



**Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes  
For  
Monday November 12, 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	Ex Officio: Thomas Johns NRHH President TEJ1
CRC: Daniel DeHollander DHD1	Monday: 9:15-10:15 Thursday: 11:30-12:30		Ex-Officio: Samantha Speed RBD SJS18	
Minutes # 09				

**Call to Order: 7:00**

**Attendance: 28 of 29**

**Also Present:** Rebecca Coons

**Approval of the Agenda: 28 of 29**

**Joey Sinchak:** There is a discrepancy as to the percentage being requested for Genesee Hall's reading. In the top paragraph of the Buffalo Sabres reading, it says we are requesting 50%, but it is 60%. 60% of the ticket cost would be \$28.80, not \$24.00. We are also getting transportation. We are renting 2 vans from the school, which is \$10 per day and 22 cents per mile, but that is being funded in full by Genesee's Hall Council.

**Approval of the Minutes: 28 of 29**

**Melissa Kaye:** Under open reports, I said Allegany had a quad decorating contest, not door.

**Reports:**

**Vinita Mishra:** I met with Nick Guy, the SA Director of Student Programming, and Diana Zuniga, the SA Director of Academic Affairs, this week in order to talk about the issues of racism that have been surfacing on campus. As Directors with Standing Committees, we decided that it would be good for us to come together and think about how to address these issues. I helped,

along with the rest of the delegation, in preparing for Regionals. I attended Regionals, and as everybody said, it was a really great time. We all learned a lot, and brought a lot back. It was also a good chance for us to share a lot of our Geneseo experiences. I was able to spend some quality time with Allison, and she gave me a lot of really good advice and talked through a lot of good ideas.

**Jonathan Shepard:** I met with Jones Hall and their President on Wednesday at 8:00 pm. I met with Vinita on Friday at 12:30 pm.

**Katelyn Conway:** I spent most of last week working on Roll Call, the Banner, the Program of the Year bid presentation and everything else for the Regionals Conference, which was this past weekend in Ithaca. I had an amazing time and I learned a lot. I attended Saratoga's Community Council meeting. I emailed the Public Relations Committee about our new project.

**Sam Forlenza:** I have been organizing old Treasurer files from years past.

**Matthew Thackston:** I spent a lot of time preparing for the Regionals Conference last week. I attended the Regionals conference with Bethan and the delegation. Bethan and I voted on regional legislations, presented our bid, our delegation participated in the roll call and Geneseo cheered more than they ever have before. I am incredibly proud of our delegation and what we accomplished.

**Bethan Maher:** I spent this past week getting ready for Regionals with Matt and our lovely delegation. I am so proud of everyone who helped out, and our delegation who attended. We really represented Geneseo terrifically and I could not be happier with all of the spirit and effort everyone put forth.

**Danielle Forrest:** I worked on getting performers for Coffee Talk, ordered the food, and tried to get art.

**Daniel DeHollander:** I attended Wyoming's Hall Council Meeting and got to hear them brainstorm a lot of their upcoming programs for the semester. As always, I attended the Saratoga Community Council Meeting. I attended the Conference this weekend in Ithaca. It was a great experience and I know that we will be talking about it a lot. Most of my week went into preparing for roll call, the banner, and the POY Bid presentation. I attended an NRHH REC Meeting and helped vote on OTMs at our NRHH Membership Meeting.

**Allison Moesel:** I, like many other members of the executive board, spent the week preparing for the conference and the weekend away at NEACURH. I want to congratulate the delegation on their hard work and thank them all for a great weekend!

**Thomas Johns:** I went to Regionals this weekend. It was very enjoyable and exciting. I am looking forward to when Geneseo can host the conference in the Spring! I also attended the NRHH meeting and Exec meetings.

**Sam Speed:** I went to Regionals this weekend at Ithaca. It was an amazing time and I am so proud of the Geneseo delegation.

#### **Open Reports:**

**Christina Miller:** I have a question regarding the open forum on Friday. Since it is an all-college event, are classes cancelled during that time?

**Allison:** It is always your choice to attend class, and I encourage you to do so, and as far as I know, classes are not cancelled. If you can stop in, please do, but please go to class.

**Christina:** The safe training that I mentioned last week went well. I am really appreciative of the support from the Hall Council community. I saw some of our reps there and other people who were told about it by reps, and I really appreciate the support.

#### **Announcements:**

**Vinita Mishra:** I will be going to the Third Eye Blind concert this weekend. I will be attending a CAS Board of Directors meeting tomorrow morning at 8am. If you have anything you would like me to bring up, please see me after the meeting. I have a meeting with Dr. Bonfiglio this week.

In case there was any question, we will be meeting next Monday. We meet when classes are in session.

**Jonathan Shepard:** This week, I would like to meet with Putnam Hall.

**Katelyn Conway:** I will be meeting with the Public Relations Committee after this meeting. I will be meeting with Vinita. Dan and I will be having a Hall Council Improvement Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 14, during all-college free hour. If you have not already done so, please go to the IRC website and fill out the new survey. It will only take a couple of minutes and it will help us a lot.

**Sam Forlenza:** I will be attending the Conference Staff meeting tomorrow. I am going to the Third Eye Blind concert Saturday.

**Matthew Thackston:** We will begin working on Bids for the Mini's Conference in March as well as preparing our application to select our delegation.

**Bethan Maher:** This week, I will be talking about bids for Minis, writing an Event Report for Regionals, and noting what Matt and I did well as NCCs, what we need to improve on, and getting feedback from our delegation.

**Danielle Forrest:** Coffee Talk is November 29 from 8:00-11:00 pm. I am still looking for art and performers. Programming Committee will meet quickly after IRC.

**Daniel DeHollander:** There is a CRT Meeting this Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 7:30pm in Sturges 111. Please make sure to fill out and return the newest Hall Council Improvement Committee Survey to Katelyn or myself. The survey is on the IRC website. In order to be more environmentally sustainable we are trying to reduce the amount of paper we use. If we do not receive surveys back, we will be printing them and redistributing them.

**Allison Moesel:** As many of you know, there will be an All-College forum for discussion regarding the Halloween incident(s) and the College's response. This will take place on Friday, November 16th from 2:00pm-4:00pm beginning in Newton 202. This discussion will be utilizing the Deliberative Dialogue format. There will be a brief introduction then participants will break up into smaller groups with two discussion facilitators. At the end, all the participants will come back together in Newton 202 to conclude the session. Also, please remember that the residence halls close on Wednesday, November 21st at 10:00am and will re-open Sunday, November 25th at 10:00am. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Thomas Johns:** No Day But Today is coming up soon. You should begin to see advertisements for the program very soon. I will be going to CRT this week to talk to your Presidents about doing the program in your hall. Also, NRHH, along with KINO and FACE AIDS, will be showing RENT on Tuesday November 27, 2007 at 8pm in the College Union Ballroom as part of our No Day But Today campaign. In terms of OTMS, we had eight campus winning OTMs this month. They were as follows: "Kim Bilinski" by Danielle Forrest for Advisor of the Month; "Monster Mash Bash" by Danielle Forrest for Community Service Program of the Month; "Katelyn Conway" by Daniel DeHollander for Executive Board Member of the Month; "Nick Duell" by Raymond FeDora for First Year Student of the Month; "Daniel DeHollander" by Ashley Jones for Resident Assistant of the Month; "Ontario Hall's Haunted Basement" by Kim Bilinski for Social Program of the Month; "Ava Pascalar, Margaret Bennion, and Gerri Coburn" by Kathleen Quinlan for Spotlight of the Month; and "Janet Segelhurst" by Rebecca Coons for Student of the Month.

**Sam Speed:** Registration opens in less than a month for Mini's, so we will be working on finishing the budget and getting sponsorship. I am meeting with Vinita tonight to discuss everything that needs to be done. If you have not e-mailed me yet to volunteer, you should. Four months and counting!

#### **Open Announcements:**

**Tom Richards:** I will not be here next week, so I wanted to wish everyone a safe happy Thanksgiving.

**Vinita:** Thursday, November 15 at 5:30 in Welles 111, Professor Woidat will be presenting “Getting Personal with Academic Writing.” If anyone would like help with that, it is a good place to learn how to improve your skills.

**Bethan:** If you guys do not know, I am the Relay for Life co-chair. We are having our VIP kickoff tomorrow from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Knightspot. You do not need your whole team formed, just a team captain.

**Sam Speed:** When is the actual relay?

**Bethan:** April 12.

**Katie LeFevre:** If you do not go to the VIP kickoff, when will the next registration be?

**Bethan:** It will most likely be at the beginning of next semester. You get a discount on the t-shirts if you register tomorrow.

**Dan:** All of your Hall Council Presidents should have received information on the Holiday Jubilee. If you are interested in doing something for that with your Hall Council or other organizations or even just a group of friends, come see me after the meeting or email me.

#### **Treasurer’s Time:**

RC Drawing Fund: \$5,279.27 > > > \$5,279.27 > > > \$4,703.00

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

#### **Bad Financial Standing:**

Onondaga, Week 2 of 2

Niagara, Week 2 of 2

Livingston, Week 2 of 2

Ontario, Week 1 of 2

#### **Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:**

**Vinita:** Last week, Ros got to take her home.

**Ros Lawrence:** I went with the whole New Zealand theme. I added a flag on the front of the basket. Also, rugby is kind of a religion there, so I made her a little rugby shirt. I also added a 5 dollar note because they are plastic and kind of cool. Bungee jumping is also very popular, so she now bungee jumps out of her basket.

**Vinita:** So if you did not know, we went to Regionals this weekend. She goes to our two NCC’s that brought us there and to the entire eleven person delegation that represented us well. Thank you to Matt and Bethan because I do not think anyone here knows just how much they did to prepare for this conference. They work really hard and do great work and then have to sit in the boardroom the entire time, so this is for them.

#### **Open Discussion:**

**Vinita:** There is a slight change of plans. We are going to move into Open Discussion before new business. Tonight is a little bit of a review, and I apologize for that, but it is a good time to do this. There are some new faces and I feel like we are at a point where information is not necessarily getting passed on. You all received an IRC cheat sheet at the beginning of the year. I revised them and am passing them out again just in case you do not have it or lost it. We are going to go over them again just to make sure that everyone is clear on policies. As we go, if you have any questions, let me know. It might seem repetitive, but please stay with me because it is important for you to know. It will go pretty quickly and it is for your benefit.

The first part is contracts. It is pretty self explanatory. Talk to Brendan Quinn, because he is the president and he approves them. Do not make any verbal agreements and make sure it is in to him before you submit a reading.

The next big one is fundraising. A fund raising request must be submitted to the union before a reading can be put on the agenda. We need to know that it has been submitted and approved

before we can put the reading on the agenda. It can take up to 2 weeks, so bear that in mind. A Hall Council budget cannot benefit from an IRC funded program, so make sure that you are raising money for a charity and not your Hall's budget.

**Laura Bugaj:** With cases such as Homecoming where your Hall can win money, that is different, right?

**Vinita:** Yes, because it is not student activity fee money that is going into your budget. You all know about the drawing funds and what they are. Sam reads them every week and it is the most exciting part and we all look forward to it. The guidelines for requesting that money: we fund quality programs and you are the determining factors when we discuss it. We've talked a lot about Hall council programs, so I am not going too far in depth. Copies of the form are on our website or in the SA office. It is important that when the forms are being filled out, you as IRC reps are working with that person because you have the best knowledge of our policies and can make sure that everything is done well so that you can put on good programs. Make sure that every reading includes a full price breakdown. We want to know where the mandatory student activity fee money is going because we fund whole programs. When you put down every expense that you have and the Hall Council puts in money and work, it shows that you have been responsible. After that, you hand in the drawing fund form. If you are requesting \$75.00 or less, it is a one week reading. If it is \$75.01 or more, it is a two week reading. We have two week readings so that you can formulate questions. Generally, larger amounts of money mean more extensive programs, so that gives us time to really look over it.

It is in our By-Laws that the reading presenter needs to be at the meeting, otherwise the reading cannot pass. If you need to change the reading presenter, you can come to me before the approval of the agenda and we can work with you. They need to be knowledgeable, because you ask good questions. Sam, would you like to say anything about receipts?

**Sam Forlenza:** You guys have been very good about returning receipts, but please make sure you fill out who is being reimbursed on the front of the envelope. If you do not do that, then it takes longer to get the money to you because we have to look it up.

**Vinita:** Thank you Sam. As far as bad financial standing goes, we have done very well, especially compared to last year. If you are not here before Treasurer's Time, you will be put into bad financial standing. If there is no president or substitute at CRT, you can be put in bad financial standing as well. It is not a punitive measure. As Hall Councils work together as a group, we want all of the members to be held accountable for their responsibilities. If we can all do our part and hold each other accountable, we work better and grow together. It is not because we are mean even though it can look like that sometimes.

Your responsibilities as reps: you are expected to take this information back to your Hall Councils. These meetings are what you make of them. If you can get a lot of information from our reports and announcements, you are more knowledgeable about campus. Your role here is very important, so please bring everything back to your Hall Councils. Also, make sure you bring our policies back to your hall council. It is part of your position to educate the other members of Hall Council about our policies because they cannot all be here. It also keeps meetings more efficient if we are all up to date on what is going on and it helps you guys a lot. You have done a great job of keeping each other informed. Also, bring important information from your Hall Councils back to us so that we are sharing information and getting to know each other.

The last thing I have is the logo policy. If a program receives IRC funding, advertisements must have both the IRC and SA logos on them so that people can see where their mandatory student activity fees go. My contact information is on the last page, so if you have any questions, please let me know. I am just doing this as a checkpoint to make sure we are all on the same page, not because I think you do not know it. Are there any questions? Was this helpful? Good. If you every have any feedback, I am in the SA office more than I am in my townhouse, so stop by, I will be around.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:****Item #21-0708:**

**Amanda Huber:** Basically, we have a committee that has been working really hard to get 20 students to take a trip to HSBC Arena to see the Buffalo Sabres try to beat the Boston Bruins. The total cost of the tickets is \$48.00. The cost for 20 tickets comes out to \$960.00. We are asking for 60%. The student would end up paying around \$20. We have already asked for deposits and we already have 10-15 students signed up.

**Vinita:** You added in the transportation cost. While the Hall Council is still paying for that, we work in percentages so it changes the total cost of the reading. Do you have a number for the price of the transportation?

**Joey:** The exact mileage, we are not sure of. It is about 70 miles each way, so it should be between \$70.00 and \$90.00. We really want to do it so that it equates to 60% of the ticket price.

**Sam Forlenza:** For 70, the cost would be \$81.60.

**Vinita:** So we would add the \$81.60 to the \$960.00, which brings us to \$1041.60.

**Sam Forlenza:** \$576.00 would be 55%.

**Joey:** Would we not be able to adjust that because we did not amend it before the agenda was approved?

**Vinita:** You are still asking for \$576.00. You are not amending the amount, you are just amending the percentage.

**Joey:** I motion to amend to 55%.

*~Alicia Jeffers seconds*

*Motion passes 28-0-0*

**Christina:** I do not know if this will affect your trip, but were you aware that there is a \$300.00 grant available through Upstate Escapes if your clubs want to organize an off campus trip.

**Alicia:** Do Halls count as clubs?

**Vinita:** Hall Councils are recognized by the school, so they would count.

**Christina:** You can do it once a semester and you have to submit it 3 weeks in advance.

**Allison:** I believe that grant would require them to open it up to the whole campus.

**Christina:** Yes, it would.

**Joey:** That is why we did not do that. We wanted to keep it as a Genesee Hall program.

**Jessica Silvernail:** If you do not fill all 20 spots, would you request less money?

**Amanda:** We expect to fill them, but if for some reason we do not, we might consider opening it up to the rest of the campus.

**Joey:** It would be funded percentage wise, so if we only purchase 18 tickets, it would be 55% of the cost of the program with only 18 tickets.

**Christina:** So if you only get 18 people, you will adjust it?

**Joey:** Yes.

**Alicia:** If you return your receipts to Sam and it ends up being less, you would get the lower amount so it would not need to be amended.

**Jon Hirshberger:** Are you doing anything to increase the diversity of people who you are asking to go? Since you are in a suite style Residence Hall, it is possible to have a few suites take all of the tickets. Do you have a cutoff for the number of people who can go per suite?

**Amanda:** No, but as far as I know, we have not gotten whole suites to sign up. It is on a first come, first serve basis.

**Tom Richards:** I am worried about this program being just for the Hall Council and a few friends

**Amanda:** Our Hall Council is generally anti-Sabres, so that is not an issue. I would like to go, as would Joey, but it is something that we planned for the Hall.

**Laura:** A lot of the programs that are thrown end up being attended mainly by Hall Council members, especially in upper classmen Residence Halls.

**Christina:** When Upstate Escapes offered this program, the tickets were only \$25.00 whereas yours are \$48.00. Did you look for cheaper tickets?

**Amanda:** We searched for the cheapest tickets we could find. We originally wanted to go to a different game, but the tickets were \$75.00, so we searched for the cheapest ones we could find.

**Ros:** I know that Upstate Escapes gets tickets a lot cheaper because they buy in bulk

**Shane Melvin:** I think those tickets were also subsidized by the college because most tickets for Sabres games are at least \$35.

**Melissa:** Are you sure that they will not sell out before you buy them?

**Amanda:** Did we already buy them?

**Joey:** We did not buy them yet, but there are plenty of tickets left, especially for this particular game.

**Amanda:** The last few games did not sell out.

*~Amanda leaves*

**Alicia:** It sounds really fun and it looks like they have put a lot of work into this. Planning things like this is a real pain and they did a good job.

**Rahul Singh:** I am a little worried about the high price. It seems like a good program, but it is expensive. I say go for it.

**Shannon Mathew:** Tickets for Professional Sporting events are usually pretty expensive, so to get them at this price is as good as it can get. They tried and did what they could, especially since it is a suit style Residence Hall and it is hard to get people involved.

**Christina:** This goes back to whether or not it is a good program. They looked into a lot of things and their Hall Council put a lot of work into it. I understand the concerns about funding, but we are not even halfway through our budget and the semester is ending in 4 or 5 weeks.

**Vinita:** Just a couple of things: please do not take the amount of money left in the drawing fund into account when deciding whether or not it is a quality program. Also, the money is spread out over the entire year, just to clarify.

**Adam Miller:** Genesee Hall has about 200 residents, so this serves about 10% of the Hall. If I were to say yes to this and Genesee had another big program, I would most likely say no out of fairness to other halls.

**Vinita:** Please do not take other potential readings into account.

**Christina:** I am not sure if this is an appropriate question or not, but is our budget set in stone or can we ask for more money from SA?

**Vinita:** If we feel that our budget is very low, we can request more money.

**Kyle Rodrigues:** I call to question.

*Reading passes 26-0-2*

**Adjournment:** 7:59 pm