



Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes
 For
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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	Friday: 12:30-1:30		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
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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 #04				

Call to Order: 7:01

Attendance: 28 of 29

Also Present: Chad Salitan, Rebecca Coons, Janet Segelhurst

Approval of the Agenda: 28 of 28

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Reports:

Vinita Mishra: I met with Dr. Easton and we discussed faculty fellows in the Residence Hall as well as the plans for the halls over the next couple of years. I attended Lip Sync which was a really great time. I was a shopping cart judge for Homecoming and it was really tough. Everybody put a lot of hard work into their carts, congratulations to all of the halls on a successful homecoming. I attended a CAS Board of Directors meeting. I helped Matt and

Bethan choose the delegation for Regionals. I'm really excited to go to Ithaca; it will be a fantastic time.

Jonathan Shepard: I met with Vinita. I met with Dan. I attended my first GOLD Workshop – career breakfast, and I got to meet with an FBI Agent. I went to the exec meeting.

Katelyn Conway: I met with the Public Relations Committee. I sent the minutes to everyone in Residence Life. I submitted my Regionals application. I met with Dan on Thursday to set up a time for our first HCIC meeting. I attended the Lip Sync Competition and I helped decorate Saratoga's shopping cart. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Homecoming events! I emailed all of the RDs/ACs and SRAs regarding Hall Council concerns in order to give them an opportunity to attend the first HCIC meeting and/or email their input to either Dan or myself. I met with Dan on Friday to go over all of the position description forms. Thank you to all of your Hall Councils, we received a ton of feedback! I volunteered to be a dealer for Late Knight's Casino Night. I attended the IRC Exec meeting/retreat on Sunday. I found out that I am an alternate for the Regionals conference, and I am very excited!

Sam Forlenza: I attended the AAC Meeting. I attended the Lip Sync competition.

Matthew Thackston: I finished up organizing files in the IRC Office. I worked on IRC Clue with Vinita. I met with Bethan and Tom to talk about Conference give-aways. I talked with Bethan about delegation selection. I worked with Bethan to create an outline for our POY Bid. I created the POY Bid Cover. I met with Vinita to talk about my position and IRC in general. I sat down with Bethan and we selected our delegation, then I attended the IRC Exec/Mini Retreat.

Bethan Maher: This past week, I had my individual with Vinita. I read over old POY Bids, and Matt and I discussed what we wanted to include in ours. I started plowing through GEO's amazing website, reading their minutes from past meetings and Energy Saving Contest info. I met with Matt and Vinita to pick out a delegation for Regionals, and then started the registration process for Regionals. I attended Livingston's Hall Council meeting and Exec's Retreat/Meeting.

Danielle Forrest: I did price checks on the Rocky Horror shirts and put in an order for them. I attended Window Painting and the Shopping Cart Parade. I worked the Luna Negra Dance show and it was amazing. I went to exec.

Daniel DeHollander: I attended the College Continuing Recognition Meeting on Tuesday night in place of all of your Hall Presidents. I will be relaying all that information to them this Thursday at CRT. I attended Window Painting, Lip Sync, and the Shopping Cart Parade. Congratulations to all of the Halls that won and participated! I also ran in the Cross Country 5K race – I finished 42nd with a time of 22:19. I met with Katelyn to review HCIC meeting dates and to review the HCIC Position Description Surveys. I went to Late Knight on Saturday after watching the Fireworks. I signed up for the NRHH Memory Walk Team.

Allison Moesel: I had a few IRC related meetings and also attended the Homecoming Events. You all did an amazing job representing the Residence Halls! I will also be attending the CSPA conference over Fall Break. Enjoy your time off!

Thomas Johns: I went to both IRC and NRHH's e-board meetings. I worked on my presentation for tonight. I went to the AAC and Continuing Recognition meetings. I dealt blackjack at Casino Night for LateKnight. I worked on a few programs for NRHH that are coming up this semester and went to an open forum in Monroe Hall where we talked about the issue of diversity on this campus. We will continue to meet and discuss the issue further. If anyone wants to participate, I will make sure to inform you of that.

Sam Speed: I've been working on figuring out how to register for Subs and Regionals with the rest of the RBD. I have no budget updates from Garrett so I could not work on that. I discussed handing out registration packets for Mini's at Regionals in Ithaca with Lindsay. I sent in my September RBD report. I emailed the president of Circle K to discuss moving the date of their harmony for hope concert. I attended exec on Sunday.

Open Reports:

Shannon Mathews: Monroe won best use of theme, so we want to thank you for giving us funding because it will help improve our hall.

Announcements:

Vinita Mishra: There is no meeting next week because of Fall Break. Please keep that in mind as you plan your programs. Good luck surviving the week before break. You've made it through the first day! I will be spending my Fall Break helping Matt write the Program of the Year bid. I hope that all of you enjoy the time off! AC has three open positions. The applications are due October 16. If you have any questions, e-mail actcomm@geneseo.edu.

Jonathan Shepard: I will be sitting in on Livingston's Hall Council meeting this Wednesday to monitor progress and efficiency. Thursday I will be attending a CRT meeting with Dan.

Katelyn Conway: I will be meeting with the Public Relations Committee after the meeting. I will be working on organizing all of the information that the RDs/ACs and SRAs send back regarding Hall Council improvement. I will be going through/organizing approximately 8 years worth of old secretary binders, minutes and agendas. I will be meeting with the Regionals delegation. If you are going home for Fall Break, have a safe trip and enjoy your mini-vacation!

Sam Forlenza: I will be going to the Conference Staff meeting and possibly the NRHH meeting. I will be meeting with Chad this week to talk about the IRC website. My Office Hours this Wednesday are going to be from 3:00-4:00pm. Enjoy break!

Matthew Thackston: I emailed the delegation today. I will be working on my part of the Bid, with help from some of Exec. I will be registering for both Subs and Regionals with Bethan this week. We will also start working on our bid presentation and work on creating a time for our delegation meetings.

Bethan Maher: This week I plan on starting and finishing as much of our POY Bid as humanly possible.

Danielle Forrest: There will be a Programming Committee meeting after IRC. Rocky Horror is October 27 at 11:59PM!! Have fun on Fall Break!!

Daniel DeHollander: I will be attending a GOLD Workshop on Monday as well as a Minis Meeting this Tuesday. I will be attending a NRHH Meeting this Thursday as well as hosting CRT in Sturges 111 on Thursday at 7:30.

Allison Moesel: Family Day is on Saturday, October 20th, 2007. Several different departments and organizations have worked hard to put together a really great schedule! This includes several Late Knight events, academic showcases and even a recipe contest. Please check out these events and more on the Family Day website.

Thomas Johns: OTMs for September are due Tuesday Night at midnight. NRHH will be going to Hall Council meetings over the next couple of weeks. The Corn Maze has been approved, so get your tickets as there are very few spots at the ticket office. The Alzheimer's Walk is October 13, 2007. NRHH will be selling "forget-me-nots" in the union lobby this week to help raise money.

Sam Speed: Our third conference staff meeting is tomorrow. Have a great fall break!

Open Announcements:

Chad Salitan: Hi everyone, I am Chad Salitan, and I am the SA Director of Public Relations. I am going to one meeting of each of SA's 3 standing committees to see how the meetings are run.

Tom Richards: What are the other 2 standing committees of SA?

Vinita: There is the Academic Affairs Committee and the Activities Commission.

Treasurer's Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$5,796.47 > > > \$5,796.47 > > > \$5,796.47

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

Bad Financial Standing:

Nobody.

Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:

Christina Miller: I added a Mardi Gras necklace from one of the floats to remember how much fun homecoming was.

Vinita: This week, the hall that really seemed to stand out in Homecoming was Onondaga. So this week, for an all freshmen hall that really pulled it together during Homecoming Week, she goes to the Onondaga Hall Council. Congratulations!

NRHH Moment:

Tom: Hello! My name is Tom Johns and I am the president of NRHH, if you have not already figured that out. A couple of weeks ago, I talked about what NRHH can do for you and told you that the anagram stands for National Residence Hall Honorary, but the anagram also represents something else. It can also stand for Networking Recognition Helping hands and Having fun. Tonight I want to focus on the idea of recognition, because I think that it is greatly important. I hope that you will understand why it is so important by the end of this presentation. So to start off, what is Recognition? I went to Webster's Dictionary and found a couple of definitions. They are:

1. The identification of something as having been previously seen, heard, known, etc.
2. The perception of something as existing or true; realization.
3. The acknowledgment of achievement, service, merit, etc.

I want to focus on the last definition.

Why is recognition important? While going through the applications for membership, many of the applicants stated that they got involved on campus and wanted to apply for membership because they were recognized for something that they did and were motivated to continue to do great things. Recognition is important because it helps people understand that what they do is important, and encourages them to continue to do great things.

You may be wondering how can you recognize?

That is a great question. Here are a few examples that I have come up with and would encourage you to go back to your hall councils and discuss them and try to figure out how to apply them.

OTMs- Of the Month Awards have specific categories that can win regional and national awards. Your hall can compete to win awards from the NRHH locally as well. NRHH will be going around to go more in depth with you and your Hall Councils about this great recognition tool.

Outta the Blues- These are great, because there is no competition and the award automatically wins. NRHH will even post a doortag outside of the person's room with the blurb you wrote to let others know of the great things that they did.

Shining Stars- This is something that was created regionally a couple of years ago that you can apply to your own hall. You can set up a system for people to be recognized by your Hall Council within your hall.

Student Highlights- Another great program that I have seen recently adapted to our campus. You can ask the residents in your hall to fill out a brief survey that can then be typed up. Then, your hall can post two residents profiles in a central location, so that everyone can get to know them. This is a great program that can be adapted really easy to each hall to help create a well-connected community.

If anyone has any questions about recognition in general or how to adopt any of the programs I talked about. Please feel free to ask me. Thank you.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Open Discussion:

Vinita: We decided that since we as an executive board have all introduced ourselves to you, that tonight, you can introduce yourselves to us! We will go around the general assembly, and everyone can say their name, year, major, and anything else you wish to share. I will let Danielle explain the second part of this process.

Danielle: I am going to be passing out a sheet for you to fill out with information about yourself, and Allison will take your picture, so that we can get to know each other better.
~Reps introduce themselves.

Adjournment: 7:41