



Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes

For

Monday, September 24, 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: Jonathan Shepard JRS22			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 # 03				

Call to Order: 7:00

Attendance: 29 of 29

Also Present: Rebecca Coons, Janet Segelhurst, Brendan Quinn, Ralph Carrasquillo, Kevin Hahn, Kim Harvey, Kelly McGarry

Approval of the Agenda: 29 of 29

Rebecca Coons: On Item #07-0708, I have some changes. For the hall hosting the event, it should say Nassau Hall. The RC President should be Amanda Godfrey. The total cost of the event is now \$66.84, but we are still requesting 100%.

Joey Sinchak: For Item #11-0708, IRC does not fund tax, so we amended our amount that we are requesting. We are requesting \$11. 29.

Alicia Jeffers: For Item #09-0708, just to specify, the 'other items' are paint brushes and containers, which are being donated. The total cost will not change.

Approval of the Minutes: 29 of 29

Ros Hirshberger: Are there minutes from the election?

Vinita: No, we don't take minutes for those. What is said is confidential.

Reports:

Vinita Mishra: I met with Ralph this week. I went to the conference staff meeting. I went to the AAC meeting. I met with Dr. Bonfiglio this week and he gave me a campus construction update. They are working on Seneca, and I'm sure you've noticed that they've been working on Saturdays to make up lost time. I had lot of fun at the Organization Expo. I went to the Deliberative Dialogue on building community and learned a lot of interesting things about the communities that we build on the campus. I met with Jon to begin transitioning him. I submitted my Regionals application and you should too.

Jonathan Shepard: Monday, I was elected Vice Chair of the IRC Committee. Wednesday, I attend the Student Organization Expo and sat at the IRC Table. Thursday morning, I met with Vinita to discuss my position. Saturday morning, I attended a CRT breakfast meeting. Sunday, I attended Exec.

Katelyn Conway: I emailed the minutes to everyone in Residence Life. I set up/helped run the IRC table at the Organizational Expo on Wednesday. I attended Saratoga's Community Council Meeting. I met with Vinita and Dan about the Hall Council Improvement Committee. I contacted everyone on the Public Relations Committee about setting up a meeting time. I talked to Nancy and Sam about ordering promotional items. I read through some of the position description forms that have been returned. I helped run Karaoke for an AOP event on Saturday in the Knightspot. I attended Exec on Sunday.

Sam Forlenza: I attended the Conference Staff meeting, presented at the SA Meeting, and went to the NRHH Meeting.

Matthew Thackston: I attended Exec on Sunday. I worked on getting things organized in the office. I read through the bidding information we received from Lindsay. I met with Conference staff on Tuesday. I talked with CAS on Tuesday. I worked with Bethan on emailing people about the regionals applications. I attended the NRHH meeting where I announced about Regionals Applications. I attended the Organization Expo.

Bethan Maher: I attended the conference staff meeting. I met with Matt and Tom to discuss the upcoming Regionals conference. I met with Vinita and Matt to discuss our POY bid. I read all of my NCC emails. I helped prepare and read received applications for Regionals. I helped organize the NCC files in the office. I went and sat at the Organization Expo. I attended Exec and attended Livingston's Hall Council meeting.

Danielle Forrest: I finished printing off the Rocky Horror Scripts. I went to Exec. I went to the Organization Expo. I also attended Ontario's Arts Expo.

Daniel DeHollander: I attended a meeting for Minis on Tuesday and met with Nancy from the Duplicating Center to discuss binders. I met with Vinita and Katelyn to discuss the Hall Council Improvement Committee. I met with Vinita during my office hours on Thursday. I contacted everyone to tell them that Whitewater Rafting was canceled on Saturday. Jon and I hosted a CRT Meeting at RJ on Saturday morning. I helped host an AOP Karaoke event in the Knightspot on Saturday.

Allison Moesel: I've been busy working around Niagara Hall, but no new updates. Good luck to everyone who will be participating in Homecoming!

Thomas Johns: I attended the NRHH meeting: thank you to all of the Recognition Reps who came. I attended the Student Organization Expo. I went to the meeting with the presidents this past Saturday. I went to the NRHH executive board and IRC executive board meetings. I attended the Conference staff meeting. I attended an NRHH Chat with the region and a Charter Chat for the region to help develop NEACURH's charter.

Sam Speed: We had our second conference staff meeting of the semester. I discussed RBD summit dates with Lindsay (Regional Director). I'm waiting on Garrett's budget updates from September. I attended IRC Exec.

Open Reports:

Tom Richards: I also went to the Ontario Art Expo. It was a nice display of our hall's creativity.

Announcements:

Vinita Mishra: I will be attending the CAS Board of Directors meeting tomorrow morning. I will be meeting with Dr. Easton this week. I will be going to Lip Sync on Thursday and am really excited to see your halls. I will be meeting with Matt and Bethan to talk about the delegation for Regionals! The executive board will be having a mini-retreat this Sunday to celebrate having a full board.

Jonathan Shepard: I will be meeting with Vinita to continue my transitioning into the Vice-Chair position (setting up office hours, etc.).

Katelyn Conway: I will be meeting with the Public Relations Committee after this meeting to talk about our goals for the year. I will be meeting with Vinita on Thursday. I will be finishing my application to go to the Regionals Conference. I will be meeting with Dan to talk about the Hall Council Improvement Committee and to go over the position description forms- please make sure that you remind your Hall Council members to complete and return them to my mailbox in CU 316 by Friday, September 28. I will be attending window painting and lip sync for Homecoming.

Sam Forlenza: I may be attending the AAC meeting tomorrow night. I'll be meeting with Chad Dispenza this week. I'll be attending the Lip Sync competition.

Matthew Thackston: I will be working with Bethan to choose out delegation this weekend. I'll be working on the POY bid this week with Bethan. I'll also be working on other things for Regionals. We'll be doing subs registration and finalizing transportation for both Subs and Regionals. I'll be working on Transportation and Dining responsibilities for the Mini's Conference.

Bethan Maher: My announcements are the same as Matt's.

Danielle Forrest: Programming Committee will meet tonight, and next week after the IRC meeting. Window painting is 5pm on Wednesday, Lipsync is 7pm on Thursday, Shopping Cart Competition is 10:30am on Saturday, and the Luna Negra Dance show is 8pm on Saturday.

Daniel DeHollander: I will be attending the Continuing Recognition meeting on Tuesday in place of all your Presidents – I still need forms from Suffolk, Niagara, Jones, Steuben, and Putnam. I will be attending several Homecoming events this week to support your Hall Councils and will be the master of ceremonies for the Homecoming Award Ceremony on Saturday. I will be setting up times with your Presidents to come observe your Hall Council meetings. Please remind your Presidents that all HCIC Position Description Surveys are due by Friday (9/28/07) at 4PM to Katelyn's mailbox.

Allison Moesel: All of you should have received an email from President Dahl regarding the NY-ALERT system. This system is designed to send notifications to different communication devices in a situation where your personal safety could be at risk. For more information, please visit the Environmental Health and Safety website at www.geneseo.edu/~ehs and click on NY-ALERT then click on the information for students section. Also, Cultural Harmony Week is quickly approaching and there are some great events planned from October 20th-October 27th. This includes a lecture presented by Julian Bond, currently the NAACP National Board Chairman on Wednesday, October 24th at 8:00pm in Wadsworth Auditorium. Please check out all the other great events through the Multicultural Programs and Services website at multicultwebring.geneseo.edu

Thomas Johns:

Sam Speed: I will be registering for NY Subs and Regionals soon, once the RBD site is ready. I will be working on the budget once I get the updates that I need from everyone.

Open Announcements:

Brendan Quinn: SA is pleased to announce that we have open positions on the USAEC and the Student Court. USAEC is responsible for running elections, and is most active in October and

March. There is room on the USAEC for up to 10 student members. They are responsible for publicity efforts, candidate information sessions, petition review, interpretations of election policy and ballot counting. It is a one year appointment. Student Court is made up of 5 students (4 student justices and 1 Chief Justice), and once you are appointed, you keep the position for the rest of your time at Geneseo. There are 2 open spots- Chief Justice and 1 Associate Justice position. Their duties include making rulings and interpretations on SA policies, offering recommendations to the SA Executive Committee, arbitrating election disputes and hearing impeachment cases. The applications are due October 11 at 4:00 pm, so you have time, but please bring this back to your halls. You can pick up applications outside of the SA office.

Tom: How often do events such as impeachment or judicial appeal actually happen?

Brendan: The Student Court has not been very active in the past year for two reasons. First of all, people are always aware of the student court. Second, the rules are very out of date. One of the things that I have indicated to the people applying to be on the Student Court is that they need to be prepared to meet with me and review policies, so hopefully, it will be utilized more in the future.

Alicia: How do you get the Whatsup emails?

Brendan: You can email chip Matthews at matthewsc@geneseo.edu. Every student should get that unless you have unsubscribed from the mailing list, but he should be able to help you figure out how to re-subscribe.

Adam Miller: Is the Student Court open to freshmen?

Brendan: Yes. In my review of the applications, I will especially be looking for underclassmen, because they will stay on the Student Court for the remainder of their time at Geneseo.

Rahul Singh: Who approves those people?

Brendan: I do, and it is also subject to approval by Vinita and other SA Executive Board members.

Open Discussion:

Vinita: We will be having Open Discussion before we move on to new business. Brendan Quinn, the SA president is going to be talking about Student Association.

Brendan: Hi everyone, I am Brendan Quinn, and this is my second year as SA president. I am a senior, and I was lucky enough to hold the position my junior year. I started out as an IRC Rep from Jones hall, and I was one of the National Communications Coordinators my sophomore year, so I have a lot of history with IRC. First of all, I'd like to talk about how SA works. We control the Student Activity Fee money. We have a budget of 1.5 million dollars, and the students have total control of that money. SA is made up of an elected Executive board and five college employees. We put on many programs through AC. We also represent the student body to the administration. SA has 3 standing committees: AC, AAC and IRC. SA established IRC so that Residence Halls could have a place to go to request funding without having to go directly through SA. It is important to understand that, just because IRC approves a reading, it does not guarantee that SA will fund it. This does not happen often, but if there is something in a reading that directly conflicts with SA policies, SA can choose to not fund it, regardless of how IRC votes.

One of the biggest policies that you must make sure you follow is SA's contract policy. If you are bringing something to the campus that requires a contract, whether it is a band or a mechanical bull, you must submit the contract to me for approval before submitting an IRC reading. First, you must show it to Carey Backman, and then bring it to Nancy Chirico, the Secretary in the SA office. She will deliver it to me. I will look over it, and, assuming there are no major issues and the IRC reading passes, I will sign it. SA has its own performance agreements as well, so if the person you are working with does not have a contract, we can draw one up. There is also a Rider that is attached to all contracts. If you are requesting funding for a program, you should not sign a contract yourself. If you sign a contract and then funding falls

through, you are responsible for that money. If I sign it and something falls through, you are protected. Also, you cannot advertise for a program before the IRC reading passes and the contract is signed.

Another important policy is the logo policy. When you are advertising for an event that is funded by Student Activity Fees, you must put the SA and IRC logos on the posters. If you are advertising in email form, you must have the phrase “Supported by mandatory student activity fees” at the end of the email. You halls are not SA funded, so if you do not request money from IRC, you do not have to have the logos.

Ros: If we just email our hall about an event that is funded, what should we put?

Brendan: You should have the statement on there.

Melissa: Where do we get the logos?

Brendan: They are on our website, and there are also stamps in the SA office, but they cannot be taken out of the office.

Lastly, I would like to talk about the different ways that SA advocates for the students and discuss my own personal goals for the year. IRC has a different Open Discussion every week, so that is one of the ways that SA enables the students to voice their opinions to the administration. We also meet with many different boards and committees regularly, such as the CAS Board of Directors. We also run many different services available to the students, such as the ticket window which sells tickets for the vacation bus service.

Rebecca: Has there ever been any talk of making the buses go to Albany? It is very difficult to get home if you are from that area.

Brendan: Yes, but we have found that it was a big detour for a lot of downstate students, and the last time we did it, there were only 2 or 3 students going to Albany. When we looked at who was going where, there were not many going to Albany consistently, and it was taking everyone else way out of the way. I know that sounds callous, but we have had a lot of problems getting the buses companies to work with us, and to add a stop in Albany would be tricky. We have a survey that goes out to all students at the end of the semester, so students can fill those out and voice their opinions.

I would just like to go over some of my personal goals that I have been working toward since I was elected last year. I would like to increase the Concert Budget. Geneseo is sometimes seen as “D-List” when it comes to our concerts, and I would like to be able to get bigger bands to come to the campus. I would like to reform policies. I would like to start a Textbook Exchange program that would be run by the students. It bothers me to see things like this happening on Facebook when we could do something on a bigger scale. The college has a contract with Sundance, but this would be a student-run service where SA would facilitate the exchanging of books between students. I know that was a lot of information. If you have any questions about anything I talked about, feel free to talk to me about it.

Treasurer’s Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$6,000.00 > > > \$5,796.47 > > > \$5,471.47

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

Bad Financial Standing:

Nobody.

Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:

Vinita: Last week, she went to the Niagara reps.

Debbie: We gave her a scarf, and put stars on it to represent every Rep and Executive Board member.

Vinita: This week, she goes to Christina Miller for her great participation during meetings. Congratulations!

Old Business:

None.

New Business:**Item #05-0708:**

Megan Leahey: As you all know, Homecoming is coming up. We are very enthusiastic about it. We have been having meetings, and we have broken up into 3 different sub-committees for the 3 events. Posters have been put up and we have sent out emails about it. It says that we have about 100 people participating, because there are 50-60 working on the float, and more behind the scenes. A lot of people have worked on window painting as well. Basically, we really hope to get what we need to put on the program.

Vinita: Are there any questions? Seeing none, Megan, can you please step out?

~Megan leaves

Vinita: Is there any discussion on the reading?

Adam: First, there are 3 sub-committees. We have split up our Hall Council, so there are people specializing on everything. On the price breakdown, things are from Wal-Mart, where the prices are cheaper. There are a lot of people involved. The publicity director has hung up posters everywhere and we are expecting 100-150 people.

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

Reading passes 27-0-0

Mark Sperrazza: Point of order- my Co-Rep stepped out, so there was 1 less vote.

Item #06-0708:

Mary Bock: Jones hall is doing the window painting for homecoming, and we are expecting 10-15 people to help with the painting. There have been a lot of people at the meetings preparing for it. We are asking for \$14.82 from IRC to purchase paint and brushes. We are trying to promote Jones Hall pride.

Kyle Rodrigues: We had a meeting on Wednesday, and we had another one last night. We have some good ideas.

Vinita: Are there any questions?

Ros: Did you check prices at any other stores?

Kyle: We thought that we would promote the Geneseo community by purchasing things from the Geneseo Store.

Vinita: Seeing no further questions, Mary and Kyle, can you please step out?

~Mary and Kyle leave

Rahul: Are IRC reps allowed to be presenters?

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

~Reading Passes 27-0-0

Item #07-0708:

Winnie Eng: We are asking for \$28.42 for supplies to decorate our shopping cart. We are hoping to win money for our hall. How many of you went through Monroe when you were looking at the school? How many of you decided to go here because of that? It has gotten worse. They are removing our pool table because it is broken. If we win, we will use the money to spruce up our lounge.

Alyson Michener: How many people are participating?

Winnie: There are about 20 people participating.

Vinita: Seeing no further discussion, Winnie, can you please step out?

~Winnie leaves

Vinita: Is there any discussion on the reading?

Shannon Mathew: I just want to elaborate- we have more than 20 people working on this, that is the just the executive board. There are more people participating in other events.

Christina Miller: I think that the points that were made about helping the hall and drawing it together make sense. They shopped around for good prices, and that shows initiative, and we should support it.

Melissa Kaye: Isn't there a rule about not using IRC funds for fundraising?

Vinita: The money that they are requesting goes toward the program, and the prize money is through homecoming, so that is ok. Seeing no further discussion, voting on the reading: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading Passes 28-0-0

Vinita: Just to clarify, the big rule with readings is that you cannot compare them, but it is not as strict as with elections.

Item #08-0708:

Rebecca: I am going to explain why we changed our prices. We decided to participate in Homecoming events, and the girl who is in charge of window painting called Wal-Mart for prices. They told her that they had paint for a certain price, but when she went shopping, they were out of it. We had to buy different paint, so the prices changed slightly. Last year, Nassau won the 2 activities that we participated in, and we are really excited for this year. There are a lot of people participating. I am doing the reading because I have experience, but I will not be able to participate in the activity. We are painting the window like the Welcome to Las Vegas sign, but as Welcome to Nassau. The brushes were donated, so we just had to purchase paint and cart products.

Alyson: You are asking for 100%?

Rebecca: Yes, since it is a competition and there is potential to win the money back. Also, since it is a campus wide event, we thought it was appropriate.

Christina: How many people are you expecting?

Rebecca: We have 3 committees. We also postponed our Hall Council meeting so that everyone can go to the window painting. I'm not sure of the exact numbers, but we have 5-6 people for the cart.

Vinita: The paints that you are asking for funding for- do you have the prices and have you purchased them? We do not do reimbursements.

Rebecca: They have purchased them from the union, but I do not think they have purchased them from Wal-Mart yet. We could amend the reading to not include that.

Sam F.: That brings the total to \$47.70

Jessica Silvernail: They already bought everything, so we already have the receipts.

Adam: If you have the original receipt, doesn't that prove that you bought what you said you did?

Vinita: We work in reimbursements, so we can not give funding for something that was purchased before the program was approved.

Esther Yoon: Can they return these things and re-purchase them?

Vinita: In theory, I suppose it could work, but that is a lot of work for the hall. Sam, do you want to explain?

Sam F.: For IRC funded programs, we work in reimbursements. That is why we need original receipts. We need to make sure that the program is up to IRC standards, so it has to be approved before anything is purchased. It is there to make sure that everything is up to par.

Adam: Can you point out where that is in the constitution?

Christina: Is it the by-laws?

Esther: If Nassau said that they bought these things for someone in the hall instead of the hall program, then they can do whatever they want with those things and it would not be affiliated with IRC. You want to make sure that IRC's funds are spent in an appropriate way.

Vinita: I appreciate the creative ways that you are coming up with, it is really great. However, we set standards for everyone so that it is fair.

Joey: Say that they actually did do that. If they buy the exact same thing with a new receipt and a date after the receipt, then there is nothing to conflict, correct?

Vinita: Yes, that would be correct. Again, I love your creativity.

Tom: If possible, I would like to make a motion to make an exception to this reading.

Vinita: That is not something that I can legitimate. We looked through the by-laws, and while we can't fund a program that happened already, there is no by-law that says we cannot reimburse retroactively. Rebecca can go ahead with the presentation, but what I would like to say is that it is not a precedent that we would like to set. If you buy something now that will not be used until next year, that is not necessarily an appropriate use of Mandatory Student Activity Fees.

Adam: Does the same go for Onondaga, since we also already purchased certain items?

Vinita: Yes.

Melissa: It does not explicitly say it in the constitution or by-laws, but it could be added.

Alicia: Can we possibly amend the by-laws next week?

Vinita: It is something that we can discuss, and the Executive Board can discuss the process that it has to go through. It has to go through a 2 week reading here, and then it goes before SA, but we will be talking about it. Are there any more questions for Rebecca?

Sam Speed: We are back up to the original amount, correct?

Vinita: Yes. Seeing no further questions, Rebecca, can you please step out?

~Rebecca leaves

Vinita: Is there any discussion on the reading?

Alyson: I'm a little bit confused about why there are asking for 100%. It didn't seem like the hall was making an effort.

Jessica: Nassau is mainly upperclassmen, and our budget is not very large right now. If we get this funded by IRC, it will give us more time to fund raise for other programs and do great things.

Alicia: We do take into account previous funding in later readings, so it should not be an issue now, but it can be in the future.

Vinita: We can't compare readings, so that cannot happen.

Christina: But if it is listed under previous allocations on the RC Drawing Fund form, can we discuss it?

Vinita: Yes.

Christina: How is the budget split up between the halls?

Vinita: It is based on the amount of students living there.

Tom: On the forms for the programs, is it possible to put the amount of money that the hall has in their budget?

Vinita: When we think about funding hall programs, you are funding quality programs. Do you think that that should be taken into account?

Tom: I just think it is useful for determining how much money a hall should get for a program.

Christina: Basically Vinita, what you are trying to say, is that we should consider the quality of the program, and Tom, you are trying to say that we should be able to know if they are asking for money if they already have it? So, can we discuss this later since it is irrelevant to the reading?

Vinita: What do we think?

~Lots of snaps.

Adam: I want to point out that we have a limited number of money, and a lot of people are requesting for Homecoming. It appears to me that \$66.84 is a lot of money to allocate to one hall for Homecoming. The hall should be supplementing some of it.

Joey: I was on IRC last year, and you have a lot of money. The question that you were asking earlier is very good: our job is to fund quality programs. That should be a factor, but we should base our decision on the quality of the program. If it was on the borderline of not being a good program, then it should be taken into account.

Ros: Adam said that they are requesting 100% and have not fund raised, but as of yet, they haven't had a chance to. They intend to in the future.

Michelle Rusick: I just want to make a comment that \$66 out of \$6000 is not a lot, and that hall does not have a particularly large budget, so I am in support of giving them 100%

Laura Bugaj: Not everyone is asking for money. We have plenty of money in the drawing funds. I think that they have put a lot of work into this program, and they had some issues with pricing, but they still pulled it together and did the reading. Also, as a mostly upperclassmen Residence Hall, it is impressive.

Jessica: We are participating in all 3 activities, so that \$66 is split 3 ways.

Alyson: Is it possible to vote to reduce the amount of money we give them?

Vinita: You can motion to amend the reading.

Alyson: She did not seem to have a clear amount of participants, and I think that is a lot of money when not many people are participating.

Michelle: The whole purpose of a quality program is to create a community, and it seemed like the purpose of this program is to bring their hall together. I still support it.

Joey: I call to question.

Vinita: Is there any dissent? If anyone has more to discuss, you can dissent. If not, we will move to a vote. Seeing none, voting on the reading: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading passes 26-2-1

Item #09-0708:

Alicia: We are participating in the window painting. I do not know how many people were paying attention earlier, but it should now say that we will have approximately 20 brushes and water containers that were donated. We are purchasing everything from the campus store. We shopped around, and the campus store was a little more expensive, but it is better quality paint. We have approximately 15 people coming to paint, which is a lot for Nassau, so we are excited.

Tim Bojanowsk: What are the 7 colors?

Alicia: Black, brown, blue, red, yellow, green, and purple.

Laura: Is Nassau participating in any other homecoming events?

Alicia: Yes, but we are funding those on our own.

Vinita: Seeing no further questions, Alicia, can you please step out?

~Alicia leaves

Vinita: Is there any discussion on the reading?

Tim: The fact that she knew all seven colors shows that she was prepared.

Christina: They chose to only request money for one of the 2 events that they are participating in, and that is great.

Tom: It sounds like a lovely program, and I hope that they can get more people involved.

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

Reading Passes 28-0-0

Item # 10-0708:

Amanda Myers: I am sorry for the way I look, but I came from a soccer game. We are doing the shopping cart decorating competition, and we are requesting funding for supplies. Since it is a campus wide event, we are asking for 100%. Not everyone is participating, but we are and we wish to receive funding. We are hoping that a lot of people in the hall will get out and mingle and work together and hopefully win money for the hall.

Vinita: Are there any questions? Seeing none, Amanda, can you please step out?

~Amanda leaves

Vinita: Is there any discussion on the reading? Seeing none, moving to a vote: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading passes 28-0-0

Item #11-0708:

Joey: Our hall is participating in the Homecoming events. We are doing the window painting. The prices are from Wal-Mart. There is a committee in the hall that is excited about it, and they will be handling it. We are asking for 50%. Are there any questions?

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

~Joey leaves

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

Reading passes 28-0-0

Item #12-0708:

Kelly McGarry: This Saturday, we are going to be going to see Phantom of the Opera and going to the Dinosaur barbeque for dinner.

Joey: We wanted to take people on a trip, and this is one of the ideas that we came up with that the majority of the hall chose. People are really excited about this. We have 20 slots available.

Kelly: Students will pay for half of the price of a ticket if IRC funds this.

Joey: As you know, this is a 2 week reading, and therefore, it would require certain legislation to pass for us to get funding. This is a lot of money, but there are a lot of people in the hall that are willing to pay for half of the ticket. We are paying for transportation, and I think it is really cool.

Kelly: Somebody in one of my classes asked me about it. People have already agreed to pay for the tickets.

Joey: There are 20 spots open, which may not seem like a lot, but there are 20 people willing to pay for their tickets.

Alyson: Are you confident that you can fill the rest of the spots?

Joey: We are requesting a percentage, so we are requesting 50% of whatever our total cost is. Even if we do not fill the spots, the percentage will stay the same.

Adam: If you do not receive IRC funding, do you have the money to cover it?

Joey: Yes, we will still go. They are excited.

Christina: You did not mention the fact that this is a lot of money. What do you think about the fact that you could have served a larger number of people with this money?

Joey: I personally think that this is better than a big pizza party or something like that. Taking 20 people to Syracuse for \$16 each is incredible. Normally I would not expect to pass the first reading, but this is the date that worked for the majority of the people. We did not just assume that it would be passed, but this is what worked the best.

Eleanor Carmeli: It says that you are going to be purchasing the tickets, have you done that yet?

Kelly: No, we are still giving people the chance to sign up until Wednesday.

Laura: How are you renting a car?

Kelly: That is just in case more people come. There are people who volunteered to drive. If we did rent a car, Hall council would fund that.

Laura: So the cost of the program is more than just the tickets?

Joey: Yes.

Tom: Are these flyers up around the hall?

Kelly: Yes. I also sent out emails and people came to Hall Council to discuss it.

Alyson: How many people are in your hall?

Allison: There are a little over 200 people in Genesee.

Adam: The money you are requesting is for 20 people, so if 20 don't go, what happens?

Joey: We are requesting 50%, so if only 19 people go, it is 50% of that total cost.

Melissa: You are not buying tickets until after people put in money, right?

Joey: Yes.

Rahul: Do you have a policy for people who buy a ticket and do not show up?

Joey: We will return it.

Kelly: If they are putting their money down, they will most likely not back out.

Laura: Are the 20 tickets reserved?

Joey: No, but there are a lot left.

Vinita: Seeing no further questions, Joey and Kelly, can you please step out?

~Joey and Kelly leave

Vinita: Before we move into discussion, please take out your by-laws. Go to Article 2, Section 2, A, 6, a. That reads as follows: RAs cannot present a reading before the general assembly. Kelly is an RA. Her name was not listed as a reading presenter. If she was just to pass out materials, then halls are encouraged to collaborate, but once she began presenting, there was no way to stop it.

Christina: So are you saying that this cannot pass?

Vinita: Yes.

Debbie Bertlesman: Can they do it again?

Vinita: Not tonight. I did not wait on purpose, but this is just how it happened.

Christina: So if she had not said anything, it would have been ok?

Vinita: Hall councils are encouraged to collaborate with RAs, but once she presented, there is no way to distinguish it.

Eleanor: Is the executive board not allowed to interrupt?

Vinita: We can if we see it fit to do so, but I wanted to be able to go over this in depth once they left the room. In the future, if there is a way to do something during the reading, I will.

Michelle: Why can't RAs present?

Vinita: Staff members are not allowed to use Student Activity Fees, and RAs are considered staff members.

Michelle: Don't they end up using it anyway if they work with a Hall Council?

Vinita: They cannot request it. They can collaborate with Hall Councils, but we have to see that the hall council itself is requesting the money. We can still discuss this if you have issues, but as it stands, it cannot pass.

Alicia: For further reference, if we want to waive the first reading, is that done during discussion?

Vinita: Yes. Moving to a vote: All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Reading fails 18-7-3

Adjournment: 8:53