonight after IRC we have another delegation meeting to work on our Bid Presentation and possibly Roll Call.

Danielle Forrest: November 29th is Coffee Talk. Let me know if you know anyone who wants to perform! Programming Committee will be meeting shortly after this meeting!

Daniel DeHollander: If you have not sent your HC Constitutions to Suzanne Sharp using the template on the Union Website, please make sure you do that. Our next HCIC Meeting is this Thursday at 1:00pm. CRT is also this Thursday at 7:30pm in Sturges 111.

Allison Moesel: I wanted to pass along some Thanksgiving Break information, particularly in regards to the residence halls. All halls will close on Wednesday (11/21) at 10:00am. All halls will re-open again on Sunday (11/25) at 10:00am. The only exceptions to this are for the Saratoga residents and all international students. There will be more information available in the next few weeks from your RAs and RDs/ACs. If you have any questions, feel free to speak to me after the meeting as well.

Thomas Johns: On Tuesday November 27, 2007 NRHH will be showing the movie RENT to go along with our No Day But Today Letter Writing Campaign. We had no National winning OTMs for the month of September. Congratulations though to all who have submitted OTMs, you guys are doing an amazing job!

Sam Speed:

Open Announcements:

Jessica Silvernail: Most of you heard about Kaitlin Charity. She lived in Nassau, and our Hall Council is building a memorial for her. We are planting a tree and a bench with a little plaque.

Eleanor Carmeli: Danielle, what was your email?

Danielle: dhf1@geneseo.edu

Tom: Academic Affairs Committee is doing college bowl this Saturday at 10:00am at the Knightspot. We have ten teams competing and it should be a lot of fun.

Approval of the Minutes from October 22:

Vinita: Now that we have the minutes, you can look them over and we will move to a vote.

Minutes pass 29-0-0

Open Discussion:

John Armitage: I am Lieutenant John Armitage, and I was asked to come here to talk to you about security. The NY alert system is just starting. For those of you have not signed up, I encourage you to do so. You will either get an automated phone call or text message. If there are any weather emergencies, such as roads/schools being closed due to snow, you will get an alert through your email or cell phone so you do not have to make numerous phone calls. SUNY is coming up with its own that I just received an email on. That probably will not be up and running until the spring. Again, I encourage you to sign up for it. Are there any questions?

Rahul: Will there be a test run any time soon?

John Armitage: There has been one test, and there is talk of another in January I believe. It will all be generic automated messages.

Eleanor: Where can you sign up?

Christina Miller: If you have not done it through Knightweb, it is on the main Geneseo website too.

Adam Miller: Knightweb makes it mandatory that you sign up for it. You can click "remind me in 5 days," but it will keep coming up.

John Armitage: The other thing that we have been doing is Operation ID. If it has not been in your Residence Hall yet, you should contact your RA. Are there any questions on any other subjects?

Vinita: There has been talk among students about safety in general on campus. What is University Police's take on that; if there is anything that is outstanding or if this is typical.

John Armitage: I would not feel unsafe here. This is the fourth SUNY School that I have worked at and it has the lowest crime rate by far. Other than that, we are still working on filling new positions, so you will be seeing new faces. The officers are out there. On any type of call, our response time is typically under 2 minutes.

Shane: Going back to Operation ID, if I could not attend it as my Residence Hall, can I bring my laptop or something to UP to have it engraved?

John Armitage: Yes, stop by.

Christina: Last year as a senior in high school, it was mentioned that if you feel unsafe walking alone at night, there is an escort service. Is that in existence, and if it is, how does it work?

John Armitage: Yes, if you have a concern, feel free to call our office and someone will walk you back to your Residence Hall.

Vinita: Also, there used to be a system called Safe Rider that SA used to take care of, but it became too expensive and it was not utilized. However, you can still contact University Police.

Christina: Ok, because it was something that was pushed and discussed last year when I was applying.

Eleanor: What is the number to call?

John Armitage: x5651.

Rahul: How has it been going with officers carrying firearms?

John Armitage: Nothing has come up, and all SUNY schools now follow that policy. Especially after Virginia Tech and other similar events, schools are changing. There was another shooting at a school this morning, and it seems to be sharply increasing. You may have seen back in August in the Lamron, we did have training here and Geneseo sponsored it. Two other SUNY Schools came up for training as well.

Vinita: Could you talk a little bit about community policing?

John Armitage: That is just a generic term, such as me coming here tonight or Operation ID. If there is any program you want in your Residence Halls, we will do our best to make it happen. Foot patrols and daily patrols are also part of community policing. If you need an interview for a class or anything, we would be willing to assist you with that as well.

Christina: What did you hear about the shots fired?

John Armitage: It was either last night or this morning.

Miranda VanOmmeren: Have you heard about extra security for Halloween?

John Armitage: Yes, I will have another officer coming in.

Treasurer's Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$5,315.00>>>\$5,315.00>>>\$5,315.00

Wellness Drawing Fund: \$1,500.00>>>\$1,500.00>>>\$1500.00

Bad Financial Standing:

Suffolk: Week 2 of 2

Jones: Week 2 of 2

Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:

Elliott Regan: She added a Halloween basket.

Vinita: This week, Ingrid is going to a large group of people who put on a program this weekend: Danielle Forrest and the programming committee. Thank you to everyone who helped and especially Danielle for putting on an amazing program. We all appreciate her hard work, and I know she appreciates all of your help.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

NRHH Moment:

Tom: Hello. Now who remembers what I talked about in my last NRHH Moment. That's right it was about Recognition. I am going to continue down that path for a little bit longer. I came to all of your Hall Council meetings to talk about the OTMs. While I was there I mentioned a similar item that is only at SUNY Geneseo known as the Out of the Blues. I am passing around what a submission form looks like and if you would like to fill it out and give it to me, I will put them into the system myself.

Right now I just want to briefly talk about Out of the Blues a bit more in depth. Here we go. So to start of, what is an Out of the Blue. It is a recognition tool that is for your use to cheer someone up, thank them for good deeds, support them in a time of need, and to motivate someone. I talked recently about how recognition is a great motivating tool and this is a great resource for you guys to use to motivate people through recognition.

Now that I've gone through what they are briefly, now we should talk more about who you can write an Out of the Blue for. Unlike OTMs, where you can only write them for set categories, making it hard for a couple of groups on campus to be recognized for the work that they do, an

Out of the Blue is different. With an Out of the Blue you can recognize, other residents, Professors and TAs, RAs, RDs and ACs, Roommates, Friends, and Hall Council Members for everything that they do in your life and in others.

So, when can you do it? You can begin recognizing right away after this meeting. How exciting is that? Thanks to John O'Hara the system is up and running and is available for your use. Please keep in mind that an Out of the Blue does not have to be month specific, it can be from three years ago if you really want it to be, and it does not have to be in great detail. A short couple of lines can really make someone's day even brighter, I'd like to encourage you to use the system as frequently as possible.

Finally, how do you do it? You can go to our website: <http://www.geneseo.edu/~nrhh> and click on the "out of the blues" button and then click on the splat. That will take you to the survey that is in front of you now. You can fill in the information and then submit it when you are done. Write as little or as much as you want. Have fun with it. Just recognize people.

Thank you very much, if anyone has any further questions please feel free to e-mail me at nrhh@geneseo.edu.

Vinita: What is the NRHH website?

Tom: It is [Geneseo.edu/~nrhh](http://www.geneseo.edu/~nrhh)

Melissa Kaye: How often do you check the website for new Out Of The Blues?

Tom: It used to only be check once or twice a month, but now we check it once or twice a week.

Tom R.: Can an Out Of The Blue become an Of The Month?

Tom: No. Of The Months are on a National level, and they are voted on. They must be written about something that happened that month. Out Of The Blues can be written at any time, and they are not voted on.

Eleanor: I am sorry, but can you repeat the website one more time?

Tom: [Geneseo.edu/~nrhh](http://www.geneseo.edu/~nrhh)

Christina: If we want to recognize someone, but it is very short notice, can we still do a Hall Council recognition award?

Tom: Yes, that is amazing! If you can have your own system for recognition within your Hall, that makes my day.

Adjournment: 7:45pm