



**Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes  
For  
Monday December 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: 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	
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**Call to Order:** 7:00pm

**Attendance:** 28 of 29

**Also Present:** Chad Salitan

**Approval of the Agenda:** 28 of 29

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**Reports:**

**Vinita Mishra:** I went to the SA Staff meeting. I attended the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza. It was a really great time, thanks to everybody who put in hard work.

**Jonathan Shepard:** I met with the Dean of the School of Business, the GOLD office and Vinita. I attended the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza.

**Katelyn Conway:** I attended a lunch interview with the second candidate for the Erie Hall RD position. I met with the Public Relations Committee on Friday. We went through the information that we received from your Halls and decided to push the newsletter back to the beginning of next semester so that more Halls have the chance to submit program blurbs. On Saturday, I helped bring the care packages to the mail room, attended the conference staff meeting and helped with karaoke at the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza.

**Sam Forlenza:** Care packages went out on Saturday. I attended a Conference Staff meeting on Saturday.

**Matthew Thackston:** I worked on my event report. I attended the NRHH meeting. I stopped by the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza.

**Bethan Maher:** I finished our event report.

**Danielle Forrest:** I worked on stuff for Roller-skating, the Rep Retreat, and Spring Coffee Talk. I went to the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza, and I helped Sam with care packages.

**Daniel DeHollander:** I went to an SA Meeting on Wednesday. I went to NRHH on Thursday. I had a lunch interview with the second RD candidate for Erie Hall. I met with Tom on Friday. I helped with the Care Packages on Saturday. I also stopped into the GEO Energy Saving Contest Breakfast on Saturday. I attended Conference Staff on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who came to the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza! Thank you to everyone who submitted a banner or hosted an activity! Niagara won both the banner and the activity contests so they will be getting \$200 from GLK for their Hall Council and \$100 from NRHH to donate to a charity of their choice.

**Allison Moesel:** This past week was very busy in Niagara Hall with the end of the semester fast approaching. I also attended the Curriculum Review Meeting and the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza. Congratulations to everyone involved!

**Thomas Johns:** There was an NRHH meeting this past week. I also attended the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza, where NRHH was wrapping school supplies for a local school.

**Sam Speed:** I wrote an article for the Monthly Moose Calling - NEACURH's newsletter - with lots of conferences updates. I also sent in several ideas for the NACURH semi-annual report. The last conference staff meeting of the semester was on Saturday and it went very smoothly. Also, I have been talking to Lindsay A LOT about registration, and she is promising me it will be up soon. The Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza was Saturday and it was tons of fun too!

### **Open Reports:**

**Eleanor Carmeli:** Livingston had a series of 3 different holiday celebrations that is culminating tonight with our Kwanza celebration. We represented Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanza. It was educational. We put up information about each holiday, a tree, an electric menorah and lots of other stuff.

**Christina Miller:** On top of all of that, we are donating the tree to a local family. Someone on our Hall Council is participating in adopt a family through another campus organization, but they do not have a tree.

**Mark Sperrazza:** Ontario's Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza program was a success and I brought the leftover cookies to pass around.

**Ros Lawrence:** I announced last week that Steuben was going to start the Hall Council recognition, and we recognized Genesee because we are really impressed with them and everything that they have done, such as the Make A Wish fundraiser.

**Shannon Mathew:** Yesterday, Monroe had a gingerbread house-making program, and today Professor Greenfield is coming in to play music and there will be food. We got our obnoxious green shirts in on Friday and we are all wearing them today. They have Frankie the squirrel, our mascot, on the back.

### **Announcements:**

**Vinita Mishra:** I will be planning the Executive Board retreat over break. I will also be attending the SA executive committee retreat before we get together again. I am spending a good part of my winter break with Audrey Cooper, last year's chair. I will tell her that all of you said hi. I will hopefully have my life figured out by the time we get back, which is an exciting prospect. Happy New Year and have a safe break.

**Jonathan Shepard:** I will continue planning the Spring Leadership Training.

**Katelyn Conway:** Good luck with finals and have a great break! Try to de-stress before next semester!

**Sam Forlenza:** Please hand in all of your receipts by the time you leave for the semester. Additionally, if the recipient of the check wants the check sent to their house, then provide their home address. Otherwise, it will be sent to their campus mailbox.

**Matthew Thackston:** I will be finishing the event report. I will be reading over Subs proposals and Bethan and I will be voting on Subs. I will be working on the new delegation application.

**Bethan Maher:** In exactly one week I will be watching the history channel, playing with my puppies, and listening to my mother stress over the placement of an ornament on our tree.

Following the Christmas festivities, I will be spending a few weeks in a remote Mayan village.

**Danielle Forrest:** The Rep Retreat is February 3 from 2:00-4:00pm. The Spring Coffee Talk is February 22 from 9:00pm-12:00am.

**Daniel DeHollander:** I will be planning the large leadership activity for the Presidents over break. I will also be looking into ways to make Legends of the Hidden Temple. I will be working on a lot of conference things over break. If you want to volunteer to stuff binders in the spring, please let me know. Enjoy your vacation! R-O-C-K, you ROCK, you ROCK!

**Allison Moesel:** Best of luck with finals and just a reminder the Residence Halls will be closing for the semester on Wednesday, December 19th at 10:00am.

**Thomas Johns:** As I said NRHH had a meeting this past week and it was an OTM voting meeting. We passed on four OTMs. They are, in the Community category "Jones B-side Third Floor" by Deanna Richards, in the Diversity Program category "Are You Geneseo?" by Samantha Katz and Ben Delozier, in the Resident Assistant category "Kelly McGarry" by John O'Hara and in the Spotlight category "Kim Davies Hoffman" by Bridget Denicola. I can't wait to see what happens at Regionals!

**Sam Speed:** I will be working on the conference staff schedule for next semester once I get everyone's class schedules. Also, I will be here for the better part of winter break working on conference things and holding meetings with people that are hard to get in touch with during the year. Also, winter break would be the prime time to e-mail me if you want to volunteer!

#### **Open Announcements:**

**Tom Richards:** Christmas is coming. Remember the local charities this holiday season, there are many that need a helping hand.

**Eleanor:** Tomorrow, there is a Hanukah party at the Inter Faith Center at 6:00pm. There will be homemade latkes and activities.

**Bethan:** All of Geneseo's jazz ensembles and combos, as well as RIT's, are playing tonight. Mark and I will both be playing, and you should all come.

**Mark:** There is a \$3.00 charge.

#### **Treasurer's Time:**

RC Drawing Fund: \$4,391.07 > > > \$4,391.07 > > > \$4,391.07

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

#### **Bad Financial Standing:**

Suffolk, Week 2 of 2

Putnam, Week 2 of 2

Genesee, Week 2 of 3

#### **Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:**

**Vinita:** Last week, Jon had her.

**Jon Hirschberger:** I am from Ithaca, which as many people know has this famous saying "Ithaca is Gorgeous." It is because we are located in the center of a gorge. Also, we have this coffee

shop that is well known in Brooklyn as well as Ithaca called Gimme Coffee, so I figured I would give her a couple of bumper stickers for her basket.

**Vinita:** Jon is leaving next semester, so we will miss you! This week, and all of winter break, Ingrid is going to stay with the executive board. She is on my desk right now studying for finals. She is going to come home with me over break. The executive board has been doing a fantastic job all semester, so she is going to hang out with all of us.

~lots of snaps

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Open Discussion:**

**Jon:** Tonight, I am going to talk about IRC's Spring Leadership Training. This is something that is done every semester, and this semester it will take place on January 17-18. It will consist of a lot of various presentations and workshops that will be designed to help develop your leadership skills. I am hoping to make this semester's training a little different than it has been in the past. I have been speaking to several potential presenters, including GOLD mentors, the School of Business and more. This training is open to every student on campus, but I am targeting you guys as IRC reps. The theme is going to be "Developing the Leader in YOU." In the past, people have done more elaborate themes, but I am not into that kind of stuff, so I am going with a more straight-forward theme.

**Alicia Jeffers:** Since this is before the semester starts, do we need special permission to come back and move in?

**Jon:** That will be done mostly through email. You can just send me an email if you are interested, and Vinita and I will work out the logistics so that you can get into the buildings and move in early. As far as meals, we will probably order pizza on Thursday night, have lunch provided by CAS on Friday afternoon, and dinner at the Yard of Ale on Friday night. I am also thinking about bringing in a guest speaker, perhaps someone from the army. Although it may not be traditional, they have a lot of leadership training and I believe it could be useful.

**Christina:** I want to participate, and I believe that I will be able to, but if a family illness comes up, can we back out without creating problems?

**Jon:** You would need to send me an email. The only significant problems that I can think of would be when we preorder the t-shirts and pre-reserve seats in the banquet room, but if there is a serious problem, do not worry about it.

**Jessica Resnick:** What time would we have to be back?

**Jon:** I am still thinking about that. It will probably be in the evening that Thursday. I do not want to give a specific time just yet. It is negotiable to that extent. The executive board will be coming the night before, so we can accommodate you.

**Bethan:** Do you get to bond with the executive board?

**Jon:** Yes. That Thursday night when you arrive, we are not holding anything formal, but we will go over the itinerary, eat pizza, watch a movie and have fun. I am not that big on ice breakers, so do not expect too many of those. Are there any questions? I hope that you sign up because this is a really good thing for you guys.

**Vinita:** While Jon is still planning this, he has done a great job so far. Thank you for presenting. The last thing that I wanted to do is just get a feel from you guys about how your Hall Councils are going and how IRC is going in terms of you as reps, Hall Council member accountability and things like that.

**Jessica:** This is kind of an open question. The last couple of events in our Hall, no one showed up to. We have tried the email thing and putting notes on doors. How do you advertise?

**Christina:** I am a big believer in knocking on doors. We had a program tonight and no one was there when I was setting up. We went around and talked to people in the hallways and talked about the program. We ended up with 20 people there. It is all about person to person contact. They can ignore emails or forget about fliers.

**Laura Bugaj:** To kind of add to that, word of mouth is great too. Guilt effect with your friends also works. It gets people there.

**Tom Richards:** Then again, if people do not want to go to a program, it may be the quality of it. They may not be into it. You can try to tailor a program to them.

**Dan:** Something I am going to try next semester is putting Sudoku puzzles on fliers, so when people are doing the puzzles, they have the information in front of them. Also, if the puzzle is really hard, they may show it to a few friends to get help, so the information will be passed on.

**Bethan:** I have not been quite as active this year, but I was last year. A big thing that worked was going to people who were not in Hall Council and asking what kinds of programs they were interested in. There are more ideas, and this way people other than Hall Council members show up.

**Christina:** Also, make sure that you are doing programs that your Hall Council members want to do too. At the beginning of the year, our Hall Council was not very active. We had a lot of programs, but a lot of our members did not have passion for them. The last few have been things that people wanted to do and they have gone better.

**Vinita:** In terms of your specific role on the Hall Councils, are there any plusses or minuses?

**Shannon:** I have had a small problem when people want to do programs. They will come to me on Wednesday night after our Hall Council meeting looking for help with the rationale and then they want me to drop it off at the office when I have a lab Thursday mornings. I think that they should do it earlier. I do not mind doing it, but not at 10:30pm on a Wednesday night.

**Vinita:** Do you feel that it is your responsibility as reps to fill out the forms and bring them in or is it all of Hall Council?

**Christina:** I think the real issue about responsibility is planning ahead and not placing the whole burden on the reps. I think it is our job to fill out the forms, but the Hall Council should do things ahead of time. We refused to fill out forms without prices and specifics. We found that after that, overall, it has not been as much of a problem. If you are firm about it, it will work out.

**Jessica:** I do not think that Shane and I have ever filled out one of the forms, because the person who plans the program has that responsibility in our Hall. We are there to answer policy questions and to help if it is needed, but we are not responsible for filling out the form. That works out pretty well.

**Ros:** I have to agree. We have never had that problem. I feel as reps, we should know how to fill out the forms, but it should be the job of the person planning the program. We should be there to answer questions and check it over.

**Laura:** We sort of have the opposite in Saratoga. The person running the program writes the rationale, and then either Katie or I will fill out the request form and hand it in. It is convenient, but the one time we did not hand it in ourselves, it did not get handed in.

**Vinita:** Do you feel that in your positions as reps, you are staying active on the programming side? I see general nods, does anyone not agree with that? That was really helpful and I appreciate your thoughts and suggestions. I think it is really good that you are all working together with your Hall Councils. If you ever need anything or have trouble, we are all here for you. These are things for us to think about. That is all I have, does anyone else have anything? I will see you next year!

**Adjournment:** 7:59pm