Inter-Residence Council General Assembly Minutes
For April 2, 2001 Meeting.
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Minutes #21 (link with April 9 Agenda)

Call to Order: 7:07 PM.

Attendance: Kim Villarosa from Erie was absent and there was no substitute. (BFS)
Neil in for Arthur Sherman from Jones.
Katie in for Scott Buckhout from Livingston.
Jesse in for Ryan Montgomery from Monroe.
Jarrod in for Jim Rogers, and Sarah in for Janelle Colosi from Onondaga.
Sarah White in for Renee Covert from Steuben.

Approval of the Agenda: Passes26-0-0.

Approval of the Minutes: Megan Carlucci pointed out in 62-0001, that she did not speak. She was not even in attendance at last week’s meeting! It was actually Meghan Magee who spoke those words. Sorry Megan Carlucci and Meghan Magee—my shorthand while writing doesn’t always include last names! Thank you for correcting my mistake; it is a worthy correction to give credit where credit is due. The minutes passed, 26-0-0.

Many people also commented positively on the new format of the Agenda. The comment was even heard, the “bullet format is easier to read.” Thanks all!

Reports:  Eric:
Lindsay and Justin:
Jeremy:
Kara:
Jeanne:
Heather:
Brock:
NRHH:

Open Reports: Kerri Rider: Suffolk had their Happy Birthday to Everyone Party on Sunday. Jenny got a pie in the face for $21, and so did Heather. All together, we raised almost $100 for the M.S. Walk!

Announcements:  Eric:
Lindsay and Justin:
Open Announcements: Megan Carlucci: A friend of mine signed up to live in the townhouses, and now she cannot, so she has to drop out, but she is interested in subletting to someone. So if you’re interested in living in a townhouse, email ktg1.

Jeremy asked Onondaga to tell us about their Survivor program that is being advertised all over campus. Meghan Magee from Onondaga explained, “It’s just like the TV show.” It’s taking place on the Onondaga Rugby Field. It’s $6 a person to sign up, you’re guaranteed a t-shirt and being out there participating for at least 4 hours. It’s going from 4 PM to 4 AM, and only one person will win. They will get $500 to wherever they want (since we can’t give out cold, hard cash). Go to [www.geneseo.edu/~onondaga](http://www.geneseo.edu/~onondaga) for more information. Jerrod chipped in, go to the Onondaga service desk to register. You must sign up in teams of 5, pay the $30 fee ($6 a person), pick a team name, have the social security numbers of each team member, and have an idea for a team uniform. We’re really excited about this, and it is taking place April 21st outside Onondaga on the rugby field. Go to the web for full details.

Rebecca LaFountain, AC liaison: Keep buying tickets for all the funn events going on in the next few weeks on campus! Nelly, Shades Apart, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, etc.

Kerri Rider: April 21st is Big Band Day outside the Union. GSTV, WGSU, and AC are sponsoring it. Big Band Day is taking place the weekend of SpringFest, and we’re having a whole bunch of bands come out to the Union Patio to play some tunes for us. Show up, it’ll be fun!

Emily Spilman: It’s Alcohol Awareness Week, so be aware of alcohol!!! (Lots of laughs from the crowd.) Emily continues, “Stop by the HealthGuard table in the Union—please get candy and come talk to us because we’re cool people!” Emily also announced that Wednesday, April 11th is a “Better Sleep” program in Niagara Hall at 7PM. The HealthGuards and Sam Summers herself will be there!

Emily also announced that it is Kevin Hahn’s birthday tomorrow, so we sang Happy Birthday to him!

Jerrod Roberts announced that the Southside Semiformal Tickets are on sale this week. It’s $18 with a hall card.

Kara Bajdas: Danny from the Real World New Orleans is coming to our campus to speak on Thursday, April 19th. I’m not sure where or what time it’s being held, but there’s posters all over campus. I just kinda decided to make this impromptu announcement—I’m just really excited about him coming to speak! I loved the New Orleans cast…

Brock Buffum: April 19, during the all-college-free hour there will be a Central Council pie-in-the-face competition supporting the March of Dimes Walk. Come out to give me a pie in the face and pledge Council money. Also, in case anyone is interested, there is word out there that there is a Geneseo Badminton team being started, so email bab4 if interested… There will also be elections for IRC Exec April 23, the last meeting of the year. Letters of Intent are due by April 16 to Brock or another member of the exec board. Also, USAEC election packets are due on Thursday if you’re running for a class or college-wide representative position.

Treasurer’s Time:

RC Drawing Fund: $352.30 > > > >$273.37 > > > >$273.37

Wellness Drawing Fund: STILL $225—no readings yet…

Gavel Award: This time, over the course of the weekend, who the Gavel Award should go to was made painfully honest, with their signs plastered all over the campus. This award goes to Onondaga for the most creative programming idea I have heard of on this campus yet. Good job, good luck, and let us know if you need help advertising anything.

Old Business: NONE!!!

New Business:
66-0001: Steuben Hall Pic-Nic

- Rachel is presenting. She said:
- Every year we do an end of the year picnic.
- We’re asking for $75, getting $100 from our Hall Council, and are selling phone cards at our service desk to raise extra money.
- Last year, 160 residents showed up.
- We could really use the money!
- The reading passed 25-0-1 for $75.00.

Open Discussion:
Brock Buffum: Do you guys feel that as reps, too much is asked of you? Do you feel that we nag you to come to programs and show support for our activities? Do you think it is your responsibility?
Jeremy Daumen: Do you think we ask for too much time? Is it not manageable in your schedules or what?
Brock Buffum: Do you think it should be a required part of a rep’s job?
Kelly Brown: It is not wrong of you to ask us, it should be required. Maybe you could ask the reps to contribute 1.5 to 2 hours of time over a semester and keep tabs on how often people show up. Like attendance or something where they get demerits if they don’t put in the required amount of time.
Kathleen Knuth: But please realize that, you are asking us on a Monday for a Friday. Maybe if you ask us a little bit ahead of time, we would be able to come and contribute more time. Many people could already have plans on Friday or Saturday if you ask them 4 days ahead of time, especially since it is Siblings Weekend.
Holly MacKenzie: In general, we must realize we’re a part of this group and that there are responsibilities and duties that go along with it.
Melissa Camba: I’ve been on the rep side, the executive board side, and now I’m in the middle. We are the School of the Year for a reason. It is not just about being a representative or on the executive board, it is about being a representative on this campus. It is about taking advantage of being able to put on fun programs because that is what makes us great and what makes living on campus fun.
Brock Buffum: I really want feedback from you guys. Let’s make this a constructive criticism conversation, so that we can evaluate the rep situation better for next year.
Kara Bajdas: Please let us know if we’re doing something wrong. Is the IRC Rep position publicized as having just one meeting a week and nothing about programming responsibilities? Let us know what you really think and if we’re doing something wrong, or what we can do to make it better.
Kelly Brown: In our building, the IRC rep position was advertised as having one meeting a week, and nothing was spoken of in terms of programming responsibilities. It was not mentioned when we were running.
Kara Bajdas: So it would be better if when we advertise the position for next year, we include some kind of programming duties too?
Kelly Brown: Yeah, I think that would be better.
Eric Blask: Speaking of that, I was just curious, what do you think should be the duties for next year’s reps? Would you guys feel averse to putting some sort of requirement in the constitution like “There will be expectations that the reps will support…”
Melissa Camba: We’re just looking for ideas, like should you attend a certain number of programs? Maybe a minimum of one program a semester?
Lisa Wielunski***: I like going to programs; I think it’s a benefit to know about them before anyone else. Reps should WANT to go; it shouldn’t be a chore.
Joe Johnson: This organization is IRC, but it seems to be that the majority of programs are run by the exec board. In getting the IRC members more involved in the planning of the programs, that the reps will want to participate in them more.
Brock Buffum: Most of our programs are due February of the previous academic year. We are now doing our budget in February, so we have to know what programs next year’s IRC will most likely be doing. From now, we will need to see interaction between reps and exec board developing in January and February to make any changes.
Eric Blask: Any large-scale programs, like Rocky Horror, bus programs, or MidKnight Madness in the budget are allocated for. If anything else comes up, we can get ore money. The problem is that before the programs were set
in stone. Now, we have a little more flexibility with being able to get more money. Hopefully the new system will change that a little.

Jeanne Gill: We normally have elections for Residence Councils at the end of the year, and this year it might help if we have more detailed position descriptions. If you guys have any advice for the IRC position, please let Heather or I know.

Rebecca LaFountain: Did you say that the IRC reps are being picked at the end of this year?

Jeanne Gill: After room selection, all the RD’s on campus will get a listing of the residents who are going to be in their halls next year. It will be the RD’s responsibility to set up an email list and run elections over email for some of the Res. Council positions for next year, but just for the bigger positions like President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It is often best if the President and few upperclassmen get the leadership positions of the Res. Council anyway, because they are familiar with college, will get the exec. board set, and will help out with fall training. Then they can learn more before school starts in the fall semester.

Megan Carlucci: The email thing worked really well in our hall 2 years ago. I remember that there was an email sent out explaining what was going on, when the deadlines were if you were running, and what was going to be required of you if you were to run. At the bottom of the email, the RD had us reply if we were interested.

Jeanne Gill: You guys are the liaisons for the Residence Council. Being liaisons, it is part of your job to ….***

Heather Carter: Part of the RA requirement is to get residents to IRC functions, and we try to publicize the events so people know about them.

Jerrod Roberts: As it was mentioned earlier, it would be helpful if you get programming dates and ideas out to the reps earlier. Our Res. Council meeting was last night, and none of our residents will know about your programs going on Fridays/Saturdays because we don’t meet before then.

Tamara Hurlbert: Does IRC have a website?

Eric Blask: Our web-site is under de-struction. It’s been in disuse for a couple years. We tried to fix it up earlier this semester by announcing the opportunity to fix up the web-site to our reps, but no one has since been able to do it or been interested in it.

Erin Kelly: Maybe if you guys send out an email on Thursday or Friday before a program to remind the reps of programs, like “Keep in mind, tonight there will be…”

Dan Sym: I could try the web-site. I don’t have time during the school year, but I can work on it over the summer.

Tamara Hurlbert: Don’t worry about it; you can come see us for help with the web-site. We can help you out with that.

Michelle Bishop: Maybe you should have program attendance mandatory for Hall Council as well as for IRC reps. It should be mandatory so that the Presidents, Treasurers, and IRC reps all go to programs. Sometimes I feel like Hall Council sees IRC as our deal; like they aren’t affiliated with IRC programs, and they are. IRC is an extension of Hall Council.

Heather Carter: Advertising for this weekend’s programs have been done by AC as well as IRC, because siblings weekend is a multiple organization activity. We have had enough advertisement that plenty of people should know about Siblings Weekend, so we should be OK there. ***?

Erin Kelly: Just to let you know, Jeremy, the posters handed out earlier for IRC Rollerskating on Saturday says it goes from 10-12PM. You mean 10 PM to 12 AM, right?

Jeremy Daumen: Oh yeah! Thanks Erin. If you guys could just change that and add a PM after the 10, and change 12 PM to AM, that would be great. Thanks!

Adjournment: 8:05 PM