

Inter-Residence Hall Association
Parliament Meeting – Minutes
Memorial Union Campanile Room
20 October 2016 – 7:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Called in at 7:31pm
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of the Minutes
 - a) Minutes stand approved
- 4) Adopting the Agenda
 - a) At-Large Leyton: Move to add Parliament Order for Limiting Government
 - i) No objections
 - b) BWR Jacob: Resolution in support of new dining plan
 - i) No objections
- 5) Informational Speakers
- 6) General Orders
- 7) New Business
 - a) Parliament Order 2016-XXXX-XX: Limiting Veto Powers of IRHA President
 - i) Read in by author: At-Large Leyton
 - ii) Jacob: The goal of this is to allow a veto to be addressed by parliament
 - iii) At-Large Leyton: When is the bill considered released?
 - (1) Jacob: At the end of the parliament meeting
 - iv) Buchanan Chrissy: Friendly Amendment to make wording consistent
 - v) Trey: What made you guys say 6 days rather than “next meeting?”
 - (1) Jacob: 6 days is defined. In cases like breaks and holidays, I would have multiple weeks potentially.
 - vi) At-Large Leyton: Move to call to question.
 - (1) Second. No objections.
 - (2) RC Vote: Bill Passes 25-0-0
 - b) Parliament Order #2016-XXXX-XX: Differing the Direction of Dining
 - i) Read in by author: BWR Jacob
 - ii) At-Large Tia: Do you consider Freddy Court to be off campus?
 - (1) Pete: No, but meal plans are not required there
 - iii) At-Large Tia: What exactly is unlimited meals?
 - (1) Jacob: It means that you don't have a limit on swipes
 - iv) At-Large Tia: How will this factor into next year's tuition?
 - (1) Jacob: The price of the meal plans is TBD
 - (2) Pete: You all vote on the rates.
 - (3) Jacob: This resolution is just in support of the plan
 - v) Larch Jackson: Is this in support of what was proposed previously?
 - (1) Jacob: This is in support of consolidating the 5-6 current plans down to 2 unlimited plans.

- (2) Jackson: I know my residents are very much opposed to adding the unlimited plans. Don't you think it is premature to pass a resolution?
- (3) Jacob: No, we don't have to pass a resolution, but we would like to be in support of what dining does. Most people are in support of this plan.
- (4) []: Can you swipe in guests?
- (5) StuGov Sam: Yes, you will have more swipes than current plans
- vi) At-Large Tia: What are the benefits of changing to the 2 plans?
 - (1) Jacob: The main thing is making sure that students get what they're paying for. You don't have to count meals. You can stop and grab a snack whenever you want to. New locations will be opening and there will be longer hours at dining centers.
 - (2) Mohamed: We spent a lot of time researching this over the summer. We want to make the dining experience much friendly and better. Currently we have a very inefficient operating model.
 - (3) At-Large Tia: What are express meals?
 - (a) Mohamed: They are what used to be called meal bundles
- vii) Friley Jake: Friley talked about this a lot and a good amount of Friley is not comfortable with this plan. We would like some more time to discuss this.
- viii) Maple Collin: Going back to the finger reader. My concern about that would be cleanliness?
 - (1) Jacob: We would still have student working there. They could keep the fingerprint scanner clean.
- ix) Buchanan Chrissy: Which dining areas would be unlimited and which would be express?
 - (1) Mohamed: Locations would stay the same. Express meals at MU food court and the markets. Unlimited at dining centers. If you currently have the bronze plan, you will be grandfathered into that plan.
 - (2) Chrissy: We took this back to our hall and had someone from dining come speak to us. People were not necessarily opposed, but were not really on board either. At Buchanan we are about 5-10 minutes from the closest unlimited place to eat.
 - (3) Mohamed: Conversations and Seasons are closest to Buchanan. We will also be opening for brunch next year. We are willing to accommodate.
- x) StuGov Sam: The current dining plans are not transparent with students. Each plans shuffle money around to cover the other plans. If we change to these new plans, it will be completely transparent. On flat rate and unlimited access.
- xi) StuGov Cody: I think I spend about \$30-40 on groceries for my room every 2 weeks just to keep some snacks around. This new plan would get rid of those.
- xii) StuGov Zoey: What would happen to student who work during late-night?
 - (1) Mohamed: Nothing. We would be open later and have more hours.

- xiii) Friley Benjamin: I keep hearing that people are not using enough meals. However, if they don't use all of their meals, isn't it already "unlimited"
- (1) Mohamed: An example from UNI. With a restricted plan they had about 200 people for breakfast. Once they made it unlimited, they got 700. People feel free to come in and grab a light breakfast and aren't afraid of losing meals and wasting their limited swipes. We have also learned from other schools that students save money with unlimited dining.
 - (2) Benjamin: I think it would be great to put something up north
 - (3) Mohamed: If this plan passes we will have space up north
- xiv) Kay: With the ability to be at the dining centers at any time, I think it is important to take into consideration that students may not always use the system in the way that we intend. I think this encourages people to eat in excess and not in moderation. That is a concern that I have heard from some people.
- (1) Mohamed: Actually, the schools we have talked to see the opposite. Student don't feel like they need to eat a ton to get their money's worth
- xv) At-Large Leyton: I don't want to steer anyone from debate, but I know it was brought up earlier that someone was interested in putting this off for another meeting. You can always postpone a bill and bring it back in a few weeks.
- xvi) MU Amy: I see the benefits in this plan. Currently at the MU we are not required to have a plan. Would we be required to have this meal plan?
- (1) Jacob: You could choose from any of the plans available next year
- xvii) Larch Jackson: My residents love the silver and the bronze plan. Do you think it would be possible to keep a non-unlimited option for those that are required to have a meal plan?
- (1) Mohamed: We can look at it, but it would likely cost more money. I could not keep something like bronze around. There is a certain price point that we need to hit. If we don't change what we have now, dining will not be able to operate in 3-4 years down the road.
- xviii) Linden []: I agree that students are not getting their value. If we know this, can we just lower the price of the current plans? The majority of the people in my hall would prefer to have a limited meal option.
- (1) Mohamed: Anything is possible, but we will have to close some dining centers if we keep our current model. We need to make some changes.
 - (2) Linden[]: A lot of people in my hall would prefer having the late-night bundles and keeping those around. It is more convenient.
- xix) Friley Jake: I have seen a lot of discussion tonight. Move to postpone for two weeks so we have some time to go back to our halls and talk about it more.
- (1) Second. Objection

(2) WW Dee: I feel like two weeks is kind of a long time. We have been talking about this for quite some time in our hall council.

(3) Placard Vote (to vote on motion): 19-7-5

(4) RC Vote: 15-9-1: Motion Passes. Bill postponed for two weeks

(5) At-Large Leyton: Just a reminder that we will be voting on actual proposed changes later in the school year. Look for that more than this. They don't have all the details nailed down yet.

(a) Pete: We hope to present these rates on November 10. Send any questions you have to mohamed: alim@iastate.edu

(b) StuGov Sam: Any concerns you hear, please send them

(c) Jacob: Feel free to email me as well: jdonahue@iastate.edu

8) Open Forum

a) At-Large Leyton: I have fliers to hand out regarding the Freeman Haunted House. Everything is full-steam ahead. We are authorized and the event is a go!

b) Buchanan Chrissy: Any big change that happens with regards to anything will have some dissenting opinions. Even a good change will be a big deal, but new students won't know the difference. In the long run, this new dining plan will be a great thing.

c) Larch Jackson: The new plan will still cost some students more.

d) Helser Araceli: Fliers for Haunted Helser and Frightful Friley

e) Fisk: We have a website irha.iastate.edu

f) Fisk: I am working on the online directory. Want to make some changes with regards to the information shown by default. I am polling students and the top university in every state to see how they operate. Majority do not disclose student addresses.

g) Helser Lucas: Can we come in costumer next meeting?

i) Wyatt: I would respect that

9) Student Government Report

a) Cody: We had a joint meeting with the Ames City Council.

b) Talked about Campustown. Flower pots in place of parking spaces which has made it safer for pedestrians. Most of the meeting did not pertain to residents.

c) We seated a new senator. We enlarged the PR Committee

d) Zoey: Cole talked with the Board of Regents about tuition increases. Currently proposed is an increase of about \$614 for non-residents and \$142 for residents. They are also still proposing those 5 major increases. The international student also have a fee. If you have any questions or concerns, please come talk to us.

e) Sam: The BOR has ordered a review about University plane use by Leath.

f) Cody: The Board today indicated support for the tuition increase. These are big cost changes that will hit all of us, so we need to be on top of this and get support and feedback from students. Talk to your residents and come back to us.

i) At-Large Tia: Is the \$614 for international students?

(1) Yes. In addition to the \$500 fee.

g) Trey: You said the board is looking into Leath's plane use?

- i) Cody: The AP reported who broke the story is continuing to report on it. I went on a lot of rants last night. We are glad that the board is now looking into this.
 - h) Larch Jackson: What is the resident raise going to be?
 - i) Zoey: About \$142 - 2% increase
 - i) Linden []: Is the \$500 international fee for all classifications?
 - i) Yes. It is for three years, so \$1,500 extra
- 10) Officer and Advisor Reports
- a) President Jacob
 - i) I don't have too much. Scott covered the directory stuff
 - ii) I got pinged by lectures committee to have an IRHA rep. If you want to have any input, please come see me after the meeting.
 - iii) I will send out a new copy of the bylaws
 - b) VP Wyatt
 - i) Mental Health Committee - We had a bunch of people present on their programs and areas on campus. Many of them are running out of space to operate. They are all running into problems like that. Far down the road, we would like to see all student services in one central location. All three presenters are interested in speaking with IRHA at some point in the future.
 - ii) I hope you guys have enjoyed fall fest so far. Go to the carnival tomorrow!
 - c) Dave (DOR)
 - i) Absent
 - d) Pete (DOR)
 - i) Today the regents approved the name for the new residence hall.
 - (1) Gregory L. Geoffrey Hall (pronounced joe-free)
 - ii) There are 784 beds with 14 houses. We are going to start filling it now and fill 34 beds per floor for a total of 504 people. Most priority will go to returners. From December 12-16 8am-4pm and Saturday (17th) from 8am-12pm, residents moving in can drop their stuff off before break. On January 5th when we open up, people can move into Geoffrey.
 - (1) Buchanan Chrissy: A lot of our residents have questions about parking.
 - (a) Pete: Buchanan and Geoffrey will have priority over the lot near those buildings. There might be some openings once the construction area is cleared up. Most of the parking for those buildings will be off-site as it has been in the past.
 - (2) At-Large Tia: Will there be a mass email sent out?
 - (a) Pete: Yes, it will be tied in with all the spring moves.
 - (3) StuGov Sam: What locking mechanism are on the new building? Do they just have keys like normal?
 - (a) Pete: Student rooms will just have standard keys
 - e) Mohamed (DINING)
 - i) No Report

11) Committee Reports

- a) Events
 - i) Fall Fest is great and awesome!! Carnival tomorrow!
 - (1) Buchanan Chrissy: If you are free tomorrow at 2:30, come and help set up for the carnival at convos.
 - ii) Parade is this Sunday. We are meeting at MU at 12:45. Back at 4:00.
 - (1) Buchanan Chrissy: Please go to the parade! It'll be super fun!
 - iii) At-Large Leyton: We will have a movie night on campus on November 11
- b) Leadership
 - i) Logan is not here today :(
- c) NRHH
 - i) Zorb Ball was a huge success yesterday! Thank you to all of the IRHA folks that came out to support this NRHH-sponsored Fall Fest event :)
 - (1) Show your appreciation by writing an "Of the Month" award for one of these events or for people that have helped put them on. You can do so at otms.nrhh.org. You have until **November 3rd** to write them, so there is plenty of time and it doesn't take long!
 - (2) Email catheros@iastate.edu to learn about more about OTM writing.
 - ii) Speaking of Fall Fest... Fall Fest has had so many amazing events for res hall students and a lot of amazing people have put those events on. Think about the Fall Fest events- they are all VERY deserving of recognition.
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 - iii) Speaking of OTMs.... Congratulations to **Oscar Alvarez** from Wallace Hall. Oscar is a Regional OTM Winner for September! :D If you know Oscar, make sure to give him a shout out for being voted the best Executive Board Member in the Midwest last month. He has done awesome work for NRHH this year. Read about his contributions here: http://otms.nrhh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=323085&vid=pmqehr40pb6cz7f
- d) Finance
 - i) TI;dr \$\$\$ MONEY!! BUDGET!! YAY!! \$\$\$
 - ii) Finance Committee is finally meeting. I will get the budget out to everyone once I make sure it is correct (hopefully within the next week)
- e) NCC
 - i) We got that flag. Jacob made a cool electronic sign



ii)

f) CA

i) CA Applications! Go fill them out! You do have to go to an informational session in order to apply to be a CA. Check those out, there are several of them.

g) Communications

i) Freeman, Friley, Helser - Let's do some social media for your events. Follow us on twitter @ResHallLife

12) Closing Announcements

a) At-Large Leyton: Leadership had meeting on Tuesday. Saw some people at President's report. We will be writing a better transition report for next year. We meet at 6:00pm on Tuesdays in the upstairs Friley office. If you email Logan, he can answer questions.

b) At-Large Tia: You guys know me and my apples. If you want some apples, get those forms filled out.

c) Cody: I forgot something. Campus Safety Walk is happening at 9:00pm on Monday.

d) Cody: We have voting everyday in the MU right in the corridor. Last day is Saturday. Get out and vote! November 4th is last day to request an absentee ballot.

e) Kay: If you want to do something fun tomorrow night, right in the Sun Room tomorrow from 7:00-9:00 pm to kick off homecoming there is a dance happening. It will be awesome! You all got an email about it and you all should go!

f) Jacob: If you want to be a rep for lectures, please come talk to me!

g) Wyatt: We are going to be starting guardian of the gavel.

i) What is the spookiest residence hall on campus?

(1) Chrissy: Boochanan

h) At-Large Leyton: Every week we go to convos - come with us

i) At-Large Leyton: Move to adjourn

i) Second