



**Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes
For
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Minutes # 12				

Call to Order: 7:01

Attendance: 29 of 29

Also Present: Brendan Quinn, Ben Delozier, Nikki Lynn, Dr. Bonfiglio, Kevin Hahn, Ralph Carrasquillo

Approval of the Agenda: 29 of 29

Jessica Resnick: We have an amendment for Nassau's reading. As we were looking through it, we realized that we did not have enough food, so on the price breakdown, we doubled everything. The new total is \$65.50. We are still asking for 50%, which is \$32.75

Christina Miller: I would like to amend Livingston's reading. The overall price is the same, but it is mentioned that upstate escapes donated the transportation. The total cost of the transportation is \$338.00.

Kyle Rodrigues: For the Jones Hall reading, we changed a lot of our prices, so I will hand out a new price breakdown. \$79.88 is our new total. We are still requesting the same percentage, so the new amount that we are requesting is \$47.83.

Approval of the Minutes: 29 of 29

Reports:

Vinita Mishra: I met with the CAS Facilities Committee. We received updates on plans to expand Books and Bytes, as well as talked about the plan to renovate Letchworth. I met with each member of the executive board throughout the week. I attended Coffee Talk. I went to NRHH's showing of RENT and AC's Ethos Percussion and Lark Quartet. I went to the Erie RD Candidate interview.

Jonathan Shepard: None.

Katelyn Conway: I emailed the Public Relations Committee to set up a meeting time. I met with Vinita on Wednesday. I attended CRT on Thursday to talk about the PR Committee's Newsletter and the Hall Council Improvement Committee's Hall Council Retreat. I also attended Coffee Talk on Thursday. I attended the Environmental Sustainability Task Force meeting on Friday. I also met with Dan on Friday to discuss the HCIC's Hall Council Retreat.

Sam Forlenza: I attended the Conference Staff meeting. I went to Coffee Talk for a bit and it went very well.

Matthew Thackston: I worked on the event report. I attended Coffee Talk which was amazing. I met with Vinita to talk about some positional things.

Bethan Maher: I went to the usual meetings, started our Event Report and the Resource File Index, and met with Vinita. I did see Enchanted again on Friday, it was amazing.

Danielle Forrest: Thanks to everyone who helped out with Coffee Talk!! There were over 250 people there throughout the night. I worked on getting ready for Spring Coffee Talk, the Spring Rep Retreat, and with Programming Committee's help, began to solidify things for our campus wide program.

Daniel DeHollander: I attended a GOLD workshop on Tuesday that I invited all of your Hall Council Presidents to. None of the Presidents showed up for any of the GOLD workshops I went to this semester, so I am going to look into something different for next semester. I also attended a Minis meeting on Tuesday. I went to the curriculum task force review on Wednesday. I hosted the last CRT meeting of the semester. We decided on a leadership activity for the HC Presidents and also the campus wide program we would like to host in the spring. CRT is going to be hosting our own version of "Legends of the Hidden Temple!" I attended Coffee Talk and it was amazing! I met with Katelyn to talk about TORCH Day and the Hall Council Improvement Committee. I also went to NRHH on Thursday!

Allison Moesel: This past week I had several meetings around Niagara and attended Coffee Talk. Congrats to Danielle and the rest of the programming committee on a great program! I attended the Women's Leadership Institute Roundtable on Saturday.

Thomas Johns: There was an NRHH Meeting this past week. No Day But Today ended this past week and I want to thank everyone for their help. The program would not have been successful without your help. This past weekend my e-board and I also went on a retreat to the Buffalo area and I am very excited about the things to come and everything that we talked about.

Sam Speed: We had a conference staff meeting on Tuesday which went well. Also, I turned in my RBD report for November, met with Vinita on Monday night, attended Coffee Talk, and wrote 5 No Day But Today letters.

Open Reports:

Melissa Kaye: Allegany is doing Adopt A Family. We have had a lot of gifts brought in already, and last night we went door to door and received over \$100 in donations.

Alicia Jeffers: One of Suffolk's RAs is also doing Adopt A Family. Our Hall Council donated money and gifts.

Christina: Livingston did a Hall Dialogue. Basically, you bring people together to have a dialogue about a certain topic without it turning into a debate. We had 30+ people there and it went over by an hour and 40 minutes. Ben, our RD, had to tell people that we were shutting down at 10:40 pm. Our topic was "Are You Geneseo?" which was basically about what it means to be a part of the Geneseo community. If you are interested in doing this in your Halls, I would

be willing to help you plan it or even facilitate it. My email is CM29, so if you have any questions or interest, it is a great program and it was a great way for people in our Hall to mingle and get to meet each other.

Announcements:

Vinita Mishra: This is the last full week of classes. Good luck finishing up all of the work that you have. We will be meeting next week because there is class on Monday. Please keep in mind that you can program on the study day, but not during finals because the focus should be on academics. I will begin planning our Executive Board Spring retreat in the coming weeks. IRC Exec will be doing Karaoke during the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza, so please come sing along.

Jonathan Shepard: I will be meeting with Vinita Thursday. I will also be meeting with people from the GOLD office and the Dean from the School of Business for Spring Leadership training stuff.

Katelyn Conway: I will be meeting with Dan and Vinita. I will be meeting with the Public Relations Committee on Friday to write our first newsletter. I will be attending the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza and helping run karaoke.

Sam Forlenza: Care packages are coming in, so look for them late this week. I am attending two Conference meetings this weekend.

Matthew Thackston: I will be finishing the Event Report this week. I will be working on the delegation application for Minis. I will be reading through the reports our delegates sent to us about their programs from Regionals.

Bethan Maher: I will be finishing my Event Report this week, doing more work on the RFI, and keeping sane as finals approach (maybe).

Danielle Forrest: Spring Coffee Talk is Feb. 22 from 9-11pm. The Rep Retreat is on Feb. 3 from 2-4pm. The Programming Committee's Campus Wide Program is going to be April 19 from 2-5 pm.

Daniel DeHollander: I will be attending the open meeting with the newest RD candidate tomorrow at 3pm in the Fireside Lounge. I will be going to NRHH this Thursday. The Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza is this Saturday from 10pm-2am in the Union Ballroom!

Allison Moesel: On Wednesday, December 5th, 2007 Geneseo's Colleges Against Cancer will host a Marrow Donor Drive from 11:00am-3:00pm on the College Union Main floor. All you will need to do is fill out an application and do a cheek swab in order to register for this national database.

Thomas Johns: There is an NRHH meeting this week as well. Your recognition coordinators are welcome to come and observe the talking points for OTMs and to see what we discuss makes a high quality OTM.

Sam Speed: I will be writing an article for the Monthly Moose Calling this week with conference updates for the region. Also, I will be having a 1 on 1 meeting with Lindsay, the Regional Director, on Tuesday regarding registration (which opens in 2 days!) and working on the budget, due December 5th. The last conference staff meeting is on December 8th and 1:00 and I will also be attending the Security Meeting on the 9th.

Open Announcements:

Tim Bojanowski: The imperial separation-ists have decided that Bethan can join us.

Ros Lawrence: After reading NRHH's 100 ways to recognize, Steuben Hall has decided to start an RH attack, so do not be surprised if we show up at your Hall Council meeting! We thought we would do it with the idea that if we do it to a Hall, then the next week, they can do it to someone else.

Eleanor Carmeli: I am sure that a lot of you got an email about this, but just to announce that there will be a candle lighting for Hanukah every night for 8 nights, so if anyone was concerned or interested, it takes place in a different Residence Hall every night. I have a schedule that I can

make available to you. There will be an end of Hanukkah party on December 11 at the Inter-Faith Center.

Tom Johns: I forgot to announce that NRHH will also be at the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza. We will be wrapping school supplies for a local school that cannot afford them. If you want to help or donate supplies, please contact me.

Melissa: With the Hanukkah party, if you light candles in the Residence Halls, will it set off the fire alarm?

Eleanor: You are not allowed to burn anything in the Halls, but the candle lighting is at 6pm every night. If you cannot make that, speak with your RD, because I believe that you can do it with permission. It must be done in a public place and I am not sure if they have to be there.

Vinita: I am seeing nods from the RDs that says yes, they do need to be present.

Allison: There is a designated place in every Hall. A staff member must be present when that is happening for safety reasons. If you have any questions, please speak to your RAs, RDs and ACs so that we can find a way to accommodate you.

Ben Delozier: I just wanted to announce in general an upcoming event on February 8. Geneseo Lateknight, in conjunction with LSA, PRIDE, WAC, the English Club and the English Department will be holding Expressions Empowered. It will be kind of like an open-mic night, but rather than focusing on student talent, it will focus more on student expression. It may look very similar, but it is going to have a specific tone to it. It will be very similar to the poetry slam that took place last semester. It is going to be all student performers and it will take place in the Knightspot. There is currently a planning committee that is working on this, and they would love to have other members join. If that was of interest to you, you can come and talk to me after the meeting. I just wanted to give you a heads up because you will be hearing more about this. Please bring it back to your Halls because we will need performers.

Open Discussion:

Vinita: We are having Open Discussion before we go into business. Tonight, we have Dr. Bonfiglio.

Dr. Bonfiglio: When I come to these meetings, I like to give a report about what I have been up to. If you have questions, feel free to interrupt or wait until the end, both are fine. On Thursday and Friday, I was in Saratoga Springs. We have a quarterly meeting of all Vice Presidents of Student Affairs and we talk about issues that we are having in all of the SUNY schools. I wanted to go through some of them with you. We talked about the NY Alert system that is in place on all of our campuses to notify people of emergencies. For example, if there is no school tomorrow, you will get an alert if you have signed up.

Christina: Are you sure about that? Because I spoke to someone at University Police about that today, and they said we would not get alerts for classes being canceled.

Dr. Bonfiglio: Last I heard, I was told that they would be sent out in a situation like that.

Ros: I heard it was only for extreme weather.

Dr. Bonfiglio: I guess we will find out if this counts as extreme weather. We tested it on this campus, as did many other. Other colleges are looking for different things to supplement the NY Alert, as are we, such as sirens, speakers that can go on the blue lights, and things like that. I do not have detailed information; it all depends on possible funding from NY State. We also talked about the need for funding for mental health counselors on our campuses. SUNY is interested in using health fees that you would pay. We discussed SUNY's plan to send fire inspectors into Residence Halls. We also discussed the Hanukkah candle lighting. The fire marshal does not allow open flames in the Residence Halls, so we petitioned to allow it in this case. We took a poll at the meeting, and only 1 other campus allows it under very controlled conditions, and that is Binghamton. This is an experiment that we are doing. I had people in my office today for about an hour that were concerned about what we are doing.

Another thing that we talked about was an assessment project to gauge the fraternities and sororities on campus. This will be a chance to measure the quality of our program. Some students at SUNY Albany sued the state because of the student activities fees policies that we have, and they won. There was a referendum that said that we could gauge what is acceptable to fund. The non binding referendum was removed.

How many of you are familiar with turnitin.com? It is a data depository. Your professors can enter your papers into the website and they will be able to scan it to see if they have been written by someone else. There was a question about whether the papers are confidential, and it has been decided that they are not, which means that your professors can do this with your papers at any time.

We talked about how UP conducts searches on our campus. We talked about sportsmanship at athletic events. We talked about violence between roommates to solve disputes. We talked about the proposed SUNY budget. We talked about plans for the Chancellor's Awards that are given across all of the SUNYs. We talked about illegal downloading and how the television, motion picture and music industries are interested in collecting damages from college students who download material illegally. We talked about a requirement that was passed by the highest student assembly in the SUNY system that will require all student assembly members to have at least a 2.25 cumulative GPA. We talked about MRSA and the likelihood that we will have a major outbreak of this disease. We talked about credit card debt. Some legislators are very concerned that college students are bombarded with opportunities to get credit cards and rack up debt. They would like to see solicitations be restricted on our campuses. We talked about SUNY's expectation that by 2010, a larger percentage of our energy sources will be from renewable sources. Those are just some of the things that we talked about.

On Friday, we have a College Council meeting that evaluates the President of the college. I have to give a report at that meeting, so I have been working on that. I have read all of the shuttle bus evaluations. It seems like people want more opportunities to go to Rochester, and they want it to run all summer. We will look into the Rochester thing, of course, but the summer aspect of it will cost a lot more money. I met with the Erie Hall RD candidate. I was interviewed by the Lamron about the proposed SUNY budget.

Rahul Singh: Is the SUNY budget across all of the campuses or just Geneseo?

Dr. Bonfiglio: There has been a budget that includes a 5% tuition increase, a cap on fees, and billions of dollars for capital improvements on campuses. It also includes millions of dollars for faculty hires. So when I speak of that, it encompasses everything.

Bethan: I was wondering if there was any talk of increasing handicap accessibility at Geneseo or across SUNYs in general.

Dr. Bonfiglio: We are looking at mobility on campus for people who are temporarily or permanently disabled or challenged. We are looking for ways to move students around for temporary disabilities such as broken legs. We are also trying to see what kind of equipment we would need to purchase.

Bethan: Is there any push for receiving services for people who are long-term disabled?

Dr. Bonfiglio: You would need to speak with Tabitha Buggie-Hunt about that.

Christina: You mentioned money in the budget for new faculty hires. How does that transfer to our campus?

Dr. Bonfiglio: I have heard 2 main priorities. The first is entrepreneurial hires. Those people would probably be hired elsewhere, not necessarily here. The second was to lower the number of part time and adjunct faculty. We have the lowest number of those, so that would not affect us that much either.

Christina: Is the plan to replace the adjunct and part-time professors?

Dr. Bonfiglio: Yes. We have a lobbyist in Albany to help advocate for Geneseo. Now, it is up to our President to work with that person to make sure that something comes through for Geneseo.

Sam Speed: How is the Union Patio coming? Is there a projected date for when it will be finished?

Dr. Bonfiglio: It was going really well until Friday. The hope was to get it open from MJ up before the bad weather came. I did not speak to anyone today, so I am not sure yet, but I am sure I will hear about it soon. The cement needs time to cure, so I am not sure when it will be open, but they wanted it done before the storms hit.

Danielle: I guess my question is similar to that. How are Seneca and Erie Halls going?

Dr. Bonfiglio: Erie is almost done. Ben, would you like to say anything about it?

Ben DeLozier: It looks phenomenal. They have to move furniture and put in carpets, but it looks beautiful.

Dr. Bonfiglio: As far as Seneca Hall goes, they are on schedule, but it is too early to tell if it will be opened on schedule. I was at the meeting with Vinita about Letchworth, as was Brendan, and that will be an exciting chance for students to give input as to how they would like it to be. They are talking about spending \$15 million on it. The new director of CAS is also talking about minor improvements to Mary Jemison. The next big project is the Doty building, which will be turned into offices. That should be in the SUNY budget under the capital projects category.

Rahul: If Doty becomes the admissions building, what will happen with Erwin?

Dr. Bonfiglio: We have not discussed that yet. I am frustrated about the fact that our Career Services Center is in Blake, which is not handicap accessible, so I would like to see that moved into Erwin. I am sure there will be a lot of people interested in using that building.

Tom Richards: Are any of the Academic Departments moving their locations?

Dr. Bonfiglio: The Speech and Hearing Department will be in Doty.

Shane Melvin: Going along with the topic of construction, what is the time table of Holcomb and the new stadium?

Dr. Bonfiglio: That will not happen for a while. A moratorium has been placed on the construction of turf fields in the SUNY system. Some of the legislators were petitioned by a sod company to conduct a study of health hazards produced by turf fields. There are people who install grass for a living who are worried about their livelihood being hurt by people who install fake grass for a living. That is going to drag things out a bit. Also, most of the money for that will come from fund raising which will take a lot of time.

Alicia: As far as the new buildings go, are they going to be energy efficient? Putnam was very recent, but they were not doing so well in the energy savings contest.

Dr. Bonfiglio: There is something called the Leeds certification. To apply for that costs a couple million dollars, so we are not interested in getting that, but we are building our buildings to those standards. All of the heating and air conditioning is going to be redone in the townhouses. We were looking into geothermal heat for that. As it turns out, it would not save any energy or money for the college, so we decided against that. The biggest impact on energy costs is the people who use the energy, so if you are interested in conservation, it all starts here.

Tom Richards: What does the Vice President of Advancement do?

Dr. Bonfiglio: They are in charge of raising money and public relations. The gallery on Main Street falls under college advancement.

Vinita: Are there any other questions? Thank you very much, Dr. Bonfiglio.

Dr. Bonfiglio: If you have any concerns, my email is bonfig@geneseo.edu. I meet with Vinita and Brendan a lot, so if you have any questions, do not hesitate to bring them up. It is great what you guys do here. It really helps the college, so thank you for that.

Treasurer's Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$4,740.03 > > > \$4,391.07 > > > \$4,391.07

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

Bad Financial Standing:

Suffolk, week 1 of 2
 Putnam, week 1 of 2
 Genesee, week 1 of 2

Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:

Vinita: Ingrid really enjoyed being in Niagara. She did not come back last week, and she is not here this week, but that is okay! I would not want to leave Niagara either, so we forgive her. This week, she is here in spirit, and in spirit, she goes to Jon Hirschberger. He is very good with contributing discussion to these meetings, he helped a lot with coffee talk and he performed as well. He is doing a great job on the Programming Committee, so thank you for all that you do.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Item #24-0708:

Debbie Bertlesman: I am Debbie for those of you who do not know. This is Niagara's first reading. We are going to be participating in the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza. We will be making a banner and setting up a table. The banner will be set up so that you can walk through it. We will have a table for decorating holiday ornaments, so you can use paint pens and glitter to decorate them. We will have a donation box there as well. This is something that we have been doing with our programs within our hall. We cannot ask you to pay for the ornaments, but if you want to donate, please do. We hope to have a lot of people painting, and we will be working in shifts.

Eleanor: How many people do you expect to volunteer?

Debbie: So far, I have a list of 12 people.

Matt MacDougall: Did you shop around for the best prices?

Debbie: Yes. We went to Wal Mart, but then we found out that it was cheaper at the campus store.

~Debbie leaves

Jessica: I like this idea, and I also like the idea that they will have a Relay for Life donation box. I know I will be there decorating an ornament and donating money.

Reading passes 28-0-0

Item #25-0708:

Elliott Reagan: I am Elliot. We are planning on having a study day get together. We will have food and music at a non-disruptive level for our residents or anyone else who wants to come and relax before finals. We are asking for 50% of the total cost. All of that is going toward food for the people who are coming.

Melissa: Will there be any activities or will it just be socializing?

Elliot: People will be able to eat, talk, study, get together and socialize.

~Elliot leaves

Shannon Mathew: I think it is a good idea because everyone will be stressed from finals, so everyone can get together and complain about what they have to do.

Shane: I like that they chose healthy food, not the typical chips, pop and pizza that you would expect.

Jon Hirschberger: It would be cool if there were 2 study lounges that were close together, because I do not think this will be conducive to studying, but people would still be able to be a part of the program.

Melissa: I know there are 2 lounges on the first floor, so they should make sure one is kept for studying.

Vinita: Does that affect the overall quality of the program?

Melissa: No.

Reading passes 28-0-0

Jon: I just had a suggestion. If there are 2 lounges near each other, one could be for socializing and the other for studying.

Elliot: That is a good idea, thank you.

Item #26-0708:

Shane: Basically, our program is part of the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza. We wanted to have an event that was not holiday specific. We brainstormed winter-themed ideas because everyone participates in winter, and the idea that we came up with is Smomen, which are smore-snowmen. You have chocolate, graham crackers and marshmallows, and you make a snowman out of them.

Christina: People will be building them, but will they be baking them in a microwave after that?

Shane: No.

Alicia: Who came up with the word “smomen?”

Shane: That would be our Recognition Coordinator Rebecca coons.

Jon: Is everyone allowed to make a smo-person?

Shane: Yes, everyone who comes to the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza will be able to make one.

Jon: Can we make more than one?

Shane: That would depend on how many people there are and how many supplies we have.

~Shane leaves

Vinita: I know that your blood is still pumping from the dance party, but please be respectful during readings. Thank you.

Christina: I absolutely want to make a smoman. It is a great idea. It is inclusive and delicious.

Alicia: I agree, it sounds so great.

Eleanor: I appreciate the fact that it does not favor one holiday over another. It is all inclusive and I support it.

Reading passes 28-0-0

Item #27-0708:

Kyle: We had a lot of changes to our prices, so I am passing around our adjustments. The ones with asterisks are the different ones. Our program is being held on the study day in the main lounge in the middle of the day so that people can study for a few hours and then take a break. We are going to be making cookies and residents will be able to decorate them. We are going to have hot chocolate and milk to drink to get into the Holiday spirit. We are going to have crafts as well.

Vinita: On the bottom of the flyer, it says “Supported by mandatory student activities fees.”

Kyle: Yes, but it has not gone up yet.

Vinita: Ok, good. When it goes up, will it have the proper logos?

Kyle: Yes.

~Kyle leaves

Joey Sinchak: The fact that they were able to print color copies for all of us shows their dedication to this program.

Reading passes 28-0-0

Item # 28-0708:

Katie LeFevre: we are planning a pajama pancake party. We are going to have 3 different kinds of pancakes. It will be at 11:57 pm on December 10. It is hard to get people together in the Townhouses, so we are providing food. We did it last year and it was successful, so we are doing it again.

Shane: Why is it at 11:57 pm?

Eric Vicari: One of the problems is that when you say a program is at midnight, it gets confusing as to which day it is on, so it was to cut back on confusion.

Eleanor: Why is the phrase “emergency exit” included in the title?

Katie: Probably to make it more.

Eleanor: Will it be near emergency exits?

Katie: Yes, the great room has 2 huge emergency exits.

~Katie leaves

Vinita: Is there no discussion because we are getting close to the end of the meeting?

Alicia: Everything is kind of similar, so we do not want to repeat the same things.

Vinita: We consider each reading separately.

Alicia: I think this is a great idea. The pancakes sound yummy.

Miranda VanOmmeren: I do not know how often the people in the Townhouses get to interact, so I think it is a good idea to get everyone together.

Tom Richards: I hope they do not run out of maple syrup.

Eric: We are getting a very large bottle of it.

Eleanor: This is not to say that I do not support the program, because I do, but it is interesting that there is a lot of dairy for people who may be allergic. I think they could have thrown in some fruit or something. I still support it.

Christina: When they come back, can I make a suggestion about the pancake preparation?

Vinita: Yes.

Jon: I do not want to press this point too hard, but this is all food that is accessible in other places other than Wal Mart.

Reading passes 28-0-0

Christina: When you are making the pancakes, you can substitute certain ingredients to make it vegan-friendly.

Katie: We are getting the mix that you just add water too, so that should not be a problem.

Eleanor: if you have people who are allergic to dairy, you can use other substitutes.

Item #29-0708:

Eleanor: This is the first reading that Livingston has had since September, so we are excited. I know that you all have the rationale in front of you, but I really like it, so I am going to read it. Free transportation? Check. Educational component? Check. A breather during finals week? Check. Taking digital pictures with statues? Check. Inter-Residence socializing? Check. Awesome gift store? Check. IRC funding? I do not know, that is up to you! Livingston Hall is inviting all of you and the residents in your Halls to go to the Strong Museum on December 8. As it says at the bottom of our rationale, the money for the bus will be donated by Upstate Escapes. It will depart from Geneseo at noon and will leave Rochester at 3:00 pm to be back on campus by 4:00 pm. This time was chosen so that it would not conflict with the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza. Tickets will be sold in the College Union. Normally, entrance fee is \$7 per person, but we would like to reduce that to \$5. If you will fund us \$75, that will lower the cost for everyone. Also, Livingston’s Hall Council is donating \$13 to fund the remainder. The transportation cost was \$338, but as I said before, Upstate Escapes is funding that, so it will not affect the amount we are requesting. We are putting up flyers in our Hall and sending out emails to the whatsapp listserv. It is open to the whole campus.

Melissa: Is \$7 the normal price or is that a special price for this program?

Eleanor: I am not positive, but I think that that is the normal price for Upstate Escapes. We would like to reduce it even further. I know this is a break from the “Holiday-themed” parties, but this is going to be a really fun program.

Sam Forlenza: Will you be putting logos on the advertisements?

Eleanor: yes.

Sam Forlenza: “Supported by mandatory student activities fees” must go in the whatsapp email as well.

Eleanor: Thank you for the reminder.

Katie: When would people have to sign up?

Eleanor: You can sign up as soon as we start advertising. It will be on a first come, first serve basis. There are 44 seats, so once those are full, it will be closed.

Katie: Will there be a contact name?

Eleanor: Yes, right now it is me, but there will be a designated person. Just to answer some potential questions, if we do not have 44 people interested in this trip, then we will not use the full amount. We are requesting a percentage.

Shane: I have been to the Strong Museum before and it is a lot of fun. Because of that, I am concerned that the bus leaves here at noon and leaves the museum at 3:00 pm. That is roughly 2 hours that people will be able to stay in the museum. That is not a lot of time to be there.

Christina: We realized that, but we wanted to give people a break from studying without stressing them out. We also still wanted people to attend the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza.

Eleanor: We did not want it to be a day-long event. We just wanted people to have a break.

Christina: There is also study time between this program and the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza.
~Eleanor leaves

Alicia: It looks like a really good program and it is well planned. I am excited that it is open to everyone.

Tom Richards: They say that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. I just hope that Jack does not play too much.

Eric: I am just curious. For donations, how does that work in terms of an IRC reading? I am curious for future readings. Since the transportation is being donated, how does that affect the total cost?

Vinita: When you do a program, you put the entire price breakdown, so any donations you get would go toward the total cost.

Eric: So technically, the total cost should change?

Vinita: Yes.

Eric: So they are requesting an even smaller percentage than they originally said they were.

Christina: Yes, thank you for pointing that out. Initially, Upstate Escapes did not think that they could make that information available to us just yet, but they did, so we added it.

Jon: I think that this program is the epitome of a good program. It targets a lot of people and it is an actual trip where you can form some memories. I think it is really good.

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Vinita: I just want to quickly say before we leave that I sit at least 8 office hours per week in the SA office, and I am in there far more than that, so if you ever have any questions about a reading or anything else, please feel free to come talk to me. I am always here for you guys. Is there anything else that you would like to discuss?

Rahul: This morning, my email inbox was filled with emails from the Class of 2010. Did anybody else have that problem?

~Lots of snaps

Jon: You can unsubscribe from that list. I know that there were over 70 emails sent, but one of them was marked as urgent and it has a red exclamation point next to it. That gives you the steps to do it.

Vinita: Generally, there is someone who moderates the list, so hopefully they will address that problem. You can also speak to the advisor of your class.

Eleanor: I was wondering, with our meal plans, does anybody else think that maybe the flex points should be able to be used as part of your meal plan?

Vinita: You can actually ask the cashier to take your meal off of your flex points.

Jessica: You can also just stock up on vending machine food.

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