



Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes

For

Monday, March 24, 2008

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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
Vice Chair: Sarah Murtaza SM10	Monday: 10:30-11:30		NCC: Matthew Thackston MJT8	Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00-12:00 Wednesday: 12:00-1:00
Secretary: Katelyn Conway KLC10	Monday: 2:00-3:00 Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30- 12:30	IRC Office located in Monroe 29	NCC: Jessica Resnick JAS 44	Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00-12:00 Wednesday: 12:00-1:00
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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 # 20				

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Attendance: 30 of 31

Also Present: Ashley Jones

Approval of the Agenda: 29 of 31

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Reports:

Vinita Mishra: Hello everybody! I am happy to have you back safe from your Spring Break. I wanted to take a minute to clear up some of the things that have been going around campus regarding CAS and the CAS Board of Directors. There were students earlier petitioning for elected positions to the Board of Directors. I wanted to give everybody here a little history on that. The positions had been elected positions in the past, however students were not running for them. This meant that there was no student representation on the CAS Board. Now, by nature of our positions on Student Association, Brendan Quinn and I sit on the Board. Our respective positions sit on the board every year, representing the voice of SA and on-campus students. Also, the President appoints two qualified and interested students. These appointments are voted on by the Executive Committee to ensure that they would be able to represent the student voice. If somebody wanted to be appointed, the SA President always makes himself available for the students and would be happy to hear somebody who was generally interested in serving on the

CAS Board. If you have any other questions or concerns about that please come and speak with me.

Sarah Murtaza: I have put together possible templates/designs of invitations of the End-of-Year banquet. I met with Vinita to discuss the progress of the End-of-Year banquet.

Katelyn Conway: I met with Dan, Vinita and Sam to talk about the Hall Council Improvement Committee.

Sam Forlenza: I worked on a couple of IRC-related things over break.

Matthew Thackston: I have been working with Jess to get things ready for Nationals. I started working on our conference report.

Jessica Resnick: The week before break, Matt and I worked on getting Nationals things ready. I spent my entire spring break on the beach with 10 of my friends. We got caught in a tornado on the way there. It was scary, but I am alive.

Danielle Forrest: I worked more on getting things squared away for Sibling's weekend. The Programming Committee met today. They are doing a great job getting things together for the "Campus Cup".

Daniel DeHollander: I have been working hard on the Legends of the Hidden Temple Program. I emailed activities from the game to each of your Hall Council Presidents to have them make the program fit to what we can do here at Geneseo (ask them about what they should be looking into and see if they would like any creative suggestions). I submitted an SA Fundraising Reading so that we can sell shirts for the event. I went to Wal Mart and the Dollar Tree to see what kind of materials we may be able to use for the temple and activities. I attended the IRC Executive Board meeting. I had a great time in Disney World and a great spring break!

Allison Moesel: I had a nice Spring Break and spent some time with my family. I hope you all took some time to relax!

Thomas Johns: Interviews ended very nicely and I want to thank everyone who participated in interviews, nominations, applications, and recommendations and would also like to wish the best of luck to every applicant. We have been putting the final touches on many of the projects for next week, which is our Pay-it-Forward Week.

Sam Speed: I spent my break doing nothing because I desperately needed to catch up on some sleep! It was nice to relax.

Open Reports:

Tim Bojanowski: over break, I went on a book buying spree, and I got a bunch of books including Our Mutual Friend which will be the last book I will ever read.

Bas Dekker: In Steuben, we had a program on Wednesday before break. It was a shamrock scavenger hunt and whoever found the most won a prize. I won a prize in a raffle.

Will Brotherton: On Thursday, I drove down to South Carolina with my dad and flew back the next day. I was flying from Cleveland to Scranton during wind storm, and my plane tried to land 3 times and we kept getting caught in the crosswind and we kept having to stop.

Mary Rosch: I am super excited because I just got my mail today and found out I will be studying abroad in Paris in the fall.

Jon Roberts: As a non-New Yorker, I just got back from my home in Mexico and I think the weather is changing here, and that is a very good thing.

Announcements:

Vinita Mishra: Voting for Student Association elections is on Knightweb from Tuesday-Wednesday. Log on to Knightweb and click "answer a survey."

Sarah Murtaza: I will be attending the CRT meeting on Wednesday. I will be ordering things for the End-of-Year banquet. If your Halls are interested, please send in pictures to me for the End-of-Year banquet slide show (sm10). Also, there are various awards for which people can be nominated. You can bid for Program of the Year, Hall of the Year and Resident of the Year.

Katelyn Conway: I will be voting in the campus wide elections tomorrow and all of you should too! I will be going to the SA meeting on Wednesday. I will be deciding on a promo item for this semester. I will be helping run karaoke on Saturday.

Sam Forlenza: I am starting the Constitution and By-Laws Improvement Committee (CBIC). Its purpose is to discuss potential amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. It will be open to any IRC rep. Due to time constraints, the committee will only meet twice: once this week and once next week. Our first meeting will be this Thursday, March 27, at 6pm in the IRC office (Monroe 29). If you cannot make it, please sign up anyway, and we can correspond via email. Thanks!

Matthew Thackston: Jess and I will be writing up our Event Report for Minis. We will also be doing more to prepare for Nationals. I will begin working on the Resource File Index!

Jessica Resnick: This week, Matt and I will continue working on preparations for Nationals. We will also be writing our end of event report for Minis, starting working on the file space and our end of the year report.

Danielle Forrest: Siblings weekend is next weekend (4/4-4/5). IRC will be hosting Roller Skating and serving Ice Cream from 10pm-midnight in the Union on April 5! Please wear your IRC shirts, and represent!

Daniel DeHollander: Vinita and I will be presenting the SA Fundraising Reading for t-shirts this Wednesday at SA. I will be voting in the SA elections and going to NRHH on Tuesday. There is a CRT Meeting this Wednesday in Sturges 111 at 7:30pm. I will be submitting another SA Fundraising Reading for an Applebee's dinner by this Thursday at 4pm.

Allison Moesel: As a final reminder, housing deposits are due this Friday, March 28 at 4:00pm in Erwin. Please do not miss this important deadline!

Thomas Johns: Next week is our Pay-it-Forward Week. There are still opportunities for you to get involved. One great way is to make a bulletin board for your cleaners to thank them for their work as well as a way for people in your Hall to get to know the people who clean your buildings. We will be having a LateKnight event this coming Saturday where we will be writing thank you cards to cancer researchers and having an Outta the Blue and OTM writing Party. Also, next Monday we will be having a dinner in the dark night at each dining hall as a part of Pay-it-Forward to Mother Nature. There will be a ton of great activities and information for you at this event about conservation. Come on out for the fun and be on the lookout for everything we have planned for next week.

Sam Speed: I will be voting in the campus wide elections, helping with karaoke on Saturday, compiling the wrap-up report from the conference, and writing the transitional manual for Fairfield who will be hosting Minis in 2009.

Open Announcements:

Allison: In the spirit of recognition, Residence Life will be presenting their annual awards including RA of the Year, Rookie of the Year, RA Honorary, Outstanding Program Assignment Work, Programming Hall of Fame, and RD/AC of the Year. This will be the first year that Staff Recognition is opening up nominations to everyone, so I will be emailing the information to Dan so that he can present it to your Presidents at CRT. If you want to recognize a member of Residence Life in your Hall, please ask me for that information.

Eleanor Carmeli: When are those nominations due?

Allison: They are due to me by 4:00pm on Thursday, April 10. My email is moesel@geneseo.edu.

Mary Rosch: Is it on the Residence Life website?

Allison: No, it is being done by email.

Eleanor: A lot of you mentioned voting in the elections, what are the dates?

Vinita: It is Tuesday and Wednesday. If you log onto knightweb and click "answer a survey," it will take you to the ballots.

Sam Speed: Make sure that you do not click finished until you have voted for every position, because once you finish you cannot go back.

Jess: As you have heard, Nationals is coming up. Each region does a roll call video, and this year's theme is "It's In Me." They are asking us to send in pictures of our executive board, general assembly, and anyone else involved with IRC. We are asking you to wear your IRC shirts next Monday and we will be taking a group picture for the roll call video.

Mary Rosch: On Wednesday at 7:30 in the ballroom, there is going to be a performance by the Gorilla Girls who are a group of feminists that wear gorilla masks. It should be educational and fun, so if you are interested you should go. Also, this weekend is the Wadsworth Library book sale and you should all go.

Vinita: In the back corner of the room, there are snacks donated from the Moosebook conference as well as notepads that were donated. Please help yourselves.

Cody Pyles: This Thursday, Friday and Saturday night at 8:00pm is the Geneseo Orchesis show. Tickets were not up last week, but I think they will be \$5. It will be around 2 hours long and there will be a lot of dancing from some of your friends.

Treasurer's Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$3,520.18 > > > \$2,480.18 > > > \$2,480.18

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

Bad Financial Standing:

Erie, week 4 of 4

Putnam, week 2 of 2

Monroe, week 1 of 2

Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:

Vinita: She spent spring break with Sam Speed.

Sam Speed: It was fantastic. I gave her a shining star.

Vinita: This week, Danielle will be announcing who gets Ingrid.

Danielle: This week, Ingrid goes to the Activities Subcommittee of the Programming Committee for solidifying the list of activities as well as hammering out a schedule and doing a lot of hard work for it, so if a representative would like to claim her, she goes to you guys.

Old Business:

Item #40-0708:

Melissa Kaye: I have new price breakdowns for you. I took everything that was said at the last meeting back to our Hall Council and they took it into consideration, and I talked to people at Lasertron and Carey Backman from Upstate Escapes. The total cost of the bus is \$440 and they will cover \$300. We decided that we would charge every person \$5 and ask IRC to fund the remaining \$965. We thought about opening it up to more people and getting a second bus, but the problems were that the bus is too expensive and not that many people can play at once. Just to remind you, it includes 1 hour of laser tag, lunch, pictures, tokens and a bunch of other things.

Will: We talked about this last time, but have you decided how you are going to set up sign ups?

Melissa: Since it is through Upstate Escapes, tickets will go on sale when I sign out the cash box, which will probably be Wednesday morning. She will make 50 signs for us to post all over campus as well, so they will be visible to everyone. There will be no reservations, it will be on a first come, first serve basis, and they will have to pay for a ticket and sign a waiver. We are talking to people in other Halls as well, and everyone is really excited about it.

Mary Rosch: Did the date change?

Melissa: It was moved to April 27. Our reservations are for 2:30, so we would leave around 1:00.

Eleanor: If you were to go normally with a group, how much would it cost?

Melissa: They just raised the prices, and they actually tried to change the price for us when we changed the date, but I convinced them to let us keep the original price. I do not know the individual price because this is a party package, so the individual things would cost more, but we are getting a good deal.

Vinita: Keep in mind that you can look at your minutes from last week.

Rahul Singh: What kind of bus will you be taking?

Melissa: I think it will be a school bus.

Bas: Have you already made the reservations?

Melissa: Yes.

Bas: What if this does not pass?

Melissa: We can always cancel them or reduce the number of people up to the day before. I think that it might actually be 42 people, because I have to go since I organized it and a chaperone has to go, so that leaves 42 spots.

Amanda Greene: If it is not approved, will you still have it or will it be cancelled?

Melissa: We will try to do it anyway since we already have the bus. We would have to charge people \$24.

~Melissa leaves

Tim: I motion to amend the reading to say up to \$965.

~Mark seconds

~Motion passes 29-0-0

Will: Looking back at last week's minutes, they definitely went through and addressed all of our questions and took into account the \$5 fee to enhance accountability. They looked into different buses and looked into the possibility of getting a second bus. They did a great job and I look forward to supporting it.

~lots of snaps

Reading passes 23-6-0

New Business:

Item #42-0708:

Mary Bock: Hello everybody. Jones hall wants to team up with our female RAs to put on a Girl's Night. Guys are invited if they want to come. We will be watching chick-flick type movies and playing games like Pretty, Pretty Princess, and baking and things like that. There will be supplies to decorate t-shirts, but the residents will have to bring those themselves. We are also asking for money to replace some pieces in the Pretty, Pretty Princess game because the person who owns it has lost most of the pieces, and we will also have snacks.

Joey Sinchak: I remember this was an issue in the past, but is there a problem with showing movies?

Vinita: Yes, if you do not have the license to a movie you cannot show it as part of a program unless it is on TV.

Will: What is the Carmen Electra Strip Tease?

Mary Bock: It is an aerobics video.

Christina Miller: You keep most of your clothes on.

Will: You have on the price breakdown "goldfish." Are you buying actual gold fish or the crackers?

Mary Bock: The crackers.

Shane Melvin: Obviously, this program caters mostly to females. How are you going to address that? Will there be a Guy's Night in the future?

Mary Bock: We can look into that. Like I said, guys are invited to come to this.

Joey: Will it say that guys are invited on the advertisements? Because as a guy, if I saw posters for a Girl's Night, I would probably assume that I should not go.

Mary Bock: Yes.

Mary Rosch: My cousin and I have played Pretty, Pretty Princess before, so they may be interested.

Cody: I am looking at the price breakdown, and it says brownies, \$1 times 2 = \$1. Is that a typo?

Mary Bock: I am not sure how that figures in to our price breakdown.

Christina: I motion to temporarily table the reading until we can figure out how that figures into the price breakdown.

Mary Rosch: Point of order, IRC funds up to a certain amount, so it is not worth it to table a reading over \$1.

Christina: Is there a problem with not having an exact price breakdown?

Sam Forlenza: It changes the percentage a little bit, but the amount that they are requesting does not change.

Christina: What is an activity floor pad?

Mary Bock: It is a big coloring pad that goes on the floor.

Eleanor: I just wanted to suggest that you could play music in the background like “Girls Just Want to Have Fun.”

Will: Will this be open to other Halls?

Mary Bock: No, it is only open to Jones Hall residents, sorry.

~Mary leaves

Christina: I think this is a well thought out program. There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm and we may do this in our Hall. It is a quality program and it should be supported.

Mary Rosch: I really appreciate the variety of activities that they have so there is something for everyone, even boys.

Reading passes 29-0-0

Open Discussion:

Vinita: It is the first Monday back, so there is no actual open discussion, but I still have a couple of things to say. If you have any suggestions for future open discussion topics, please let me know. One last thing, thank you for a wonderful meeting, I am really glad to have you all back from spring break, but I just want to clarify an issue that we have been having with voting. The reason we have abstentions is for conflict of interest type scenarios, so I just wanted to clarify that. If you leave the room and do not see a presentation or for some other reason do not have all of the information presented, that is when you should abstain. During discussion, everyone should be making sure that their opinions are heard.

Eleanor: Can the Programming Committee meet for a few minutes to go over names for the campus wide program?

Adjournment: 8:01pm