

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
Vice Chair: Sarah Murtaza SM10	Monday: 10:30-11:30		NCC: Matthew Thackston MJT8	Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00-12:00 Wednesday: 12:00-1:00
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Minutes # 22				

Call to Order: 7:01pm**Attendance:** 29 of 31**Also Present:** Jeff Ferrara, Kevin Hahn**Approval of the Agenda:** 26 of 31**Approval of the Minutes:** 27 of 31**Reports:**

Vinita Mishra: I went to the Academic Affairs Club meeting. The Provost, Katherine Conway Turner, said that the school is looking at having an online booklist by Spring of 2009. Also, they are planning on building a new library by 2013. At the SA meeting on Wednesday, Dr. Dahl and Dr. Levison updated the students on the college budget. Because of many changes across the state, Geneseo is looking at a deficit of between \$500,000-800,000 for next year. Dr. Dahl said that this would not affect hirings. I am going to repeat that I strongly encourage you to attend these meetings. They are your direct voice to campus administrators and they allow you to gain valuable information about your campus. I met with Dr. Bonfiglio on Thursday. He updated me on several things. He assured me that the campus does not sell phone numbers of students. Also, HD does not affect cable. Along with that, we discussed the rising room rates for next year. This is because of the way the college budget overall looks. He did say that out of those rising costs, students will see updates in the kitchen and furniture replacement in the halls. I attended Geneseo

Dazzles Days on Saturday. I got to talk in small groups with 7th grade students from Rochester. It was a really good experience, and I got to answer questions about Geneseo. If you get the chance, I highly recommend doing that next year. Thank you to Danielle and the Programming Committee for doing ice cream and roller skating for Sibling's Weekend on Saturday.

Sarah Murtaza: I worked with CAS to finalize the menu for End-of-the-Year banquet. I attended CRT.

Katelyn Conway: I attended the SA meeting and Saratoga's Appreci-8 party on Wednesday. I met with Vinita on Thursday. I met with Vinita and Ralph Carrasquillo on Friday. I helped scoop ice cream in the Union on Saturday. I sat at the table in the Union and helped sell t-shirts for Legends of the Hidden Temple. I met with Dan and a couple of members of GEO to discuss the Recycling Coordinator position on Hall Council.

Sam Forlenza: I helped run karaoke at Erie Hall Wednesday, and it was great seeing such a good turnout. The second meeting of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee took place on Thursday. Thanks to those who came; your input was valuable. I helped scoop ice cream and roller skated a bit at Sibling's Weekend.

Matthew Thackston: Jess and I worked on more Nationals stuff. I attended karaoke at Erie Hall. I attended roller skating and I helped scoop ice cream!

Jessica Resnick: I sent 25 pictures in for the Nationals roll call. I have been searching for the best price on plane tickets for Nationals. I attended roller skating for a little bit on Saturday and I also attended Erie halls Karaoke night.

Danielle Forrest: Programming Committee met to work on things for the Campus Cup. I am sending around a sign up sheet if you want to volunteer. I went to SA this week. Sibling's weekend Roller Skating was a great success, thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped out!

Daniel DeHollander: I presented at Student Association last week and I am going to pass around vouchers for a fundraiser at Applebee's on Monday, April 14, 2008. If you go to Applebee's between 4:00-9:00pm on April 14 and present this voucher to your server, CRT will receive 10% of what you spend before tax and tip and excluding alcohol. I also hosted part of CRT. Thank you to Sarah for covering for me while I was gone.

Allison Moesel: Last week I met with Vinita, prepared for Housing Selection and worked on Staff Recognition materials. As a reminder, all award nominations are due this Thursday, April 10th by 4:00pm to moesel@geneseo.edu.

Thomas Johns: I attended a Sustainability Committee meeting for the region this week and have been working on the banquet for NRHH's Induction Ceremony. There were 12 OTMs submitted this week, so thank you to everyone who participated. Also, Pay it Forward week was this past week and we have heard great feedback from the college with the different parts of the campus that we recognized, especially for the facilities service members who work within your buildings that your Halls have recognized. Therefore I would like to personally thank everyone for paying it forward this week and getting involved!

Sam Speed: The RBD had their transitionals weekend and it went really well. I was unable to go, but I heard from them a lot. I have almost completed the wrap up report from the conference, I am just waiting for one more report from someone.

Open Reports:

Shane Melvin: Monday after the IRC meeting, I came home to a flooded suite, so do not hang things from the sprinklers.

Will Brotherton: Has anybody else noticed that channel 67 is a little bit off? It is showing the correct video, but has the wrong audio dubbed over it. Who can we contact?

Vinita: CAS handles the cable, so you can contact them.

Mark Sperrazza: The Make Your RA a Sundae...Literally program was a huge success. We brought in more money than we anticipated for our Relay for Life team, so we were very happy with the turnout.

Serge Berig: I just want to clarify that we will not be upgrading to HD. Everyone will be upgrading to digital cable, but not HD.

Announcements:

Vinita Mishra: I am meeting with Tom later this week to discuss IRC and NEACURH awards. I will be tabling in the Union for Legends of the Hidden Temple selling t-shirts. Please stop by and visit me. The KASA dinner is this Saturday, April 12 at 6:00pm. Tickets are on sale in the Union Lobby. Geneseo Environmental Organization is selling SIGG water bottles this week for \$7.00, also in the Union Lobby, so go get one. A member of GEO will be coming in to talk to us about what they do, as well as give us some information on sustainability so we can take that back to the Residence Halls. As a reminder, your hall bids are due on April 17. Please stop by my office hours if you have any questions!

Sarah Murtaza: I will be sending out invitations to the End of the Year banquet soon since they are almost done thanks to the Programming Committee. Please send me pictures for a powerpoint show for the banquet.

Katelyn Conway: I will be meeting with Vinita to continue transitioning for next year. I will be going to the SA meeting on Wednesday. I will be helping sell t-shirts for Legends of the Hidden Temple. If you are interested in running for Secretary next year, come talk to me!

Sam Forlenza: I am sitting at the Legends of the Hidden Temple t-shirt table tomorrow.

Matthew Thackston: Jess and I will be finishing our event report this week, hopefully booking tickets and finalizing things for Nationals and also getting our affiliation materials together!

Jessica Resnick: Matt and I will be finishing up things for Nationals and our event report. I will also be helping Dan and CRT sell Legends of the Hidden Temple t-shirts in the Union.

Danielle Forrest: Programming Committee will be meeting next week. The Campus Cup is Saturday, April 19 from 2:00-5:00pm on Onondaga Field. Start getting excited, it is going to be amazing!

Daniel DeHollander: T-Shirts for Legends of the Hidden Temple are on sale now until Friday! If you would like to order a shirt, please see me after the meeting or stop up in the Union Lobby where we will be tabling all week. Shirts are \$7 and come in all 6 colors. If you would like to sign up for our pre-team Legends of the Hidden Temple elimination, simply stop at the table in the Union Lobby and sign up with a friend. If you participate in the pre-team signup, then you must be free Sunday, April 20 from 12:00-2:00pm for our pool challenge. The 6 quickest teams will win a shirt and an automatic spot in the Late Knight event on Friday, April 25, 2008 at 10:00pm in Kuhl Gym. If you do not win the pool challenge, you can still come to the GLK event and enter to play again!

Allison Moesel: Housing Selection is next week! As a reminder, selection for four, five and eight person suites will take place Tuesday, April 15. Six person suite selections will take place on Wednesday, April 16, and general housing selection will take place Thursday, April 17. Please note, selection begins at 7:00pm all three nights and takes place in the Ice Arena. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to me after the meeting, or contact your RD/AC.

Thomas Johns:

Sam Speed: I will hopefully be finishing the wrap-up report this week. Also, NARD, the barbershop quartet on campus will be performing Forever Plaid this weekend. The shows will both be on Saturday April 12, one at 2:00pm and one at 11:00pm in Alice Austin Theatre. This will be their last big event before graduation, so do not miss out!

Open Announcements:

Sarah: The Redesigning Beauty program is next week. Monday, April 14, there is a speaker at 1:00pm in the college union ballroom. On Thursday, April 17, at 1:00pm in the College Union Ballroom, there is a panel discussion about negative body image and our perception of beauty and whether or not it is distorted.

Christina Miller: There are rumors that at NARD's 11:00pm show, you will have to pay a few dollars, is that true.

Sam: They will have a donation box, but it is not mandatory.

Tom Johns: If anyone knows Rebecca Vandawalker, she had her baby today, so that is great news. Send congratulation notes if you know her.

Sarah: Tomorrow at 7:00pm in Ontario Hall, there will be henna tattooing. It is completely safe, it costs \$1 per hand, and the money will go to Relay for Life. Feel free to stop by.

Allison: My apologies, but I am the RD on duty, so if the phone rings, I have to answer it.

Treasurer's Time:

RC Drawing Fund: \$2,333.97 > > > \$2,263.97 > > > \$2,263.97

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

Bad Financial Standing:

Niagara, week 1 of 2

Erie, week 1 of 2

Monroe, week 1 of 2

Ingrid Rosalind Carrasquillo Award:

Dan: Last week, she went to CRT for all of their hard work on Legends of the Hidden Temple. We added a couple of ferns that are props for the program. She might eat them, because she is a cow.

Vinita: This week, Ingrid goes to Sam Feldmeyer. If you have seen her in or out of a meeting, you will know why. She contributes a lot and is a lot of fun and has worked hard to get to know all of you and she comes to all of IRC's programs. Congratulations!

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Item #45-0708:

Rahul: On April 19, we are having a picnic. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers and other snacks. There will be games such as kickball and hop scotch. It is a good way for the Hall to get together. We are asking for 75% which may be high, but Putnam is a small Hall and we are low on funds.

Mary Rosch: Where will the picnic be held?

Rahul: In the courtyard outside of Putnam.

Tom Richards: What will be done to stop people from the other Halls from taking food?

Rahul: If they show up late, the food will be gone. CAS will be providing some food as well.

Vinita: We need a full price breakdown, so do you have the numbers on that?

Rahul: Not yet.

Vinita: Our constitution states that all readings require a full price breakdown in order to be considered.

Christina: I motion to table the reading.

~Tom seconds

Item #45-0708 is tabled

Item #46-0708:

Vinita: If you look in your agenda, you have a copy of the potential changes to the constitution, and I am going to go through all of them. In Article III, Section III, C, 1, under the duties of the Secretary, we are looking to change it to “Keep and distribute minutes of all official meetings of the IRC General Assembly and at the discretion of the Chair.” It originally said at executive board meetings as well. We typically choose not to take minutes at our executive board meetings, but at the same time, there are other times that the Secretary will take minutes such as at executive board retreats, so we decided to leave a little bit of leeway. Under Article III, Section III, G, 7, under the duties of the Campus Relations Coordinator, we want to add “Coordinate and facilitate the planning and execution of a campus-wide program with the RC Presidents.” It is something that they do every year and it is in our budget, but not the constitution, so we wanted it to reflect what we actually do. Under Article VI, Section I, A, 2, under elections process which is something that directly affects you as reps, we would like it to read “Potential candidates must submit letters of intent to the IRC Chair by 12 noon the Friday before the day of elections.” It was originally Wednesday at noon, but it got confusing because it was not consistent with when the Drawing Fund request forms were due and no one reads them before the meeting, so that gives people a little bit more time to get things in and meet with people. Under Article VI, Section I, B, 5, c, 2, we want it to read “Any person present at the meeting will then be allowed to ask questions.” It used to only allow reps to ask questions, but we decided that since the only things that you can talk about are things that are mentioned in the candidate’s letter of intent and/or speech, this would be a way to allow people with experience in these areas to contribute. We also added another point under that that will read “The IRC Executive Board must follow all Article VI, Section II guidelines as outlined in the Constitution.” Under Article VI, Section II, C, we removed point number 2, because it contradicted the first statement. It read that SA and IRC logos could not be used on flyers in campaigning, but above that, it clearly states that no campaigning shall occur during IRC elections. It was a confusion that we just wanted to clarify.

Christina: I was just wondering why minutes are not taken at executive board meetings?

Vinita: There are several reasons. We discuss confidential things, updates from administrators, certain decisions that are made regarding the general assembly, updates to the individual positions, and we do not feel it is necessary to take minutes. There are no big secrets, it is just about confidentiality. There is one more change. At the very end, we added “We agree to follow all Student Association policies as outlined in their Constitution and Financial Policy.” and “We agree to follow SUNY Board of Trustee Guidelines and the laws of the state of New York.” We wanted that in there because we clearly have to follow them anyway.

Tom Richards: What about the laws of the United States of America?

Vinita: If you would like to make a friendly amendment to add federal law, I am all right with that.

Tom: I would like to make a friendly amend to add it.

~Vinita leaves

Mary Rosch: I think that IRC has had a pretty good constitution for all of the years I have been involved, and I think that the changes they have made reflect the progress. I think they are sound and the constitution is quite effective, so it makes sense that there are no major changes to it.

Reading passes 29-0-0

Item #47-0708

Vinita: Some of these are just cleaning up issues. In the very first section, we fixed the lettering and numbering to be correct. In Article I, Section IV, B, 1, we have changed it to read “The IRC Executive Board and the IRC chairperson may establish an ad-hoc committee at any time with a majority vote of the members of the IRC General Assembly present and voting.” Ad-hoc committees are committees that come up to advocate for student needs as they come about. We would really like the General Assembly to vote on those so that everyone can know what is going

on and have a say in it and get everyone invested in it. In Article II, Section I, A, 2, b, we made a wording change under the wellness fund. It was just a grammar issue. In Article II, Section 2, A, 2, we changed the deadline for submitting business readings to Friday at noon. Not all Hall Councils have met by Thursdays at noon, so that give people a little bit of extra time to get things together, but it is still enough time for us to catch issues and let the Hall Council know in a timely manner. In Article II, Section II, A, 2, c, if there are any expenditures made out of pocket, any parties wishing to be reimbursed must submit receipts within 2 weeks of the end date of the program. There are some programs that last more than one day, so this clarifies that you have 2 weeks from the end of the program to submit receipts. In Article II, Section II, 3, if there is a problem with your reading, you will be contacted by 8:00am on Monday morning. It used to be Friday, but the Executive Board does not meet until Sunday night. We wanted to be sure to leave enough time to fix problems before the 7:00pm meeting, but still giving the Executive Board time to look things over. In Article II, Section II, C, 3, there is a little bit of cleaning up of grammar. In that same section, we added “Any fundraising request for charity must indicate a legitimate charitable organization to be approved.” In Article II, Section II, C, 4, we removed the durability timeline on permanent supplies. We it because it was too vague to determine what a durability of 1 year would mean. In Article II, Section III, A, 2, there were formatting changes made. Under Article II, Section III, A, 5, we added “Failure to use both the IRC and SA logos on IRC funded program advertisements shall result in bad financial standing for that particular Hall.” We have gone over this, and we feel that it is important to enforce this and have the By-Laws back it up. The last thing, in Article II, Section V, we have changed the heading from Logo Policy to Publicity Policy to include other forms of publicity. Under A, it says “Logos may be obtained from the IRC website or in stamp form at the Student Association office” so that people know where to get them. Under B, we added “Electronic publicity for events funded by the IRC (including emails and What’s Up postings) must include the statements ‘Supported by Mandatory Student Activity Fees’ and ‘Supported by the Inter-Residence Council.’” Under C, we have added “If advertising occurred before a program was IRC funded, all current and future advertisements must be updated to comply with IRC By-Laws and Student Association Financial Policy once the program receives the approval of the General Assembly.” We do not want programs that have not been funded to include logos, but it is important to have them on advertisements for things that are funded.

Mary Rosch: I have 2 suggestions. Under Section III, A, 5, Bad Financial Standing, you should add the word “all” so that people realize that you are talking about more than just fliers, but electronic advertisements as well. Under Section V, B, I would include Facebook. It seems like there was hesitation to include it, but if it is in there, I know a lot of people use it to advertise.

Vinita: What’s Up and email are specific to Geneseo, so I would want to keep it specific to those.

Mary: Would a Hall be put in Bad Financial Standing if they did not include those statements on a facebook event?

Vinita: I cannot say right now whether it would be or not, but I can take it back to the Executive Board and discuss it for next week. It is a tricky situation when someone points it out, but I am fairly positive that if a facebook event does not have the phrase, it can be taken to the Student Association.

Tom Johns: It says electronic advertisements, so it is not excluding facebook.

Vintia: I can talk to the Executive Board and get their feedback, and anything that you have would be appreciated as well.

Eric Vicari: For Article II, Section II, A, 2, c, as far as original receipts, I have been told that you cannot receive reimbursement when copies are turned in.

Sam Forlenza: In order to write a check, original receipts are necessary. There may be a couple of exceptions, but I have never come across one. They are needed in order get a check.

~Vinita leaves

Christina: As someone who has run into several problems with the due date for drawing fund forms, I definitely approve of Article II, Section II, A, 2. I think it is an effective change.

Tom Richards: I agree, it seems like it is clearer and more concise. I am in favor of all of these changes.

Rahul: I think the By-Laws have given students more time to submit things because sometimes you have busy days, so this helps.

Reading passes 29-0-0

Serge: I am new here, but why is Monroe Hall in Bad Financial Standing?

Vinita: Only 1 representative came to tonight's meeting.

Serge: Where does it say 2 representatives must show up to the meeting?

Vinita: Under Article II, Section III, A, 2, it says "Bad financial standing shall come into effect for those Halls who do not have an IRC Representative, or an alternate IRC Representative, present for a particular meeting."

Serge: It says or, so that implies one or the other.

Sam Forlenza: The alternate is just so that if someone cannot go, they can send someone other than the elected representative.

Serge: It sounds somewhat redundant and seems like the Hall can be punished if the alternate is there but the representative is not.

Vinita: Just to clarify, bad financial standing is not a punishment. It is a way of keeping things fair for all of the Halls.

Open Discussion:

Vinita: This is a short meeting, but listen up because there are 3 meetings left and they will not be this short. I am looking into having an open discussion on housing. I strongly encourage you to look at the Residence Life webpage to find out about what is going on with that. We also have our bids and elections coming up. If you have anything that you would like to talk to me about, feel free to talk to me after the meeting. Please be meeting with people about running for these positions next year.

Adjournment: 8:04pm