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**Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes
For
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Minutes # 15				

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Attendance: 30 of 31

Also Present: Brienna Sullivan, Kevin Hahn, Nikki Lynn

Approval of the Agenda: 30 of 31

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Reports:

Vinita Mishra:

Katelyn Conway: I attended the Organization Expo on Wednesday. I met with Dan about the HCIC. I briefly spoke with Vinita and Dan about the HCIC budget. I attended the Rep Retreat on Sunday.

Sam Forlenza: I helped host karaoke Friday night for APO and Late Knight. I attended Summit on Saturday with the RBD. I had a great time at the Rep Retreat on Sunday.

Matthew Thackston: I attended the Rep retreat this weekend and it was amazing. I booked transportation for subs. I worked on Mini's stuff. I attended the Student Organization Expo. I talked with several people about the NCC position.

Danielle Forrest:

Daniel DeHollander: I went to Erie Hall with several members from the Executive Board to help their SRA at their Hall Council Interest Meeting. I went to the Student

Organization Expo, helped host karaoke at GLK with APO, and I attended the IRC Representative Retreat. I went on a campus tour with Sam Speed and the rest of the RBD. I met with Katelyn to create a proposed budget for the Hall Council Improvement Committee and to establish our goals for the semester.

Allison Moesel: Good to see all of you! It was a very busy week on campus and around Niagara Hall.

Thomas Johns: This past weekend I attended the AAC leadership training session, an RBD meeting, and the IRC Rep Retreat meeting. I also attended the Executive Board meeting for IRC.

Sam Speed: Summit was this weekend with the RBD! We got a lot of stuff accomplished for the region, and also for the conference. It was a really great time with very little sleep. I e-mailed the conference staff with all the updates from the weekend and answered several delegate questions about registration. We updated some of the schedule for the conference as well. I had to send in both my RBD monthly report and an article for the Monthly Moose Calling. I also attended the Organization Expo and the Rockapella concert which was a blast!

Open Reports:

Mary Rosch: Our Hall Council met this past week and we are debating changing the time that we meet every week.

Jon Roberts: I am completely new. I am one of the reps from Erie.

Announcements:

Vinita Mishra:

Katelyn Conway: I will be meeting with Dan to talk about the HCIC some more. I will be meeting with the PR Committee after this meeting, so if you are on that committee, please stick around.

Sam Forlenza: I made all of the Drawing Fund forms "form-enabled," meaning, you can type on them when you download them. There is a big purple bar at the top of the screen, and you can click "Highlight Fields," and all the areas you can type will be highlighted. So that should make filling out the forms a little easier and neater.

Matthew Thackston: I will be registering people for both Mini's and Subs this week. I will be continuing to work on things for Minis and Subs, delegation meetings and hopefully meeting with my new co! I will also be voting in the Primary on Tuesday and I encourage everyone else to do so as well!

Danielle Forrest:

Daniel DeHollander: I will be meeting with Katelyn to schedule a meeting time for the Hall Council Improvement Committee. I will be hosting CRT this Wednesday at 7pm in Sturges 111. I will be finalizing plans for the CRT Large Leadership Retreat to Laser Quest.

Allison Moesel: As a reminder, RA Applications are now available! You can find them on the Residence Life Website at reslife.geneseo.edu. Please remember applications are due this Friday, February 8th. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to me after the meeting or any other member of the Residence Life Staff. Also tomorrow (Tuesday, February 05) there is a Super Tuesday program. At 8:30pm in Newton 203, the primary results will be coming in live on the big screen. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the events and Dr. Koch from the Political Science department will be presenting. Light refreshments will be served.

Thomas Johns: The first NRHH meeting of this semester is tomorrow, February 5, at 5:30pm in South Hall 309, which is the conference room. Do not forget that membership informational meetings will be on February 12 and 13 at 6:45pm in the College Union room 324.

Sam Speed: I will be finalizing and contacting all of the volunteers for the conference and updating any last minute budget changes. We are going to start ordering things this week that we

will need for the conference as well. The next conference staff meeting is this Friday at 3:00 and there are 31 days until Moosebook at Geneseo!

Open Announcements:

Laura Bugaj: I mentioned this last week. For the RASA program, we are looking for more tutors to work with the kids. You get to work with pre-7th through 9th graders. If you are interested, you can either email me or Susan Norman at Norman@geneseo.edu

Eleanor Carmeli: Tomorrow, I am going to meet with President Dahl for an informal reception for Hillel and other cultural groups on campus. If you have anything that you want to pass on to the President, feel free to contact me.

Kevin Hahn: If any of you are interested in becoming an RA, there is an interest session tomorrow in the Onondaga Bullpen at 7:00pm. It was originally scheduled for the 6th, but it was rescheduled to Tuesday, so if you are interested or know anyone who is interested, please pass that information along.

Treasurer's Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$4,357.18 > > > \$4,357.18 > > > \$4,256.65

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

Bad Financial Standing:

Erie, week 1 of 2

Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:

Vinita: Last week, Joey received Ingrid.

Joey Sinchak: I put a jingle bell on her, but it is supposed to be a cow bell. I also got her an SA flashlight.

Vinita: This week, Ingrid goes to a rep that has done a fantastic job contributing to meetings. She is in the pep band and does lots of other things on campus. She is helping out with conference staff and she attended the rep retreat. This week, she goes to Alicia Jeffers.

Open Discussion:

Vinita: Tonight, Inspector Joe VanRemmen is here for our Open Discussion.

Joe VanRemmen: Who has heard of the PATH awards? They have been around for about 10 years. They were started by students on campus. It stands for Promoting Awareness Toward Harmony.

“The Geneseo annual PATH awards were created in academic year 1998-1999 to support Geneseo’s commitment to: “Recruiting, supporting, and fostering the development of a diverse community of outstanding students, faculty and staff; respecting the unique contributions of each individual to the campus community; and developing socially responsible citizens with skills and values important to the pursuit of an enriched life and success in the world.”

The awards are presented annually to students (including student organizations), faculty, and staff who have contributed to diversity and multiculturalism, fulfilling the College's Mission Statement as it pertains to pluralism and the creation of an environment that nurtures intellectual and personal growth in non-traditional arenas.”

Different faculty and staff members, as well as students have received these awards. I mention this because nobody raised their hand when I asked who had heard of it. I think it is good to have awards. It makes people feel good. I am here today because a lot of people on this campus do not know it exists, so in the past few years, when I put out a request for nominations, we have not gotten a lot of responses. I received it 3 or 4 years ago as a staff member, and it was a nice feeling to receive it from the community. I think it is important for us to recognize people who are doing good things in the community. I brought nomination forms for you tonight. If no one

takes the time to nominate anyone, then no one can receive it. Please think about your fellow students, faculty or staff who would be a good fit and nominate them. Are there any questions?

Mary: Can you nominate more than one person?

Joe VanRemmen: You can nominate as many people as you want. You can also nominate groups instead of individuals if you like.

Laura: How do you nominate someone?

Joe VanRemmen: You have to fill out a nomination form.

Christie Kelly: What kind of things can you nominate people for?

Joe VanRemmen: It is meant to recognize people who have done a lot of good things for the community. There are a lot of things that people can be nominated for.

Vinita: Can you self-nominate or nominate a group that you are a part of?

Joe VanRemmen: No, you are not supposed to.

Eleanor: When are the nominations due?

Joe VanRemmen: They are due Friday, March 14. I am going to leave these forms here, but they are on the website as well.

Matt: How does one get to the diversity website?

Joe VanRemmen: You can go to the Geneseo website and search for Diversity and it will come up. I hope to see some nominations. I think it is great when awards are given to deserving people. Now I will open it up to University Police-related questions.

Mary: We have a nice new patio with nice lights, and they are very bright, but the other lights on campus are not so great. Do you work with that? Can we maybe do something about those other lights?

Joe VanRemmen: I am an inspector with the University Police. I deal with parking services, different activities of the community, helping with the department. As far as the lighting, you can make recommendations to the Personal Safety Committee. They walk through the campus every year and check the campus for safety issues such as lighting. The President takes it very seriously. There is a light meter that you can look at to see what the lighting is at a designated area. Most places on campus meet the standard for appropriate light. There are also certain areas that we do not light because we do not expect people to walk there, such as the sports fields.

Mary: From here to Steuben, the lights can go out while you are walking.

Joe VanRemmen: You can email me about it and I will see that the assistant chief hears about it. Also, they are always looking for students to sit on the Personal Safety Committee. You can walk the campus with the president.

Megan Leahey: When you walk from the Union to the Sturges Quad, there is no light.

Joe VanRemmen: On the last walk with the President, we did notice that and we are working on fixing it. We are also looking in the construction zone here to see what we will need after the construction is complete. I will mention parking. We have a new building open on north side, so there are more people parking. I am open to solutions if you would like to send anything to me.

Melisa Kaye: When you are in parking lot Q, it is scary walking back at night. There should be more lights.

Joe VanRemmen: There is a blue light phone down there too. I realize that that does not help with lighting, but it is something to be aware of. Do not forget about the PATH awards!

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Item #31-0708:

Sam Forlenza: Hi everyone. You are probably wondering why I have next year's budget done already. Budget hearings are coming up and our budget is due February 15, and you have to approve it first. I am going to briefly run through the changes.

Line 10: Supplies. The Residence Council training has been cut in half. We dropped the amount for Regionals supplies. The line for supplies for the Hall Council Improvement Committee is new because we want the Committee to become semi-permanent. They need money for materials such as binders to distribute information for new Hall Councils for getting elections up and running. Overall we dropped \$70 from line 10.

Line 20: We combined the fall and spring program lines because it is difficult for the Programming Coordinator to plan two campus wide programs. We dropped the amounts for the Rep Retreats because it is not used. For the Rocky Horror Picture Show, we increased the amount for Projectiles and Event Supplies because more people have been attending every year, and we run out of supplies. We are reducing the amount for Publicity because a lot of groups on campus are going green, and we would like to help. Last year for the Leadership Recognition banquet, we invited all of the Hall Council members, and there were 150 people. We need a lot more money for food. For CRT, we changed the “group cohesiveness” line to be called “teambuilding” and cut the money down. We added the All Hall Council Group Activity for the Hall Council Improvement Committee. This is to get all of the Hall Councils together to help them improve. The blue print is based on TORCH day (Training Our Residents, Councils and Halls). Under Publicity and Promotions, we cut the money for t-shirts because we do not need that many. We combined the lines for Promo Items, because it is redundant to have 2 lines. Over the past couple of years, we have had to realign money for promotional items, so this way we eliminate those issues. For Fall Residence Council training, we changed “t-shirts” to “promo items” so that the Vice-Chair can give away other things, and we reduced the amounts. For Spring Residence Council training, we dropped the food costs, as well as changed “t-shirts” to “promo items” and dropped the amount. We dropped the Hospitality line under Teambuilding, because we do not need it. Overall in line 20, we dropped \$225.00.

Line 60: We reduced the amounts for Regionals and Minis, because \$1,500.00 because that is more than enough. We increased the amount for Nationals to \$2,000.00 because, as the title says, it can be anywhere in the Nation. Plane tickets can get pretty expensive. Overall in line 60, we dropped \$112.50.

Line 1: Income. We redistributed the amount that we have to bring in per program, because some of the totals were not reflective of what was being brought in. No money was taken out of line 1. Overall, we cut \$407.50 out of the budget. As for the RC Drawing Fund, we did not want to cut it because it has been cut the last few years and we think it is at a good amount. Also, although we have not used it yet this year, we felt that \$1,500.00 was a good amount for the Wellness Fund.

Rahul Singh: Do you know when the promo items and t-shirts will be distributed?

Vinita: Tonight.

~Sam leaves

Vinita: Before we move onto discussion, I just want to say that this is a way for you to see that these meetings are only a fraction of what IRC does. Please take note of that. It is also a way that you have a direct vote on how your Mandatory Student Activity Fees are spent.

Mary: I think that Sam has done a great job of looking at the details of everything, such as changing the wording of certain lines to make them more flexible. I think that is a really good idea. It is wise to ask for less money if you do not need it. I think the way that he put it together is really good and the money saved will go back to other places that it can be used.

~lots of snaps

Rahul: What happens to unused funds?

Vinita: It goes back into the SA reserves. That is where permanent equipments and things like that come from.

Melisa: Does all of the money for IRC come from Mandatory Student Activities Fees?

Vinita: Since we are a standing committee of SA, we get all of our funds from that.

Eric Vicari: The Hall Council Improvement Committee was talking about doing a program for the Hall Councils. Was that included?

Vinita: That is listed under the All Hall Council Group Activity.

Eric: Did you consider increasing that amount?

Vinita: Since this is the first year that it is being done, we decided to give it a smaller amount of money to see how it works before we allocated a large chunk of money to it. That money is there as a stepping stone.

Eric: If they wanted to, could they do a budget increase?

Vinita: Yes.

Christina Miller: This is very efficient and makes sense.

Alicia Jeffers: I like the way that he took a close look at what we actually use and cut money that is redundant.

Reading passes 30-0-0

Item #32-0708:

Christina: Hi everybody. You have the outline in your agenda. This is a program to raise money for Relay For Life. We will sell cans of Mountain Dew and Orange Crush as Valentines for \$2.00. It is fun and not limited to couples, so it is all-inclusive. Of course, you will also be supporting Relay For Life. We got our prices from Wal Mart. We did not feel that they would be available for cheaper prices elsewhere, so we decided to stick with Wal Mart. We have already started advertising and we expect a lot of orders. We are asking for more money because we are expecting a lot of orders. Also, keep in mind that if we do not sell all of them, you will not fund that much because we will buy fewer sodas, and our total cost will go down.

Melisa: Do people pay to send them?

Christina: Yes. We started out thinking that we would supply things and people could send them, but we decided to ask for a donation.

Mary: Has your fundraising been approved?

Christina: Yes, it was approved this morning.

Eleanor: Is your Hall Council excited?

Christina: My Hall Council is so excited! We had a little less enthusiasm last semester, but they are becoming more unified.

Mary: Have you looked into bottles of Crush?

Christina: Yes, we have, but since they are bigger, they are more expensive.

Mary: I lived in Livingston 2 years ago, and that year we used the bottle caps to make magnets and it was fun.

Christina: I wish that I had known about that. I will pass it on to the Hall Council and bring that back next week.

Alicia: Aluminum cans are much more environmentally friendly and are easier to recycle.

Shane Melvin: What about glass bottles?

Christina: I do not know much about this topic, I am sorry.

Mary: The ones that I was talking about are glass.

Christina: We will look into it.

~Christina leaves

Jessica Resnick: I know that this program is definitely something that I did in high school and the college that I attended before I came here, and it has always been popular. I like it.

Vinita: That was a good point, but try to keep the discussion on the reading.

Mary: I think that this is an excellent idea because sometimes you do not get things for Valentine's Day, so this way people you live with can send you something and build community.

Alicia: It looks well planned out, and they have got a couple of years experience and seem to know what they are doing.

Cody Pyles: I enjoy the fact that they are donating the money that they collect. Not only are they building community, but they are supporting a great cause.

Eleanor: She also mentioned that money from this is going to Relay For Life. We are not only building our Hall, but we are increasing enthusiasm about a campus wide program.

Reading passes 29-0-0

Adjournment: 8:12pm