



## Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes

For

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Chair: Vinita Mishra SAIRC	Monday: 1:30-3:00 Tuesday: 11:30-1:00 Wednesday: 1:30-3:30 Thursday: 11:30-1:00, 2:00-3:00	Office Phone: 5854	Programming Coordinator: Danielle Forrest DHF1	Tuesday: 1:00-2:00
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Minutes # 24				

**Call to Order:** 7:03pm

**Attendance:** 29 of 31

**Also Present:** Kevin Hahn, Kim Bilinski, Sarah Greaves, Amanda Senft, Dean Sancilio, Gloria Lopez, Fatima Johnson, Aaron Smith, Ryan Quinn, Jon Hoose, Kim Harvey

**Approval of the Agenda:** 29 of 31

**Christina Miller:** I motion to amend item #51-0708 to change the reading presenter. I would like it to read Christina Miller instead of Eleanor Carmeli.

**Approval of the Minutes:** 29 of 31

**Open Discussion:**

**Vinita:** First, we have 2 members from GEO who are here to talk about what they do and ways that you can become involved.

**Ryan:** As an organization, we educate our members on how they can help the environment.

**Jon:** We are going to give you a few tips on sustainability. You can turn off the lights in study rooms, use reusable shopping bags, walk instead of driving, check plastics for recyclability, unplug electronics when not in use and more.

**Ryan:** We are also looking at ways to improve the energy savings contest. We added water conservation to it, and we encourage students to participate. We are also talking about adding a theme. We have also discussed the Eco Rep, which is the Recycling Coordinator on your Hall

Councils. We are hoping that this title change will help the person focus more on reducing and reusing, have recycling come last. We are also trying to establish a better connection between GEO and the Residence Halls and IRC, especially with the Eco Reps. We are also encouraging more communication between the Eco Rep and the cleaning crew through the RD of the hall so that they are on the same page.

**Vinita:** Next, we have Gloria Lopez, Dean Sancilio and Fatima Johnson. They will be talking about Bias Related Incidents.

**Gloria Lopez:** I was told that you needed information on Bias Related Incidents. I am going to go through what policy states and then answer questions. 1 in 2 bias related incidents occur due to the victim's race. That statistic was taken from crime statistics of the United States. 1 in 6 hate crimes occur due to the victim's sexual orientation. In 2005, 7,100 bias related incidents were reported in US. What we are asking from you is to help us and be the one to stop such bias related incidents from occurring. What you have in front of you is a bias related incident policy at Geneseo and we will go through it. Our policy covers 3 elements, hate crimes, bias related incidents and chilly climate. The hate crime policy is established to protect individuals. It is a criminal offense committed against a person or property in whole or in part by the offender's bias against a person's class, status, race, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability, etc. You are protected under NY State law as well.

**Dean Sancilio:** For a hate crime to take place, another crime has to be committed. For example, if a robbery took place due to someone's race, orientation or something else, then the robbery would be kicked up a notch to a hate crime.

**Gloria:** That raises it to the level of a felony. If you use an offensive name in addition to committing a crime, that would make it a felony which would bring other sanctions on the individual. Then there is the bias related incident. This is motivated in whole or part by the victim's status. This is not raised to the level of criminal action, it is just based on the offender's behavior and attitude. Finally, there is the chilly climate. This is a hostile environment. This is usually based on status. Typically, you will not necessarily know who the offenders are. Can anyone think of any examples?

**Christina:** Two of my friends who were girlfriends were walking and holding hands and someone shouted something at them.

**Gloria:** Did they do anything about it?

**Christina:** No, they did not for a few different reasons. It did not happen on campus, so there was nothing that they could do, so they chose not to report it.

**Dean Sancilio:** Do not assume that if it happens off campus, we cannot get involved. Our code of conduct extends to off-campus if it is at a high enough level. If a student said that to your friends and it was classified as harassment, our code would cover it. If it was a non-student, it is difficult to take action, but do not assume that automatically.

**Christina:** I agree, I encourage people to report things like this.

**Dean Sancilio:** Sometimes it is difficult to classify something as a chilly climate incident rather than a bias related incident. Your example is between the 2 grounds. Depending on what was said, it could be raised to a bias related incident. A chilly climate would be more like if they were walking and passed a group of people, and the group giggled. That would fit that description.

**Gloria:** It is usually in situations where people feel uncomfortable. Additionally, if they heard those comments from students, it would depend on the circumstances. It has to occur more than once, but if you see that and it is a student, we do have a procedure that you should follow. You should speak with Dean Sancilio, Fatima or myself. How do you report these? First of all, if it happens on campus or with a student, please do something promptly. Put it in writing with the names of the people involved. For a chilly climate issue, you may not know the names. You should always include the date, location, names of others who were there, and a description of what happened. It is important to document incidents promptly, because if it is a hate crime and

needs action, in order to introduce it into evidence, the document must be done contemporaneously. It is part of the grounds for establishing proof.

**Fatima Johnson:** In a situation where you want to report something but have not written it down, you can come to my office or anyone else here and we can write it for you and submit it on your behalf.

**Dean Sancilio:** In order to pursue charges in any case, there will be an expectation that it is written down with a signature and date. The campus code of conduct says that any member of the Geneseo Community can file a complaint and it must be in writing. In Residence Life, incident reports are filled out with an electronic signature and date at the bottom. It can be a written letter as well, but we need it to be signed and dated and then we can talk about where to go from there. Minimally, we need that.

**Gloria:** Do not keep it to yourself. Take action, speak to us, depending on the circumstances, we will take action and proceed.

**Christina:** One of the big issues I have come across is that these incidents are not happening to me, but I am told about them and I cannot convince the victim to report it. Can I report it?

**Gloria:** Were you there when it took place?

**Christina:** I know if I was there I can, but if I am not present, I cannot?

**Gloria:** That is right. As a witness, you can.

**Dean Sancilio:** On campus, if you were not the victim of something, it is harder to track. We can talk to people about it, but it is difficult to move ahead. We can still do certain things.

**Gloria:** Who can you complain to? Dean Sancilio, Fatima and myself, Calvin Gantt who is the Director of AOP, Ralph Carrasquillo who is the Director of Residence Life, University Police, Dr. Celia Easton who is the Dean of Residential Living. There are several avenues for you, and there are many people that are available to you. What happens after you report this depends on the circumstances. We take it seriously, and if the claim has merit, we investigate it. There are 2 levels that can come next. 1, the accused is made aware, and there is a hearing. 2, the offender can receive a suspension or dismissal from college. The accused student is made aware of the charges, and a hearing is held before a judicial committee. You can have an advisor accompany you, but you must take action to make that happen.

**Serge Berig:** I recently had an issue with my roommate, and I called University Police, and they deemed it aggravated harassment. Are there any other steps that I have to take?

**Dean Sancilio:** University Police would forward everything to me, so there is nothing else that you need to do. You can file with one of us or University Police. If there is potential for a crime to take place, you should report it to the University Police. If you file with one of us, in order for it to proceed with the legal system, has to be reported through University Police anyway. If it is just through the campus, it will be forwarded to us.

**Christina:** From personal experience, if you report an incident through Residence Life, I encourage you to follow up with one of the people indicated or University Police. It is a big campus, so you have to advocate for yourself. Paperwork can be misfiled and things can go wrong, so be sure to advocate for yourself.

**Dean Sancilio:** These policies follow with our code of conduct. One main difference between levels 1 and 2 is that in level 1, there is an official meeting, and in level 2, there is an official meeting with a judicial review. Another difference is that, if something goes to a level 2, they are the most serious because those reviews could result in a suspension or dismissal from the college. No individual has that authority, only the college judicial committee. Level 1 could be a review with me. There is no difference between my authority and the authority of the RDs/ACs. Also, at level 2, the accused student can face their accuser. At level 1, we do not necessarily bring the victims or accusers in to the review. The level of comfort is taken into account.

**Gloria:** Also, at level 2, you can bring an advisor for support.

**Dean Sancilio:** There is also a difference with speed of things and how things happen. At level 1, you must be given 24 hours notice. At level 2, you must be given 5 business days. The time frame is extended.

**Gloria:** Both levels are taken very seriously by all individuals involved.

**Dean Sancilio:** Campus judicial records at Geneseo are kept for 10 years following graduation. That may change, but right now, if something happens your first semester in school, it would not even be considered for removal until after graduation, and records are destroyed 10 years after that. It is on record for up to 14 years on both levels.

**Gloria:** How do you find out the results of a hearing? It depends. In some cases, you may not find out. Federal privacy laws prevent us from sharing information about an individual without permission of the student. You may be told that a review was held, but not the outcome. However, if a case involves violence, fuller disclosure is allowed to the victim. It depends on the facts. What can you do if you are dissatisfied with the outcome? The accuser can file a complaint with several different people. You can come to me in Erwin 219a and I can provide you with the other avenues as well. Please let us know, my extension 5616. If you are reporting a complaint against a faculty member, there is a form that you can obtain online. We are asking you to please report it. I am handing out discrimination complaint procedure. There is a form in there that you can use. This is available online as well.

**Dean Sancilio:** When it is a student to student issue, there is an equality of power. However, when there is an issue between a student and a faculty or staff member, especially if it is a professor, there is an imbalance of power, so there is a different mechanism for that to assist you if you are facing some sort of harassment. SUNY has its own procedures. Student to student issues can also use this procedure. Students have the code of conduct, the law and the SUNY Grievance Procedure. You have more available to assist you.

**Gloria:** I know that I do a lot of sexual harassment procedures. There are other avenues for you. If you go through the faculty procedure, there is a panel review and the President will make an evaluation. Both parties will be notified. If you are not satisfied, you can file a complaint with one of the agencies. There are a lot of avenues, so please use them. If you see or hear something, and if you feel that something has violated policy, please call Dean Sancilio, Fatima, myself, Mr. Gant, Dr. Easton, Ralph Carrasquillo, or University Police. We prefer it to be in writing, but please come and talk to us. We may not be able to do as much if it is not in writing, but at least you have notified us. Before you dress in an inappropriate costume for Halloween or call a student an offensive name and you do not wear the costume or use the offensive name, we have made Geneseo a better place. Be the one to do something about it. Have the courage to say that a behavior is wrong.

**Dean Sancilio:** One of the things we have found is that we have gotten better at getting people to have the courage to stand up for what they think is right. People are more willing to speak out against others who are doing inappropriate things. What we have not done the best job with is making sure that people know how to do it. People can address a situation, but sometimes it is more about how it is addressed. We want to teach people how to address different situations. If someone is really drunk and doing something inappropriate, is that a good time to discuss it? Probably not. We are working on teaching people about that.

**Gloria:** That couples with the tone that you use when talking to people. If you are getting angry, people will not pay attention. If you are screaming and yelling, I may not get as much out of it, but if you talk to me in a calm manner, I will pay more attention to you. That is something that we all need to be working on. The message is, if you see an incident occurring, please have the courage to say something. Be in contact with us, we are here for you.

**Fatima:** The issue of how to approach a situation is tricky. One important thing is to always address the comment or behavior. Do not make it personal. That does not work. You cannot attack someone, it is better to say I do not understand what you are doing here, or I heard you said something about this person, can you tell me more? Questioning is a good approach. Also, be

consistent with your body language. Sometimes you need to take a minute to calm down and take a breath, and then pose the questions. Always be consistent with your body language, and focus on the behavior.

**Gloria:** Do not try to explain away a person's behavior. Sometimes what people do in harassment cases is make excuses. If a behavior is wrong, it is wrong. Please tell the person not to do it. Sometimes you may not have the courage, energy or personality to say something, but if you come to us, we will address it for you. We need your help.

**Dean Sancilio:** Fatima's office is upstairs in College Union 353B.

**Fatima:** Many of you have been to my office, stop by any time.

**Dean Sancilio:** My office is College Union 354B. We are part of the Center for Community.

### Reports:

**Vinita Mishra:** I attended the LSA dinner and it was really exceptional. I had a great time. I attempted to help with Legends of the Hidden Temple, which meant I paper mached for the first time. I think that I brought CRT a couple steps backwards with my lack of artistic skill. I went to the Redefining Beauty programs and learned a lot from those.

**Sarah Murtaza:** I went to the SA meeting and the ACE meeting last week. All of the invitations have been sent out for the end of the year banquet.

**Katelyn Conway:** I attended the SA meeting. I met with Dan, Vinita and Sam to talk about the Hall Council Improvement Committee. I sat at Housing Selection on Wednesday and Thursday. I met with Danielle. I met with Vinita to continue transitioning for next year. I attended the Redefining Beauty panel discussion on Thursday. I met with Vinita and 2 members of GEO to discuss future collaboration. I helped with the Resource File Index. I attended the volunteer meeting for the Campus Cup. I helped paper mache for Legends of the Hidden Temple. I attended the Campus Cup. I attended the LSA dinner. I attended the SA Executive Committee meeting which was very informative. I attended the spring concert which was absolutely amazing.

**Sam Forlenza:** I sat at Housing Selection a couple days. I met with the Hall Council Improvement Committee. I helped with the Campus Cup, which was a lot of fun.

**Matthew Thackston:** I attended the second meeting of the RFI. I helped to paper mache Olmec for Legends of the Hidden Temple. I worked at the Campus Cup on Saturday. We finished our event report and sent it in to Vinita.

**Jessica Resnick:** This week, I sat at housing selection Tuesday and Thursday. I attended CRT with Dan Wednesday. I attended the RFI meeting, programming committee meeting and helped put together Olmec for Legends of the Hidden Temple on Friday. Saturday, I attended the Campus cup.

**Danielle Forrest:** I went to the Executive Board meeting. I presented a fundraising request at SA and it was approved. I met with a bunch of people. I sent emails to the listservs about the Campus Cup. I sat at housing selection. I attended the Re-Defining Beauty speaker. I went shopping for supplies for the Campus Cup. I went to the Campus Cup Volunteer pre-meeting. I attended the Campus Cup. Thank you to everyone who was there and helped out in any way! I helped paint Olmec for Legends of the Hidden Temple.

**Daniel DeHollander:** CRT hosted the pre-elimination round of Legends of the Hidden Temple. We currently have 6 teams who will be competing this Friday! I presented a GOLD workshop with NRHH. I attended the Campaign for Real Beauty. I also danced in the LSA show.

**Allison Moesel:** Last week, I met with Vinita, helped with Housing Selection and started to plan for the end of the year.

**Thomas Johns:** NRHH had a wonderful GOLD presentation this past week. I want to thank everyone who helped out and came. Also, all membership letters and invitations went out this past week, so be checking your mailboxes. I want to personally congratulate everyone who got in

this year. It was a very difficult selection process. I would also like to encourage those who did not get in to try again next year.

**Sam Speed:** I sat at housing selection for a little while on Wednesday night. I helped out with the Resource File Index on Friday.

### **Open Reports:**

**Will Brotherton:** I want to send out my own personal thanks to all of the volunteers that showed up Saturday at 10:00am to help out with the Campus Cup. The water fights, the Executive Board that showed up, it would not have been the same without you guys. Everyone had fun, thanks again to everyone.

**Rahul Singh:** Putnam Hall's picnic was a success even though we had difficulty getting the grill and did not have as many people come.

### **Announcements:**

**Vinita Mishra:** I highly encourage everybody to attend a GREAT Day session. There are lots of things that you know that I do not, so I will certainly be attending several. I will also be going to a Parking Committee on Tuesday. If you have any parking issues, please bring them up to me after the meeting. I will be at the Student Health Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, so please bring any student health concerns to me by then. I will be attending Shakti's dinner this Saturday. I am very excited for Legends of the Hidden Temple this weekend! The Hall Presidents have put in an extraordinary amount of work, so please go and support them and have some fun!

**Sarah Murtaza:** Please RSVP to me for the banquet by Wednesday, April 23 with the number of people attending from your Hall. I will be attending the Student Health Advisory Committee meeting this week. Please keep emailing me more IRC pictures. Thank you to the people that have sent pictures! I will be attending CRT.

**Katelyn Conway:** I will be attending several RD interviews this week. I will be meeting with Vinita to continue transitioning. I will be attending the final Environmental Impact and Sustainability Task Force meeting and the SA meeting on Wednesday. I will be helping with the Resource File Index. I will be attending Legends of the Hidden Temple on Friday.

**Sam Forlenza:** I will be attending Legends of the Hidden Temple this weekend. When you hand in your receipts to me, make sure you put the person's home address, and not their campus address, so they can receive their check at home.

**Matthew Thackston:** I will be having another meeting of the RFI this Friday. Jess and I will be booking flights for Nationals as soon as elections are over. We will also be working on Nationals things, such as affiliation. I will be attending Legends of the Hidden Temple where I will be a temple guard!

**Jessica Resnick:** This week, I will be preparing for elections and helping Dan with anything that he needs for Legends of the Hidden Temple. I will be attending Legends of the Hidden Temple on Friday and Springfest on Saturday.

**Danielle Forrest:** I will be going to lots of meetings this week. I will be working on my End of the Year Report and the Campus Cup Event Report. I will be going to SA.

**Daniel DeHollander:** The shirts for Legends of the Hidden Temple are in and they look great! People who ordered shirts can pick them up Wednesday during all-College free hour at the GLK table. There is a CRT meeting this Wednesday at 7:00pm. We will be finalizing activities, painting, etc. Legends of the Hidden Temple is this Friday at 10:00pm in Kuhl Gym! Please come ready to play because you may be drawn randomly out of the crowd! If you want to help set up for the program, please come to Kuhl Gym at 7:00pm on Friday and we will put you to work. Alyssa and I are coordinating all day activities at Spring Fest this Saturday, so stop by and say hi!

**Allison Moesel:** As some of you may have noticed, small advertisements have gone up for the "Geneseo Gives Back" program. You will soon see labeled bins in the Residence Halls where you can donate non-perishable food, small appliances and other items. As you are cleaning out your rooms for the end of the year, before you throw anything away, please consider donating it! I will have more specific details on the program in the next week.

**Thomas Johns:** We had three regional winning OTMs; "2nd Floor B-side Residents" for Community of the Month by Deanna Richards; "International Student Services Office" for Spotlight of the Month by Arunima Ray, and "Brendan See" for Student of the Month by Rebecca Coons. NRHH's last community service project for the year will be on Sunday May 4, 2008 at 1:30pm. The event will be a walk for cats to raise awareness of feline abuse. We will be starting at Highland Park.

**Sam Speed:** I will be attending GREAT Day on Tuesday and Legends of the Hidden Temple on Friday. Also, I will be participating in the Day of Silence which is a day to recognize GLBT rights. For more information, go to [www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org).

### **Open Announcements:**

**Christina:** Sam mentioned our Facing the Facts program that is Wednesday in Newton 202. It is a panel on mental health. We will have several speakers, free food, and lots of information. I have the information that you will be receiving if you go. We have information on things like depression and we are working on getting information on eating disorders. Please come support us.

**Will:** If any of you read in the Lamron, there was the article discussing drug use. Will you also be addressing drug use that can lead to increased depression?

**Christina:** As far as panel members, we do not have someone addressing that, however, the first half is them speaking and the second half is question and answer, so hopefully they will be able to address that.

**Danielle:** I just wanted to make an announcement about the Student Association's President's Cup. It is an award that is open to a graduating senior. It is for people who have made tremendous contributions to SA organizations. If you know someone like that who you would like to nominate, please talk to me. Nominations are due May 2 at 4:00pm.

**Jess:** Because of GREAT Day tomorrow, I will not be holding office hours. I will sit an extra hour on Thursday, so I will be in the office from 11:00-1:00pm. Elections are coming up quickly, so if you want to run for NCC, come talk to me!

**Vinita:** Speaking of elections, letters of intent are due Wednesday, April 23 by noon. Please come and talk to any of us. You can run off of the floor as well if you so choose, but letters are due Wednesday.

**Sam Forlenza:** I will not be holding my office hour on Wednesday.

**Alyssa Briscoe:** I know that pretty much everyone on the Executive Board mentioned this, but Legends of the Hidden Temple is on Friday and we have put a lot of work into it, so please come support us. It will be in Kuhl Gym at 10:00pm on Friday.

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

RC Drawing Fund: \$2,250.72 > > > \$1,444.41 > > > \$1,444.41

Wellness Drawing Fund: \$1,425.00 > > > \$1,425.00 > > > \$1,425.00

### **Bad Financial Standing:**

Erie, week 3 of 4

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

**Sam Forlenza:** We have all seen these motivational posters, and I made one for IRC that has a picture of all of us with our moose ears and it says "IRC- Incredibly Real Cool."

**Vinita:** This week, she goes to Will Brotherton, because we have really enjoyed getting to know him better. He has given himself completely to the programming committee and the executive board. He is always enthusiastic and we appreciate his sense of humor and everything that he does. Thank you, Will.

**Old Business:**

**Item #49-0708:**

**Amanda Greene:** We did not change anything from last week. I confirmed that we have 2 grills, and we will be cooking the kosher food and veggie burgers separately.

**Rahul:** You are advertising, correct?

**Amanda:** Yes. If it is funded, we will add the IRC and SA logos.

*~Amanda leaves*

*Reading passes 25-0-2*

**Item #51-0708:**

**Christina:** Unfortunately, I am not Eleanor so I cannot bring her enthusiasm, however, I just want to encourage you to support this program. Paintballing for \$22 is exceptionally cheap. You get equipment, paintballs and replacement air cartridges. Transportation is provided by Upstate Escapes. It is a great way to de-stress before the end of the year. By supporting this, you will lower ticket prices by \$10, but the \$22 ensures that people are invested in the program.

**Joey Sinchak:** Will you be going?

**Christina:** I was thinking about it, but unfortunately I cannot.

**Will:** For advertising, do you have something to get people excited quickly?

**Christina:** We have the “Ready? Aim. Fire!” slogan, and we will send emails to the what’s up list and put fliers up in the Hall. Pending funding, we would resubmit the email to the what’s up list to include the statement “Supported by mandatory student activity fees.”

**Will:** It is in 3 days.

**Christina:** Yes, but we are going whether we get funding or not. The tickets would just be more expensive.

**Melissa Kaye:** Have people signed up to go?

**Christina:** I am not positive yet.

**Dan Nattell:** Tickets go on sale Tuesday.

**Will:** Is it open to everyone?

**Christina:** Yes.

**Miranda VanOmmeren:** Will there be additional advertising in the Union?

**Christina:** Yes, Upstate Escapes requires us to advertise in the union if they fund us, so there will be.

**Melissa:** The also give you 50 copies of your advertisements to put up.

*~Christina leaves*

**Alicia Jeffers:** I think that it is an exciting and quality program and I support it.

*Reading passes 23-0-4*

**New Business:**

**Item #52-0708:**

**Bas Dekker:** We are from Steuben, and this week, we are having a trivia night. The trivia night will consist of asking questions and you can win a lot of cool prizes as you can see in the price breakdown. Everything is organic or all natural foods. It is all from Wegman’s and we are getting water bottles from GEO.

**Rahul:** What kind of questions will you be asking?

**Bas:** We still have to make them up.

**Meaghan Rooney:** We have a lot of categories. There will be a green category.

**Bas:** We will also have a tasting category where you try to tell the difference between organic and other foods.

**Meaghan:** There will be 4 categories.

**Tim Bojanowski:** Are you only taste-testing three items?

**Meaghan:** Yes, the rest is for snacking.

**Matt:** For the Wegman's organic tortilla chips, it says 3 at \$2.49 a bag, but the total is \$4.98 which would only be enough to buy 2.

**Meaghan:** I would guess we are only getting 2 then.

*~Bas and Meaghan leave*

**Rahul:** Point of order, can someone else who is not listed as the reading presenter present?

**Vinita:** We have had people help present. The only people who cannot are RAs because they are considered staff members of the college.

**Rahul:** So you can ask people to present with you?

**Vinita:** Yes. I ask that you write it on the drawing fund form if you know ahead of time, but you are allowed to do that.

**Miranda:** I think this is a good program. It will get the residents out to try new things, so I think it will open up their minds. It is a good program.

**Laura Bugaj:** I think it sounds fun and is a cool idea, especially with the taste testing. I think that will be a cool addition to it.

*Reading passes 26-0-0*

#### **Item # 53-0708:**

**Kerrin Fitzpatrick:** Tomorrow at 7:00pm, Wyoming is having a Guitar Hero tournament. We have been talking at Hall Council about getting better turnout at events, and we think that Guitar Hero appeals to just about everyone. Most of my friends play all the time. We are having 2 tvs set up, and we are having residents donate 2 Play Stations 2s and Guitar Hero 3, and they are each bringing 2 guitars. We will have 2 games going at a time, and the competition will be going on with all 4 levels. The expert level will win the highest gift card, and it will work its way down. We will also have pizza there for everyone who attends.

**Joey:** I know someone who is very good at Guitar Hero. Is this exclusive to Wyoming?

**Kerrin:** Yes.

**Tim:** Can you only play in 1 bracket?

**Kerrin:** Yes. That is why we have the staggered gift cards so that people will play at the appropriate level.

**Will:** Will it be single or double elimination?

**Kerrin:** I do not have a definite answer for that.

**Amanda Myers:** I believe you are out after 1 loss.

**Tim:** What type of game will you be playing?

**Amanda:** I think it is a battle.

**Will:** How will the songs be chosen to level the field? Some people are better at certain songs than others.

**Kerrin:** We will probably allow people to play whatever song they want so that it will be more fun.

**Mark Sperrazza:** Perhaps a third party could pick the song.

**Dan Nattell:** You could do it on random.

*~Kerrin leaves*

**Will:** As much as it saddens me that it is closed to everyone outside of Wyoming, I think they have the perfect program. They have pizza, soda and video games. I think they will have a huge turnout and they have great prizes. I think it will be awesome.

**Alicia:** I like that they really looked into what would appeal to their residents. Sometimes our turnout is not as good as we would like, and it seems like they went the extra mile to figure out what would work and I am proud of them.

*Reading passes 27-0-0*

**Item #54-0708:**

**Mary Bock:** Jones Hall wants to do a Yoga night for all of our residents to de-stress before finals. Our past 2 programs have been fun, but we wanted to go a little healthier this time. We are getting a fruit and vegetable platter from Wegman's and we will be having a beginner yoga lesson for anyone who wants to participate.

**Laura:** In the price breakdown, you do not have a price for plates and napkins.

**Mary:** They are being donated.

**Laura:** Do they need to be included?

**Vinita:** As long as you include them and we are aware that they are being donated, it is all right.

**Christina:** On the advertisements, are you encouraging people to bring mats or towels?

**Mary:** I do not know if that in on yet, but I will make sure it gets put on.

*~Mary leaves*

**Christina:** It looks like a great program. I like that they are doing something that is active and healthy and I am jealous that I cannot go.

**Alicia:** I like that they connected with Nate from the Yoga Club to make connections on campus. It seems simple and I think it will go very well.

*Reading passes 27-0-0*

**Bids:**

**Vinita:** We have one more thing left on the agenda. We have the Hall and Resident of the Year bids.

**Hall of the Year:**

**Ontario Hall:**

**Tom Richards:** Here we go guys. This looks like a great spot to start building community.

**Aaron Smith:** Looks good to me, but what are we going to build with?

**Tom:** Are you kidding? There are lots of materials that go into building community!

**Amanda Senft:** The foundation of Ontario Hall's community is its most important asset, the people! First, there is the Residence Director Kim Bilinski, who is the center of community in the Hall.

**Sarah Greaves:** Next, the RA staff, a tight-knit group of dedicated individuals who are all about fun programs and supporting their residents.

**Amanda:** Then there is the Hall Council, 13 residents who have done an awesome job improving the Hall, participating in organizations on campus, and planning programs.

**Aaron:** I got the coolest henna tattoo at one of their programs.

**Sarah:** Last but not least, the residents! Ontario Hall would be nothing without the great students who live, work, and play there.

**Mark:** Hold on, that is just the beginning!

**Amanda:** The next step to building community? Programming! More than ten programs had attendance over 30, and residents had a great time learning new things and meeting new people in the Hall!

**Sarah:** And do not forget community builders! The RAs plan these activities specifically to get people talking to residents they might not already know!

**Tom:** I would really like to talk to those girls in the B2 quad.

**Amanda:** Also, Ontario Hall is proud to house the Foreign Language quad, which has a brand new mural painted by its very enthusiastic residents this year!

**Sarah:** Service is an important part of Ontario Hall's community. Residents made holiday cards for sick children, and most of the spring semester programming raised money for Relay for Life. Some residents stayed the whole night at the event!

**Mark:** If they are so into service work, maybe they should help us lift these boxes.

**Amanda:** Ontario residents are also active members of the campus-wide community. The Haunted House received visitors from all over campus, and Hall Council members actively participate in CRT, IRC, and CAS!

**Tom:** So then what is the last piece?

**Amanda:** The culmination of all these separate pieces together creates – community! Ontario Hall is proud to have many residents who are returning next year, all because of the rich experience living in the hall provides.

**Sarah:** Ontario residents and staff are outgoing, friendly, and involved, a perfectly built community!

**Melissa:** What is your favorite program that Ontario has hosted this year?

**Mark:** I would have to say the Haunted House.

**Tom:** That was my favorite too.

**Aaron:** I liked the yoga night. We had mats and it was great.

**Amanda:** Our RA Sarah's What Not to Wear fashion show.

**Sarah:** I liked the overnight hosting program. It was amazing and we had a huge turnout.

**Rahul:** Other Halls have put on programs of this caliber. What makes Ontario Hall special?

**Aaron:** As you can see, we have several things.

**Amanda:** I think one thing is that Ontario has not had the best reputation in the past. It is far from the rest of campus and close to Orchard Street, but we have really gotten it together this year.

**Aaron:** We have a lot of residents homesteading for next year.

**Joey:** How many of you are staying?

**Sarah:** I am.

**Joey:** How does it feel to have the honor to work under the amazing Danielle Forrest?

**Amanda:** She is fabulous.

**Mark:** I am proud to have her as an RA and as the head of the Programming Committee.

**Joey:** Do you feel like the long walk has improved your character?

**Sarah:** It is a bonding experience.

**Amanda:** My calf muscles have improved.

*~Amanda, Sarah, Aaron, Mark and Tom leave*

**Alicia:** They look like they have put a lot of work into building community. I was really impressed that they had over 10 programs with 40+ residents in attendance. They did a great presentation, but to go from a more negative rep to having something that great is impressive and shows a lot of work and commitment.

**Joey:** Being close to Ontario Hall, I have had to deal with a lot of negative things toward them, and I think they have put a lot of effort into improving things and they deserve this honor.

**Tim:** Can I mention that I have been to some of these programs?

**Vinita:** You can discuss programs that they discussed in their bid, but outside knowledge is not allowed.

**Melissa:** I loved their presentation. It was very creative.

### **Resident of the Year:**

#### **Alyssa Briscoe**

**Alyssa Briscoe:** I am Alyssa Briscoe, and I am bidding for Resident of the Year. I am a first year transfer student from Arizona State University. I got involved in Residence Life and the Geneseo community right away. I ran for Hall Council President which I am, and I have also stepped up as the IRC Representative since October since we lost 2. I was also the Relay for Life captain

and organized our team for the Alzheimer's walk. I worked with our RAs to organize a spaghetti dinner and jar wars. We have approximately 80 residents and we raised close to \$400. As Hall Council President, I am part of CRT. We are planning Legends of the Hidden Temple which is Friday. As an IRC Rep, I was on the Programming Committee which went wonderfully. Through these, I have gotten the chance to work with a lot of people and learn about campus resources. I am also co-chairing the activities for Springfest with Dan. Also, this is not in my bid, but I just found out that I was accepted for NRHH. I am in the process of starting STAND. I co-founded a chapter at ASU and the paperwork should be done by the end of the week. I was also in Democracy Matters, but the meetings conflicted with IRC so I had to give it up. I also do a radio show and work with Model UN. I also went to a Regional Conference in the fall and got to know the Executive Board better. Also, for the Mini No-Frills Conference, I stepped in and helped run spirit stuff when Jess had to be in the board room. We also hosted an Autism Awareness Day in Wayne Hall which allowed people to learn more about it.

**Melissa:** Could you talk about what your dedication to Academics is?

**Alyssa:** Since I have started here, I have maintained a 3.21GPA. At ASU, I had a 3.25. I am hoping to apply to the Economics Honor Society next year and I am graduating a year early.

**Tom:** It says that you came 2,000 miles to come here. Where are you from?

**Alyssa:** I live in Arizona. My math professor graduated from here and loved it, so I ended up here.

**Will:** How have you enjoyed the Geneseo atmosphere?

**Alyssa:** It has been so rewarding. My move out here was the best decision I could have made. I was not involved at all in ASU, but now I am looking into becoming an RD after I graduate.

**Shane Melvin:** Coming from Arizona, how do you like the weather in Western NY?

**Alyssa:** It is cold. It was nice for about 2 days.

*~Alyssa leaves*

**Will:** I think that it is awesome that she came from Arizona to here and jumped right into the Geneseo community and participated in so many things. It is cool that she came here and leapt right in feet first and took on 3 different huge activities, Legends of the Hidden Temple, the Campus Cup and Springfest.

**Joey:** Among all the other creative tributes, the fact that she was able to overcome people not being there and being an IRC Rep as well as Hall Council President is incredible.

**Amanda Greene:** All of the work that she has done is amazing. I am wondering if she ever gets to sleep.

**Vinita:** I appreciate everyone who has participated. It is a learning experience and that is why we do it, so wherever you are living next year, think about these bids and encourage them. Before we leave, I just want to say that I know these last few meetings have been longer and it is hot, but thank you so much for your comments and input.

**Adjournment:** 9:07pm