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**Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes
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Chair: Vinita Mishra SAIRC	Monday: 1:30-3:00 Tuesday: 11:30-1:00 Wednesday: 1:30-3:30 Thursday: 11:30-1:00, 2:00-3:00	Office Phone: 5854	Programming Coordinator: Danielle Forrest DHF1	Tuesday: 1:00-2:00
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CRC: Daniel DeHollander DHD1	Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30-12:30		Ex Officio: Thomas Johns NRHH President TEJ1	
			Ex-Officio: Sam Speed RBD SJS18	
Minutes #16				

Call to Order: 7:01pm

Attendance: 31 of 31

Also Present: Nikki Lynn, Adam Miller, Ashley Jones, Sarah Murtaza, Audrey Cooper, Chad Dispenza, Haleema Murtaza

Approval of the Agenda: 31 of 31

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Bas Dekker: My name is spelled wrong.

Reports:

Vinita Mishra: I have no formal personal reports for this week. I would like to take a minute to say a few things about campus safety, in light of the events that have been happening on the news about Northern Illinois and other places. We have discussed campus safety before, and we have discussed the availability of health and counseling services. Lauderdale Health and Counseling is a resource for any student who needs it. However, for any of the emergency systems we have in place to be effective, we need to communicate properly amongst each other. You have a wide variety of resources along with the Health Center. RA Appreciation Day is a fantastic reminder that the Residence Life staff is there to make sure that you are safe and getting the best resources you need. Using your RAs and Residence Directors, as well as talking with your friends and not

being afraid to speak up will help all of the people who are here on campus do their jobs and keep the campus safe.

Katelyn Conway: I met with the Public Relations Committee last week and we came up a deadline for our Newsletter. I spoke with Dan and we set up a meeting time for the Hall Council Improvement Committee. We will be meeting on Thursday, February 21, from 1:15-2:00pm in the IRC office. I started looking at possible promotional items to order this semester. I attended Laser Tag on Saturday with CRT and it was a really great time.

Sam Forlenza: I attended Laser Quest on Saturday and had a blast. Late Registration ended, and I have been busy working on the various issues that have come up because of that.

Matthew Thackston: I worked with Jess to help her get used to her position. I worked on delegation preparation. I attended Laser Quest with CRT and some of the Executive Board. I met with Vinita to discuss positional things.

Jessica Resnick: I met with Vinita. I started sitting office hours. I started organizing plans for our delegation meetings for Minis. I picked a few possible times for delegation meeting. I attended Laser Tag.

Danielle Forrest: I went to the Prostaff meeting to ask the RDs for artwork. I emailed the RDs to follow up on getting artwork. I emailed the Coffee Talk Performers to confirm the schedule. I went to the Conference Staff meeting and Laser Quest with CRT and the Executive Board.

Daniel DeHollander: I hosted CRT this past Wednesday. We did an exercise in communication that will be displayed at Coffee Talk this Friday. I attended the NRHH Interest Meeting and the Winter Ball. I also sold candy grams for RA Appreciation Day. On Saturday, several members from CRT and the IRC Executive Board went to Laser Quest in Greece for a large leadership activity. It was a great time and it should definitely help us to work as a team as we work on Legends of the Hidden Temple.

Allison Moesel: The past week was busy around Niagara Hall. Happy RA Appreciation Day!

Thomas Johns: NRHH had our interest session meetings this past week. I joined the Regional Sustainability Committee, so if you have any suggestions, please pass them on to me. I went to Laser Quest with CRT. I have been working on invoices for the conference and attended the conference staff meeting. I also went on a mini-retreat with my executive board to the Rochester Museum of Play.

Sam Speed: We have been having problems with the system ever since registration closed on Wednesday. We have not been able to see names of delegates registered, or any registered programs, but they are working on fixing that for us. Our conference staff meeting on Friday was very effective and productive. We were able to accept some extra delegates from schools to reach our break even point. We have everything ordered from on line, and have officially confirmed all the rooms we will be using.

Open Reports:

Eleanor Carmeli: The fund raiser that I did a reading for last week was going on in the Union this week. I want to thank everyone that donated. We did really well, and actually raised more money than I expected. All together, we raised \$379.84 which is really fantastic, we did really well thank you for your help.

Mary Rosch: I went to A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer and it was really good. It was interesting because all of the fraternities and sororities were giving their final bids, so there was a lot of yelling, but it was good.

Announcements:

Vinita Mishra: I will be going to Coffee Talk and am very excited to see everybody there. I will be attending a Student Health Advisory Committee meeting, so if you have any health concerns, please bring them to me before Thursday. I am very excited to go to Subs at New York University this weekend.

Katelyn Conway: I will be working with the Public Relations Committee to finish our newsletter by next Monday. I will be hosting the Hall Council Improvement Committee meeting with Dan on Thursday. I will be attending the Conference Staff meeting and Coffee Talk on Friday.

Sam Forlenza: IRC's budget hearing will take place this Wednesday. I might be going to the SA Meeting and I will be going to Coffee Talk on Friday.

Matthew Thackston: I will be attending the Sub Regional meeting this weekend. We will be starting delegation meetings and doing more delegation preparation. I will be attending Coffee Talk.

Jessica Resnick: I will be finalizing delegation meeting times. I will be attending Subs in NYU. I will be attending coffee talk. I set my office hours. They are Tuesday & Thursday from 11:00-12:00pm and Wednesday from 12:00-1:00pm.

Danielle Forrest: Coffee Talk is this Friday! It starts at 9:00pm and the Programming Committee and Executive Board are coming to help set up at 8:00pm.

Daniel DeHollander: The next CRT meeting is on Wednesday, February 27 at 7:00pm in Sturges 111. I will be going to NRHH this Tuesday. I will be contacting the Presidents of Erie Hall and Wayne Hall about possibly coming into their Hall Council Meetings this week. The Hall Council Improvement Committee will be meeting this Thursday at 1:15pm in the IRC Office.

Allison Moesel: Do not forget, Live Green Day is this Wednesday, February 20th. You can add Live Green as a friend on Facebook and check out all of the great events that are happening that day or just go to livegreen.geneseo.edu. Specifically, the Live Green Expo is being held in the College Union from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. This will include a light bulb exchange! Residential students are invited to bring incandescent light bulbs (working or not!) from their rooms and exchange them for more energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). There is a finite supply of these bulbs (1 or 2 per person), so be sure to get to the union early!

Thomas Johns: NRHH nominations are still being accepted through March 29. Go to NRHH's website to submit a nomination. NRHH will be having a meeting tomorrow in Welles 119 at 5:30pm. Also, do not forget OTMs are due by March 2 at midnight.

Sam Speed: We will be having our conference staff meeting this Friday at 3:00 in South 338 and all of the volunteers are welcome! We will be ordering t-shirts, sending out invoices, and getting general things ready for the conference, because there will be 305 people here in 17 days!

Open Announcements:

Joey Sinchak: I think everybody should read the Lamron this week, because Sam Forlenza wrote a letter to the editor and it **is** pretty cool.

Treasurer's Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$4,083.05 > > > \$4,083.05 > > > \$3,972.69

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

Bad Financial Standing:

Monroe, week 2 of 2

Suffolk, week 2 of 3

Steuben, week 1 of 2

Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:

Mary: Bas gave her some money, and I gave her a Valentine and a lollipop since she spent Valentine's Day with me.

Vinita: This week, Ingrid goes to Tim Bojanowski for his enthusiasm during readings. He keeps the meetings light and has good contributions and we really appreciate him. Thank you, Tim.

New Business:**Item #36-0708:**

Adam Miller: I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to speak tonight. As an IRC Rep, I did not like it when the reading was the same as the rationale. I would like to go over the program with you. Ultimate Roommate Domination, who knows their roommate the best, it is the same no matter what you call it, but it is all about advertising. For those of you who went to IRC's Spring Training, you saw what worked and what did not. Pretend that Joey is my roommate. Joey has pieces of paper, as do I. A question will be asked, for example, what is the color of Joey's toothbrush? He will write down his answer, and then I have to try to match his answer. If I get it right, I get a point. The game continues until a team has enough points to win. The expected attendance is 60-70 people. We will have elimination rounds to narrow it down to 10-15 teams. We already have 46 people (23 teams) signed up. As you guys know, Onondaga is the largest all freshman Residence Hall on campus. That means that next semester, everyone will be split up all over campus. The focus of this is to get people who have not participated in anything to participate in this. How we will do this is incentive. How are we advertising? On February 4, the poster in the reading went up in the Hall. It was a testing of the water to see who was interested. We have 46 signed up as of now. Next week, we will increase our advertising to emails, posters, word of mouth, etc. The posters will all have the IRC and SA logos on them if we receive funding. Are there any questions? On the price breakdown, you will see 2 Mia's gift certificates for \$20 and \$25 as incentive. The amounts are higher because it is split between 2 people. There is a typo in the price breakdown. For the 2 pizzas, it should say, time 2, not 3. We are getting pizza from Mia's, and soda, paper plates and cups from Wal Mart. We are requesting 80%. For 60-70 people, this is not a lot of food. If we get too many people signed, there will be another fully-sponsored Hall Council event going on to supplement it. It is a different event, but they will be going on at the same time. Are there any questions? The questions we will ask will be light and funny, and they will get harder as we get further into the game. The interest right now is high. We have 3 people who made up the questions, so no one knows them all and there are about 100 right now.

Christina Miller: Do you feel that your integrity can live up to the pressure of keeping the questions secret?

Adam: It is going to be tough, but I will be strong.

Eleanor: Are there any triples in Onondaga, and if so, how will that work?

Adam: If there are still any triples, there are not a lot of them. They should have all been broken up at the beginning of the semester.

Allison: All of the people who wanted to be de-tripled were. There were some people who chose to stay together.

Adam: I believe there are 3 triples right now, but unfortunately, we decided that we could not accommodate them.

Christina: Can they still come for pizza?

Adam: Of course, anyone can. Also, RAs can participate with their co-RA on the floor.

Sam Forlenza: The prices include tax, but IRC does not fund tax.

Adam: We can fix that.

~Adam leaves

Deborah Bertlesman: With the advertising, is it ok that the fliers are up before funding has been received?

Vinita: They do not have logos on them, so it is all right. If we fund it, then they must put logos on it. We will be having a general discussion about logo policies next week to clear up any confusion, so please keep that in mind for next week.

Rahul Singh: Will we need to adjust the prices so that it excludes tax?

Vinita: He said that he would do that, and it is a 2 week reading, so he can. If he does not, we will correct it when the receipts are submitted and will not fund it anyway.

Kyle Rodrigues: He was really enthusiastic and he has shown that there is a lot of interest and it would be a good program to fund.

Alicia Jeffers: It is well planned, and I like how they have multiple people coming up with questions.

Amanda Greene: I have been helping with it, and we are all really excited. We will put logos on the fliers.

Mary: It seems effective that they have advertised and gotten interest before coming to IRC, especially in Onondaga.

Jon Roberts: I think it is a good idea since they are all freshman. We are thinking about doing something like this in Erie Hall as well since we are all new.

Eleanor: It is a really good program to support because I can imagine how fun this game would be.

Reading passes 31-0-0

Open Discussion:

Vinita: This week, we are talking about housing and housing selection. Nikki Lynn, the Residence Director from Jones and Chad Dispenza, the Residence Director from Nassau are here.

Chad Dispenza: We are here to talk about housing selection. Is anyone here living off campus next semester? Ok, there are a few of you, but for the rest of you who will be on campus, this will be relevant.

Nikki Lynn: You should have received 3 documents from Residence Life in your campus mailbox. One of them was the Housing How-To Guide. For those of you who are upper classmen, you may have seen this before, but there were a lot of changes made this year. It used to be called the Campus Advantage, but we changed it. There is also a glossary in the beginning that explains the key terms like priority number, homesteading, etc. Another new addition is the step by step guide. There is a guide that tells you exactly what you need to do and when you need to do it. Pretty much any frequently asked question you can think of about housing selection is in there, so if you are wondering about something, get the how to guide and look it up.

Chad: If you cannot find the answer there, feel free to talk to your RD, AC or RA. On every RA's door, there should be a question and answer sheet posted. If they do not know, feel free to come to one of us or the Residence Life office

Alicia: If you lose those documents, where can you find them?

Nikki: They are all on the Residence Life website electronically.

Melissa Kaye: What do your shirts say?

Chad: Last year's said "Get a room." This year, it says "Don't be left out in the cold, pay your housing deposit. Good to the last spot." So, right now for those of you interested in getting a townhouse, there is still time. You may not think that you can get into a townhouse, but you never know so I encourage you to apply. Those applications are available until February 25. You should get a confirmation email, but if you do not, please email me at dispenza@geneseo.edu, and I can let you know whether or not I received it. Between Monday and Wednesday, Andrew Baker and I will be taking that information and compiling it based on priority numbers. We will have the emails out by February 28 letting you know if you were approved or not. You must also pay your housing deposits because if you do not pay it and have a great priority number, you will not get it. Those who apply for townhouses will get a letter the first week in March letting you know when to come and pick your townhouse. Suite applications come next. They will be available from March 3-31. You need to find the right amount of people for the suite, pick one person to be the captain, submit the form and get a confirmation email from me. Then you will get a priority number on April 4. The lottery number that you will get is just for general housing. On the last night of housing selection, you will be able to pick what is left for corridor/suite spots. The different size suites will go on different days. That will be in the ice rink.

Nikki: Just to clarify about the priority numbers, if you are in a suite group, the group will have its own number, so in addition to your number, your suite will have one. If you are approved for a suite, you will be going by the group number, not the individual numbers.

Kyle: What is your individual number then?

Nikki: That is for when you want to live in a corridor style building.

Rahul: In the past, how competitive has it been to get into a townhouse?

Chad: It varies. 2 years ago, the 4 person houses were very competitive. Last year, the 5 person were very popular. This year we have about 80 applications so far. Again, make sure you pay your housing deposits.

Nikki: If one person in a suite or townhouse group does not pay their housing deposit by March 28, the entire group will be denied.

Chad: You can pay it online as well.

Alicia: When will the RA hopefuls know if they are being hired?

Nikki: My advice is to pay your housing deposit anyway. If you are hired, you will get a refund.

Allison: Something that I have been telling my Residents is pretend you are not applying for the RA position and pay your housing deposit and talk to your friends about possible plans. The one place where the housing process is flexible is with RA groups where a suite might lose a person. We will not punish you for that, so turn in everything early, submit your applications, but be talking to your friends about possibly getting the position.

Nikki: We have been communicating with them as well. They know that the housing deposits are due on March 28. They will try to let all of the RAs know a day or 2 before then. We keep the actual dates secret, but we will try to make sure you know.

Christina: If we end up in a suite and we become an RA, what is going to happen to our friends? Are they going to end up with someone new in the suite?

Allison: Basically, if you have applied for a 6 person suite and become a corridor style RA, Andrew baker will work with your friends to put them in a suite. They will do everything in their power to make it as ideal as possible, but it may not be perfect. If you become an RA for a suite with 6 friends, but end up in an 8 person, they will have to bring someone else in. Like I said, talk to your friends about it.

Jon: Nobody wants to leave Erie Hall. We all love it. I do not think anybody there has any preference, right?

Chad: Next year, it will be treated like every other Residence Hall. I do not think a lot of people know about Erie Hall other than the people there, so you can apply for an 8 person suite and there is a possibility that you will get it. There are not many on campus, and there are probably fewer applications for 8-person than the other size suites.

Danielle: Do residents in any building, other than Jones and Onondaga, have the option of homesteading?

Nikki: Unfortunately, Erie residents cannot because they are all first semester students, but it will be available in every other building other than Jones, Wayne and Onondaga. Next year, Wayne will be first year students.

Chad: Homesteading applications will be available around March 25.

Nikki: That means that you can apply to keep your current room or suite for next year.

Chad: You need a majority of the people in your suite to get that as well.

Mary: I want to go abroad for the fall, but I am not sure when I will find out. It should be before May 1. If I were to live on campus for the spring semester, do I pay my housing deposit?

Nikki: My advice is to pay it. You will definitely have a space.

Mary: But is it still \$150?

Allison: The housing deposit, I believe, is \$150 per semester. If you find out around May 1, I would pay it and make plans as if you were not going abroad. If you end up going, go to the Residence Life office and fill out a housing release form. Depending on how quickly you do that, you will get a refund. Then when you reapply if you go abroad, make sure you have your

housing license in over the winter break for spring semester so that we know you are returning to campus.

Chad: There are a couple of other things that I would like to cover. You might get really excited if you apply for a suite and are accepted, but you have to remember that there are a lot of suites in the south village. I know people tend to prefer north side, but obviously not everyone who is approved for a suite can live there. There are a lot open on south side. Just make sure you are aware of that.

Allison: Also, for those of you who may be thinking about a 4 person suite, there is a common misconception that the only 4 person suites are in Putnam. That is not true, so make sure you know that getting a 4 person suite does not mean that you will automatically be in Putnam.

Chad: If you are in Putnam, you get 2 big rooms and a bathroom, but if you get one in another building, you get a common room.

Danielle: Also, keep in mind that Seneca is going up and there is a lot of construction noise, so that might make the north village/south village debate a little easier for you.

Chad: Although it is awesome to have a roommate, you may be wondering if you can live by yourself. We used to have Superior Singles, and there are 2 or 3 people on campus that still have one because they were grandfathered in, but we are not granting any more. Even with Erie opening and Seneca being built, we still have a housing shortage on campus. We do not want to have people living in singles and then grandfather them in while other people are in triples or living in lounges again. We only offer medical singles, and those applications are due March 28.

Tom Johns: Is there some kind of drawing going on?

Nikki: Yes, there is. One thing that we have been doing this year is having drawings for people who get their housing deposits in early. The first one has already taken place. We select 2 random names of people who have paid their deposits, and they get a gift certificate to Sundance. The next drawing is sometime in early March. I believe the gift certificates are worth \$25, so pay your housing deposits in the next 2 weeks or so to be entered!

Adjournment: 8:12pm