



Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes

For

Monday, September 10, 2007

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Chair: Vinita Mishra SAIRC	Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 12:30-1:30 Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00-12:30	Office Phone: 5854	Programming: Danielle Forrest DHF1	Tuesday: 1:00-2:00
Vice Chair:			NCC: Matthew Thackston MJT8	Monday: 1:30-2:30 Tuesday: 1:00-2:00 Wednesday: 1:30-2:30
Secretary: Katelyn Conway KLC10	Monday: 1:00-2:00 Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30- 12:30	IRC Office located in Monroe 29	NCC: Bethan Maher BEM4	Tuesday: 1:00-2:00 Wednesday: 1:30-2:30 Thursday: 10:00-11:00
Treasurer: Sam Forlenza STF3	Tuesday & Thursday: 11:15-12:15 Wednesday: 1:30-2:30		Advisor: Allison Moesel moesel@geneseo.edu	
CRC: Daniel DeHollander DHD1	Monday: 9:15-10:15 Thursday: 11:30-12:30		Ex Officio: Thomas Johns NRHH President TEJ1	
			Ex-Officio: Samantha Speed RBD SJS18	
Minutes # 01				

Call to Order: 7:00

Attendance: 27 of 29

Also Present: Kim Harvey, Jeff Ferrara, Nicolette Lynn, Kevin Hahn, Jeff St. John, Rebecca Coons

Approval of the Agenda: 27-0-0

Approval of the Minutes: N/A

Reports:

Vinita Mishra: I did many of the same things as the rest of the board, so I won't repeat. I also planned Leadership Training and I see some familiar faces from that! It went really well and it was a great time. Thank you to everybody who helped and participated. I met with Ralph Carrasquillo, the Director of Residence Life, this afternoon to talk about IRC and Residence Life.

Katelyn Conway: I attended IRC's Fall Leadership Training. I helped run the rug sale. I helped run the Amazing Race. I met with Vinita several times to prepare for the first general assembly meeting. I met with Dan several times to talk about the Hall Council Improvement Committee, which you will here more about next week. I attended the IRC Informational Meeting on Monday. I attended the executive board meeting on Sunday. I also attended Saratoga's Float and Vote on Sunday.

Sam Forlenza: I helped with Ackerman's Rug Sale and the Welcome Care Packages, both of which went well. I attended the NRHH meeting, and I've been preparing for the year.

Matthew Thackston: I attended Exec on Sunday. I attended the Conference meeting on Monday as well as the IRC General Interest meeting. I met with Bethan on Monday to discuss some NCC Stuff. I've worked throughout the week with Bethan to organize files in the office. I attended the NCC chat with Bethan on Wednesday to discuss regional stuff. I attended NRHH on Thursday and attended Float and Vote in Saratoga on Sunday night!

Bethan Maher:

Danielle Forrest: I met with Sam about budget stuff, and Vinita about plans for the year. I have been working on finalizing the Rep Retreat, as well as Rocky Horror and Coffee talk. I met with Tom about collaborating w/ NRHH for Coffee talk.

Daniel DeHollander: Over the summer I attended the IRC Executive Board Retreat and helped with 2 sessions of Karaoke and the Information Fair at Freshmen Orientation. I met with many people, including Kathy Holbrook from Residence Life, and gathered resources for the Hall Council President Binders that I will be giving to the Presidents at CRT. The binders are finished. I met with Suzanne Sharp to discuss Campus collaboration and establishing an incentive for members of Recognized Student Organizations to attend GOLD. Suzanne plans on using the CRC to advertise what is going on with other Recognized Student Organizations and in the College Union. I attended the IRC Rug Sale during move in week and helped with the NRHH/IRC Amazing Race. Katelyn and I worked to recruit former members back to the Hall Council Improvement Committee. We also created a Hall Council Position Description survey that the Presidents will be handing out to your Hall Councils at your next meeting. I started talking with Brooks Hawley about a CRT President Leadership Retreat and reserved 17 spots on that trip through Upstate Escapes. We are going to go White Water Rafting on September 22. I helped interview Allison Moesel for the IRC Advisor position. I accepted the position of being in charge of binders for the Minis Conference. I posted and sat office hours as well as attended two Executive Board Meetings and an IRC Interest meeting.

Allison Moesel: Hey everyone! My name is Allison Moesel, feel free to call me AlliMoe. I am the Residence Director of Niagara Hall and I'm here as your potential advisor. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and I'm excited to be here as a part of IRC!

Thomas Johns: I attended NACURH 2007 in Wisconsin. I attended the NRHH meeting this past Thursday. The Amazing Race went pretty well. OTM winners for this past month: Jen McNulty by Kim Harvey for RA for Wayne Hall. We also had a National Winner: Sara D by Kim Harvey for Wayne Hall for Student. Congratulations!

Sam Speed: I attended IRC Leadership Training. I sent in the September Budget. I attended IRC Exec. I attended the IRC Interest Meeting.

Open Reports:

None.

Announcements:

Vinita Mishra: Just so that everybody knows, we do announcements as a way to advertise things that are going on around campus, so that you can let people know what you're doing and possibly increase attendance at an event. It is also important for us to keep each other informed as to what we are doing. My announcements tonight are that I will not be able to attend the rep retreat, but I know it will be a great time for all of you. If I get the chance to sneak in, I can't wait to see all of you there. Also, this week I will be attending the President's Call to Action: Community and Diversity. It is Wednesday during the All College Free Hour in Newton 202.

Katelyn Conway: I will be meeting with Dan to talk about the Hall Council Improvement Committee. I will be ordering the first promotional item of the year. I will be attending the Rep-Retreat on Sunday.

Sam Forlenza: I'll be going to the Rep Retreat this Sunday.

Matthew Thackston: I will be continuing to work on organizing the office during office hours as well as reading through old Program of the Year Bids in order to prepare our Program of the Year Bid. I'll be working on conference stuff, including meeting with CAS and Vinita. I will be submitting an application to be on the NEACURH Charter Revision Committee. I will be working on getting things set for both Regionals and Subs.

Bethan Maher:

Danielle Forrest: The Rep Retreat is 9/16 from 2-4pm in the IFC. Rocky Horror is 10/27 at 11:59pm in the Ballroom.

Daniel DeHollander: Please remind your President that they have a CRT meeting this Thursday at 6PM in the IRC Office (Monroe 29). If they cannot attend they must send a replacement. If you would like to win some games for your service desk, attend the Week of Welcome Glow in the Dark Bocce tournament on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 from 8-10PM on Onondaga Field. Encourage your Hall Council and everyone else in your hall to go.

Allison Moesel: None.

Thomas Johns: I will be going around to Hall Council meetings to talk about OTMs so be on the look out. Please let your Recognition Coordinators know that they are invited to our NRHH meeting on Thursday September 20, 2007 at 6pm in College Union 322. Please email nrhh@geneseo.edu if there are any issues with coming. Also, the Alzheimer's Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's association is going to be on October 13th. The event is to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. Please help out, join a team, raise money and have fun! If you have questions about how to get involved let me know after the meeting or email me at nrhh@geneseo.edu.

Sam Speed: I will be attending RBD Summit this weekend in Ithaca.

Open Announcements:

None.

Treasurer's Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$6000.00>>>\$6000.00>>>\$6000.00

Wellness Drawing Fund: \$1500.00>>>\$1500.00>>>\$1500.00

Bad Financial Standing:

Steuben Hall: Week 1 of 2

Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:

Vinita: This is Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo. Ingrid goes to a Rep., Hall, Hall Council President, Executive Board member or anyone else who's done something amazing for the halls, IRC, etc. Each week, she gets passed around and spends the week with someone. This week, she is going to Rebecca Coons. She attended Fall Leadership Training, she attended the IRC informational meeting, and she has done a great job, so she is getting Ingrid this week.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Sam Forlenza: Vinita has to be the reading presenter for the next 2 readings, and usually, the Vice-Chair would run them; since we do not have a vice chair, I will do it.

Item #01-0708:

Vinita: We have to approve the constitution. It is a 2 week reading, so please look it over for next week. Article 3: the executive board. It gives you an idea of who we are. Article 3, Section 3: we do not currently have a Vice-Chair, so if you want to look over the duties and think you might want to run, come talk to me. Article 4: the general assembly. That goes over your responsibilities and duties as IRC reps. You approve actions taken in the name of IRC. It is pretty self explanatory. Article 5: the advisor. It talks about the duties of the advisor. Please look over that now, because we are voting on an advisor later on. Please look this over for next week and have questions prepared. Are there any questions now?

Sam Forlenza: Seeing none, Vinita, will you please step out?

~Vinita leaves

Sam Forlenza: After each reading presentation, there is a question and answer session. Then the presenter leaves so we can have a discussion. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, voting on the reading: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading passes- 27-0-0

Item #02-0708:

Vinita: Please look this over before next week. Here are some key things: Article 1, Section 3: standing committees. You are all required to sign up for a committee, either the programming committee or the public relations committee. Article 2: financial policy. You will need to know these when your hall presents a reading. We will go over it in the future, but you should look them over and bring back any questions next week. Are there any questions at this point?

Sam Forlenza: Seeing none, Vinita, will you please step out?

~Vinita leaves

Sam Forlenza: Discussion of the by-laws? Seeing none, voting on the reading: All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading passes: 27-0-0

Item #03-0708:

Sam Forlenza: After your constitutions and by-laws, you will find the budget. Line 10 is office supplies. Line 20 is programming activities. On the second page, you'll find the Residence Council and Wellness drawing funds where you can request money from. Line 60 is for conferences. Line 1 is the money we are required to bring in. Are there any questions?

Vinita: Seeing none, Sam, will you please step out?

~Sam leaves

Vinita: Is there any discussion? Seeing none, voting on the reading: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading passes: 27-0-0

Item #04-0708:

Allison: Hi everybody. I know the first time I came to one of these meetings, I had a glazed look on my face. I promise, with the help of this executive board and everyone who has done this before, it will get easier. After the rep retreat and other activities, you will get more excited to be here. As I said before, I am Allison Moesel. I am the RD of Niagara Hall. This is my 6th year on campus. I spent 4 years as an undergrad and this is my second year as a professional on campus. I know Knightweb really well, so if you need help, feel free to ask. I'm originally from north of Syracuse. Is there anybody else? I have no one in my building that is close to my hometown. I am 22 years old. I would like to go over why I would like to be an advisor. I have a few main points. 1) This is a great opportunity for me. I have been a part of many different organizations on campus, but this is my first time in IRC. This is a new challenge for me. 2) I believe that one of the most important jobs of an advisor is to lead people from the bottom-up, not from the top-

down. You should always support the people you are advising, for example: be the “bumpers on the bowling alley of life.” When things get very off track, you should be there to bounce things back. 3) I also think a sense of humor is important. I think I have a good sense of humor. It is important to be able to handle a crisis, but it is also important to be able to laugh. Are there any questions?

Vinita: Seeing none, Allison, will you please step out?

~Allison leaves

Vinita: Discussion on the appointment of Allison Moesel as advisor? Please look through the advisor requirements in the constitution. As IRC reps, it is your job to vote in an advisor, so please take it seriously.

Adam Miller: Is there anyone else running for the position?

Vinita: Allison is the only one who ran. She will be back next week, so please think about this and come up with questions for the next meeting.

Joey: I think she is very excited and has a lot of enthusiasm and will do a good job.

Vinita: Thank you, further discussion? Seeing none, voting on the reading: All those in Favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading passes 27-0-0

Open Discussion:

Vinita: We are going to do some mock-readings. If you were wondering why there were readings in your agendas that we have not discussed, that is the reason.

Eleanor: Are there any more agendas?

Vinita: Yes. We are going to do some “pretend readings” to go over some policies that you need to know. There is also a “cheat sheet” in your binders, so please follow along.

Item #78-0708:

Danielle: Hi. Erie hall is going to have a picnic. People can come and eat from 12-2. We’re expecting a lot of people. Are there any questions?

Sam Speed: Where are your supplies coming from?

Danielle: I don’t know, the RA got the prices.

Bethan: Will it be vegetarian friendly?

Danielle: Yes, there are chips and rolls.

Tom: What about advertisements?

Danielle: I don’t know, the RA will make them.

Sam Forlenza: How much food are you buying?

Danielle: I don’t know.

Matt: How are you going to cook the hamburgers and hot dogs?

Danielle: I don’t know, I think someone in the hall must have a grill.

Sam Forlenza: Are these prices exact?

Danielle: I don’t know.

Bethan: Will your hall be chipping in at all?

Danielle: No, you guys have the money, and it is for us to use.

Sam Forlenza: Since you are asking for more than \$75.01, it is a 2 week reading, but the event is scheduled for Wednesday.

Danielle: Yes, we were going to have you waive the 1st reading.

Vinita: Seeing no further questions, Danielle, will you please “step out?” Is there any discussion on the reading?

Sam Speed: This is not well thought out, and I am hesitant about giving them money.

Bethan: This won’t appeal to everyone, especially vegetarians.

Tom: I’m concerned that she doesn’t know about the advertisements, and probably won’t know about the logo policy.

Dan: According to Article 3, Section 2 of our constitution, we cannot fund retroactively. We cannot fund this in a one week reading.

Sam Forlenza: It seems like the RAs did all of the work, and RAs cannot receive funding from IRC and SA.

Vinita: Seeing no further discussion, voting on the reading: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading fails 0-6-0

Vinita: before we move on, here are some clarifications. They talked about RAs not receiving money unless they collaborate with a hall council. IRC will not fund an RA program alone. It must be a joint effort between a Hall Council and an RA to receive funding.

Item #79-0708:

Bethan: Hi guys, I'm Bethan Maher. My hall council has worked together to put on a picnic. We are very excited to get people to socialize and hopefully build a community within our hall. We shopped around for prices, and found that Wal-Mart was the cheapest. We also received a small CAS grant which will reduce the cost of the food. We will have outdoor activities such as Frisbee, 3-legged races and sidewalk chalk as well as food. If we have bad weather, the event will be moved into the main lounge; we have already gotten permission from our RD. We hope people will meet new friends and have a good time. Are there any questions?

Dan: Have you checked to see if you can use sidewalk chalk?

Bethan: It is all right as long as it is on the sidewalk, and not on the buildings.

Vinita: Seeing no further questions, Bethan, will you please "step out?" Is there any discussion on the reading?

Danielle: This is very well planned out. I wish I could go.

Dan: I like that they went through CAS and got a small CAS grant to lower the total cost.

Vinita: Seeing no further discussion, voting on the reading: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading passes 6-0-0

Item #80-0708:

Matt: I am the rep from Wayne Hall, but I am here representing all of south side. We are going to have a huge picnic including all of south side to create a community atmosphere. We have our price breakdown in the agenda. Most of the food is from CAS, except the baked goods which were donated. The highlight of the event is that Shakira is coming! She is willing to play at a discounted rate since she is a Geneseo Alumnus. It will be on September 23 from 4:00-8:00 pm.

Danielle: Do you have a contract for Shakira?

Matt: Yes, it has been submitted to Brendan Quinn, the SA President, and, pending this reading passing, it will be approved.

Vinita: Seeing no further questions, Matt, will you please "step out?" Is there any discussion on the reading?

Dan: I think it is great that all of the halls are collaborating and they should have a great turn out.

Vinita: Seeing no further discussion, voting on the reading: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading passes 6-0-0

Vinita: You just saw those readings, and it was a way to give you an idea for when it is your turn to come up and present. Do you have any questions about what we went over or the cheat sheet? Was that helpful?

Allison: Who presents the readings? Is it always the reps from the hall?

Vinita: It doesn't have to be an IRC rep. It can be anyone from your hall council. You can look at the drawing fund forms and that explains a lot of the information.

Christina: If you choose to collaborate, how does that work?

Vinita: It is up to the hall and how you want to handle it as a team. It can be the presidents, the IRC reps, anyone on any of the hall councils can formally or informally work together.

Eleanor: If we want to collaborate with another hall, which hall council rep should present it?

Vinita: That would be up to the halls as well. Whoever feels that they are the best informed or who has been working on the collaboration can do it. Everyone should be knowledgeable about it, so it is your choice. Was this helpful and enjoyable? Good. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me! I have one more announcement: if anyone is interested in running for Vice-Chair, letters of intent are due Wednesday at 4:00 pm in the SA office. You can also run off of the floor. Feel free to come and talk to me if you are interested. Can I see the reps from Monroe? And just for the record, Wayne and Putnam have 1 rep and Onondaga has 3.

Christina: What if we can't get a rep at the last minute? What should we do so that it will not hurt the hall?

Vinita: Let me know what is going on and we will work with you.

Adjournment: 7:57 pm