

# Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes

For October 16 Meeting.

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Minutes #5 (link with October 23 Agenda)

## Call to Order:

7:06 PM

## Attendance:

All reps are present.

*In addition, we have 3 guests joining us today. Paul Posener, Assistant Director of Residence Life, Julie Ennis, Director of Orientation and FYE, Dr. Bonfiglio, Vice President of Student and Campus Life.*

## Approval of the Agenda

Handicap is supposed to be "Handicapped" in Jeanne's section.  
Passed 26-0-1.

## Approval of the Minutes

On top of 1<sup>st</sup> page, change "Executive" Minutes to "General Assembly" Minutes.  
Passed 27-0-0.

## Reports:

**Eric:** Yes, my hair is gold. Steuben did not turn their receipts in within the allotted 2 week time period to be reimbursed. Therefore, they do not get money. We got our IRC STAFF shirts in. They look great and we'll hand them out at the end of the meeting.

**Lindsay and Justin:** We had a delegation meeting last Wednesday night. We finished the banner. It looks great! Thanks Miss LaFountain. Transportation for trip has been finalized. We will be taking 1 GSU car and 2 Enterprise Vans.

**Jeremy:** Today we had a meeting at 1pm with a Consultant who is looking for a Director of Residence Life for SUNY Geneseo. The meeting went well. We told him what we were looking for in a Director and it's his job to find a person fit for the job via our description, among other factors.

**Kara:** None.

**Jeanne:** SAC had a couple meetings. We will be passing out the surveys we constructed later in the meeting. Thanks Suffolk reps and Megan Carlucci!

**Heather:** At our CRT meeting last week, I handed out binders to all the presidents. The meeting was a lot of fun!!!

**Brook:** First night of the new SAFE Rider was a huge success. Call x7777. Twenty something calls and thirty transports—good job!

**NRHH:** To go along with Heather's binder report—there's an OTM section. Check it out! NRHH also went Horseback Riding Sunday for their "having fun" activity. It was good fun!!!

Open Reports:

**Kevin Hahn:** Niagara Hall went to Darien Lake yesterday—it was lots of fun!

**Diana Stern,** AC representative-October 12<sup>th</sup>, tickets went on sale for 3 Doors Down.

Announcements:

**Eric:** Thursday I will be going to UB to see their Townhouses and bring back ideas for ours.

**Lindsay and Justin:** NCC committee meeting immediately following tonight's IRC meeting. Delegation meeting tonight in the IRC office-Monroe 29. We will be working on Role Call. We leave this Friday afternoon to go to SUNY New Paltz for Regionals 2000.

**Jeremy:** Rocky Horror Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. We need all the help we can get! Plus it's a real fun and interesting experience. We encourage everyone to go just to see what the show is like. It's in the Union Ballroom, beginning at 11:59 PM.

**Kara:** This week, Eric and I took a look into pens. We ordered some from a company in hopes that we will get them by the conference. Don't worry PR committee—we still have work to do!

**Jeanne:** Kerri, Brian, and Megan worked hard on these surveys. Please take as many as you realistically think your Hall Council will fill out. Take these back to your hall council this week, announce the survey at the meeting, and make sure they get here in 2 weeks—October 30<sup>th</sup>. We will report the findings back to you after that. Thank you! Also, please make sure to wear your new IRC shirts to MidKnight Madness on Friday—we would like to see you all there!!!

**Heather:** I get to go to my first conference this weekend!!!

**Brook:** During Parents Weekend, November 4, there will be mini-lectures held for parents to attend. We need people to announce speakers to parents. If interested, please contact Janet Wells in CU 316 to help. College Bowl November 18—Applications in 316 CU. Candle light vigil will be held on Wednesday at 9 PM in response to recent flyers showing up on campus. Please attend and show your support for our organizations on campus!

**NRHH:** Kevin Hahn announces: For our "helping hands" project, we're volunteering to frighten innocent children at a Haunted Hayride in Henrietta. We would be honored if IRC representatives join us in this endeavor. It's scheduled for Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PMish. Have a Happy! And our newsletter should be printed by the end of October.

Open Announcements:

**MidKnight Madness:** It's COMING! This Friday! October 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 9:30. Be there. Free shirts to the first 1500 people through the door. Thousands of dollars in giveaways!!!

- Window painting: Thank you Wyoming, Livingston, and Onondaga Halls for participating in the window painting contest for MidKnight Madness. Livingston Hall won—over 60 windows painted. They will be in MM first!

**Julie Innis:** FYE is hosting the first event of the year, Sunday October 22, 2000. We're going to Silver Lake for a Ropes Course with 36 First Year Students.

**Dr. Bonfiglio:** If interested in being an RA spring semester, applications are now available in the Residence Life Office.

**Brook:** Last week-orientation advisory meeting. Looking into making changes for the Orientation Program for next year. Next meeting is November 17.

**Diana Stern**, representative from AC: Tickets for 3 Doors Down will be on sale through October 17<sup>th</sup> through Ticket Master. Spotlight: reps from different clubs will get together and put together flyers announcing their information so people have all information together in one place.

- CAAC meetings are Wednesday at 5:30 pm in CU 329.
- October 21, 2000-Grand Derangement
- October 17, 2000-Adaawe.

**Colleen** from Class of 2003: Pumpkin Patch on the Patio-Thursday, October 19, from 12-2 PM  
Class of 2003 will be selling pumpkins on the Union Patio. Prices range from \$2-\$6 depending on the size of the pumpkin. Free donuts and cider if you buy a pumpkin while supplies last.

**Megan Carlucci**: the Geneseo Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble will be having a concert Friday at 8 PM in Wadsworth Auditorium. Please come! It'll be fun!

**Sarah Monnat**: SAFE Rider flyers—please hang a couple up in your building! All residents should have one in mailbox.

- Freshman records—please take back to your hall to give out to residents. Can give to RA's, RD, or Service Desk. Whatever works. But take them with you!!!
- Coordinator of Undergraduate Association is sponsoring a trip to Washington DC for a job-shadowing program over break. Meet up in DC with GSU alumni to shadow/get a look at scene out there.

#### Gavel Award:

Brock: We finally got brand-new old gavel from E-bay! It's a little weathered, but that's OK. This week's award goes to Suffolk Hall for "enthusiastically helping Jeanne and going above and beyond with the CAS survey."

#### Treasurer's Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$7,233.96 > > > \$6,791.96 > > > \$6,091.96

Wellness Fund: \$500 > > > \$500 > > > \$225

#### Old Business:

17-0001: Niagara Hall Horseback Riding Stress Relief!

Carrie Seal, the RA running the program, compiled a survey for IRC General Assembly. The survey is attached to the minutes for everyone to see. It summed up how many residents were interested in the event and what cost they would be willing to pay and attend the program. About 28 girls want to go, and since they can only take 15 at a time, they plan on making 2 trips, one in the fall and one in the spring. After Holly presented this to the Reps, they seemed generally impressed. Janelle from 'Daga asked how many residents would be willing to pay the full cost. Holly responded 24 28 interested girls. Four would not be willing to pay \$12-\$15. After much debate, *the reading passed 18-6-3. Second of 2 readings.*

18-0001: Wyoming Hall Darien Lake Fright Fest

Seth Arrow, Co-President of Wyoming Hall presented the reading. He had a list of people interested in attending Darien Lake Fright Fest and that they already had transportation set up. Rebecca from Steuben asked how many people were going. Seth affirmed 43. Megan Carlucci from Allegany questioned if the 43 residents were definite, if they had paid a deposit or anything. Seth said that the residents were mostly definite, but that they will begin paying deposits once the reading goes through. *With Brock's enthusiastic "Hit the road, Stud," Seth exited. The reading passed 27-0-0. Second of 2 readings.*

At this time, Brock addressed the issue of having absent reading presenters and allowing others to fill-in for them. He stated that as a whole and within **referring our Constitution**, the e-board highly recommends that if a presenter or person designated by presenter to be here and present a reading is not in attendance, then the reading should **automatically be tabled**. (A tabled reading is a suspension for as long as we need to table it. It can be 1 week or 5.) And although it is not s our job to tell the reps what to do, being advisors and “it being our policy,” the e-board finds it is the organization’s best interest to inform the reps of what the Constitution states. **The reps must hold to this policy so that the right people, knowledgeable people, present readings. They need people who can give them all the correct information that they need to make an informed, intelligent decision.** He encouraged the reps to keep this in mind next time a presenter is absent.

New Business:

19-0001: Ontario Hall White Water Rafting

Karen from Ontario is presenting. She explains that the White Water Rafting trip is supposed to take place Saturday at Letchworth State Park. There are presently 30 people signed up and going. It’ll be \$20 per person without the money from IRC, and \$10 per person with. We know that we need 2 readings for this, but because of the break we were not able to get the reading in. Although \$300 is a lot of money, we are aware of that. This is the first time we have asked IRC for money, and it is very important to our residents that we get this allocation because without the \$10 price break, our residents do not want to go. We live in a suite building and it is difficult to meet people and form any type of community atmosphere there.

Megan Carlucci asked if they are asking for the money upfront or would be willing to wait until we can pay the bill. Karen responded that the money upfront would be better, but they can wait to be reimbursed. Eric immediately jumped in and reminded the reps that we cannot pay for a program after it has taken place. Then Megan motioned to waive the first reading. Brock explained that “because this reading is more than \$75 dollars, it requires 2 readings. Since this program is this Saturday we wouldn’t be able to fund it.” So waiving the first reading would mean that we bypass the first vote and go right onto the second in the same meeting, due to extenuating circumstances and time constraints with our Fall Break. Eric stated that if the reps “fail this reading, the motion automatically fails...because they don’t have enough time.” Jeanne reminded the reps that they could also amend the reading down to \$75 and pass it in one reading-today-so they could still go on the trip. The motion to waive the reading was seconded by Kerri Rider. Then Kerri asked why Ontario did not have enough time to get us the reading. They could have looked us up and seen that we were not meeting during break and got it in one week before. Why so last minute? Karen responded that she didn’t think the RA had exact numbers of people interested, and that the number interested changes the cost of the entire program, and the cost of the program affects how much she asks for from IRC. Liz from Wayne asked if they pass the motion, can they talk about amending the reading down to \$75 later? Brock responded yes they can. Motion to waive the first reading passed, 27-0-0. The first reading is now waived.

Megan Carlucci asked if any deposits had been made by interested students. Karen responds yes, \$5. Lindsay Slojkowski asked if they would need to wear wet suits. Karen responded “Probably!” Becky from Steuben asked why they were going this time of year if it’s so cold that they need to wear wet suits. Karen replied that her RA said that when she talked to the people who run the White Water Rafting program, that they said the best time of year, when the waves are the biggest, is in late fall. It may be cold, but it’s the best ride. Kathleen from Nassau brought up the point that the reading labels the total cost as \$900, and asks for \$300 from IRC. Wouldn’t that be \$30 without IRC funding and \$20 with? Not \$20 without and \$10 with? Karen says, “Yeah, I guess you’re right.” Sarah asked if Hall Council would be paying for some of it. Karen said no-she didn’t believe her RA asked her hall council for any money. Michelle from Ontario piped up and said that indeed, Michelle the RA had not asked for any money, but

they had informally discussed it in the Hall Council. Michelle the IRC rep then informed us that recently, their hall council had been having some money and leadership problems, and that their RC is in shambles. Recently, Michelle the Rep stepped in and took over the treasurer position and they were trying to find where some money had gone. Kathleen asked how they are getting there. Karen responds, "We're driving our own cars." Brock informs the reps that as long as Ontario has people who are driving attending the programs and provide enough transportation, they can drive themselves. After much discussion, the reading is passed 23-0-4. *First reading waived, Second reading passed 23-0-4. They get the money. Second of two readings.*

***\*\*Sometime in here, the two Erie Reps left the meeting, so the number of people voting dropped from 27 to 25. Please inform us if you are leaving the meeting in the middle and will not be returning, or if you are leaving the meeting and are proxying your vote to someone else. This way, we don't get confused. Thank you!!! ☺\*\****

#### 20-0001: Wyoming Hall Pumpkin Carving Contest

Victoria presented the reading for Wyoming Hall. Victoria proxied her vote to Anagha from Wyoming. Victoria informed us that the Pumpkin Carving Contest will take place in Wyoming's Main lounge, and that they already have 26 of 30 suites signed up. She said the residents are really excited about this and it is something new, not a conventional program to do. It will cost \$3-\$4 per pumpkin, and they need the money so the residents will come because residents said that they could find *other* ways to spend the money. *Reading passes 25-0-0. First and only reading.*

#### 21-0001: Wyoming Hall Night of Indian Cuisine

Anahka from Wyoming presented the reading. She informed the reps that she was requesting \$75 to go to an Indian Restaurant in Rochester. Anahka said that she always has people asking about her culture and her food and customs, and feels that taking a group of people who are open-minded and interested in other cultures out for dinner to expose them to Indian food is a good idea. She is interested in taking her section of her floor in Wyoming, 4 suites total or about 16 residents, out to Indian House. Megan Carlucci from Allegany asked if the \$75 was going to help subsidize the cost of food, correct? Yes. The each dish costs between \$10 and \$14, so about \$160-\$180 dollars for dinner total. However, Anahka and her guests will be sharing many plates of food so that they get the full Indian experience, and are not just limited to one meal on one plate. Rebecca LaFountain from Steuben asked, "Why are you going the same night as MidKnight Madness?" (*just to be vexatious*), and Anahka answered that they plan on leaving at about 4 PM, arriving to the restaurant at 5, and will eat and be finished with plenty of time to get back to MidKnight Madness at 9 PM. *The reading passed 22-0-3. This is the first and only reading.*

#### 22-0001: Jones Hall Darien Lake Fright Fest

Danielle from Jones presented a reading for Fright Fest on October 28. Their Residence Council feels that this program will bring unity to Jones Hall. Fifteen people are signed up, and they are providing their own transportation. Megan Carlucci from Allegany asked if there was a sign-up sheet posted. Danielle said that they already had 15 people signed up. Then Megan asked if there was any type of deposit being collected. Danielle replied no, because they did not have an idea of the final price yet. Kerri Rider from Suffolk asked why they want \$100 for 15 people if each ticket is \$10. Danielle responded that their Hall Council thinks that once they get money from IRC and closer to the event, more people will sign up. *The reading passed 24-0-1.*

23-0001: FYE/HealthGuards Condom Casino

Katie Decker presented this reading as a HealthGuard. She informed our congregation that this program is going to take place in RJ dining hall and the expected attendance will be somewhere around 300 people, with Late Night going on and people walking through. Katie explained this program to be like a Casino with gambling, except that they will be playing with condoms in those neat little colors: "red, green, blue, and silver!" instead of with colored chips. She also mentioned that they eliminated some of the prizes they were going to give away and talked the DJ down from \$150 to \$80 in efforts to save money, and are only asking for \$275 from IRC out of \$1,500. The whole point and goal of the program is to "promote safe sex and abstinence." Megan Carlucci from Allegany asked if HealthGuards had approached the South Side Residence Councils for money. Katie replied that they will hopefully be receiving \$50 from each South Side Residence Hall. It was difficult for the HealthGuards to secure the Union Ballroom, FYE dominates South Side, and RJ is smaller scale for the first time a program is being done. Eric Blask asked if Captain Condom would be making an appearance. David Hunter responded "No, unfortunately he will not." It was questioned how handing out condoms promoted abstinence. Katie responded that the HealthGuards promote safer sex, not necessarily abstinence, yet it is universally known that the "safest sex is abstinence." *The reading passed 25-0-0, first of 2 readings.*

24-0001: Nassau Hall Sabres Game

Kathleen Knuth presented this reading and proxied her vote to Erica from Nassau. She said that her Hall Council wanted to take their Hall out to a Sabres Game in Buffalo to allow residents to meet and get to know each other off-campus and in a totally different setting and atmosphere. Total cost is \$625 and they are asking IRC to allot \$300 to the program, which will bring the money down to slightly over \$13 per person. For all residents attending with a hall card, the cost will be \$10. Nassau Hall will be carpooling to the event, and next week will have a sign up list with all the people who will be able to drive. Megan asked if they already have an interest sheet out. "Yep." Jeanne asked if Nassau Hall was going to put a cap on attendance, at 20 or something. Kathleen responded that they presently have 18 people signed up to go, and most likely, that is all that will attend. Russel Biaji asked "If there is a special price break at 20, what happens if you only get 19?" Kathleen responded that she's sure they could find one or 2 more people to fill the spots. *The reading passed 24-0-1. First of 2 readings.*

Open Discussion:

None.

Adjournment:

8:40 PM. *Good job with the long meeting, guys!!! Good questions today! ☺*