

Inter-Residence Hall Association  
Parliament Meeting – Minutes  
Memorial Union Campanile Room  
02 February 2017 – 7:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
  - a) Called in at 7:35
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of the Minutes
  - a) Minutes stand approved
- 4) Adopting the Agenda
  - a) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: BLF Ski Trip
  - b) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: Bylaw Changes - NRHH President
- 5) Informational Speakers
  - a) ISU Dining - Chef Scott
    - i) New Sandwich Concept
  - b) Austin - DIS Team Leader
    - i) Lead 12-15 students during 3-day DIS
    - ii) Make up to \$350 in 3 days
    - iii) Applications due February 3
- 6) General Orders
  - a) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: Leslie Odom Jr.
    - i) Read in by author: BWR Calvin
    - ii) Friley Katie: Have they already paid for him to come?
      - (1) BWR Calvin: I don't know if he has been paid yet or not.
      - (2) Friley Katie: I just wanted to make sure we didn't have a problem with retroactive funding.
      - (3) Exec Trey: The event is happening on the 29th, so it's not retroactive
      - (4) Jacob: Bylaw 7.1.4 - Just has to be passed before the event happens
    - iii) Larch Jackson: How did you come up with the \$3,000 amount?
      - (1) BWR Calvin: We originally had \$4,000. His fee for coming is up to discussion. He doesn't really have a set fee, but we want him to come.
    - iv) Aaron: The problem I see with this is that it looks like we are spending \$3,000 just to get our name on a little poster for a guy who is already coming
    - v) WW Dee: Some of our residents had concern about the lecture portion of it. Aren't lectures on campus already free?
      - (1) Jacob: Lectures are funded by the committee on lectures
    - vi) WW Dee: If IRHA doesn't fund this, what happens?
    - vii) Willow Louie: Who is this for? Just residents?
      - (1) BWR Calvin: It is open to the public
    - viii) Friley Katie: I think it is kinda strange that we would be one the highest funders. Also, people would be paying for this multiple times through various channels.

- ix) Larch Jackson: I just want to remind everyone that \$3,000 is a lot of money. We can put that money to a lot of good use. We can do better things with money.
  - x) At-Large Leyton: I don't think this is a good use of our money. I think this event is cool, but there is not a real benefit to residence hall students. Motion to postpone indefinitely.
    - (1) Second.
    - (2) Motion withdrawn
  - xi) WW Dee: When we first brought this up our residents were for this. Now, it seems that it really doesn't help our residents at all.
  - xii) Jacob: Katie raised a good point about how people would be paying for this multiple times. Just to give some context, there are a lot of constituency councils funding this event. There is a lot of double-dipping going on here already. We would just be another entity on campus funding this event.
  - xiii) StuGov Cody: StuGov has already covered a lot of the cost. What you are mostly paying for right now is advertising. He is already coming. This would just add IRHA to a list of sponsors. I would not suggest that we pass this bill.
  - xiv) Kay: Part of the DoR is that we are looking to help educate our students. This would kind of be a fun way to do that. Just a different way to look at this bill.
  - xv) Trey: Normally double-dipping is a huge problem, but as you can see, there are already a ton of constituents. "Do-Deca-Quin-Decahedron-dipped"
  - xvi) WW Dee: I want to echo Aaron. Instead of spending \$3,000 on this, we could do a whole lot of advertising in a much more effective way.
  - xvii) Friley Katie: This is great debate. This is wonderful. This is approximately 214 student's dues we are paying here. It's a good chunk of money.
  - xviii) Kristina: From a marketing perspective, I don't think we'll get much value out of having our logo on the bottom of a poster. We can use our money better.
  - xix) Geoffroy Sonya: Move to exhaust speakers list
    - (1) Second. No objections.
  - xx) Jacob: Right now on the bill it says that the total cost of the event is \$51,625. So far they have raised \$40,800. There is a \$10,000+ discrepancy there. If IRHA doesn't cover this, the committee on lectures will likely have to use their own funds and cancel some lectures later on in the year. I am happy that this issue is coming before parliament. We are getting some really healthy debate here.
  - xxi) Willow Justin: When we presented this to my council, there was no budget. Seeing and hearing all of it, I would agree that this money can be used better.
  - xxii) Carmen: Is it possible to make non-ISU students pay at the door?
    - (1) Yash: I don't think that we can do that. It is up to lectures committee
  - xxiii) Carmen: Parliament can also change the amount that is being asked for.
  - xxiv) RC Vote: 3-27-2: Bill Fails
- b) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: AQ
- i) Read in by author: MU Holly

- ii) MU Holly: I didn't realize that this was read in last week. I am helping to plan this event. Basically, teams sign up and compete with each other. People can test their skills and knowledge. We have built up the event over the years. A lot of residents have signed up for this in the past. The scholarships would provide a great incentive for people to participate.
  - (1) Friley Katie: First of all, I think that this kind of falls under the same reason Jacob vetoed the STLF bill. This is only helping 16 students and we can't guarantee that these people are res hall students. We aren't all in CALS, so it doesn't really make sense to fund this bill.
  - (2) MU Holly: We have a lot of people who are eligible for this contest.
  - (3) Buchanan Chrissy: Theoretically I agree with Katie. My hall felt uncomfortable with this. It's a lot of money for few people.
  - (4) Geoffroy Sonya: If we paid for it, how would people know that?
    - (a) MU Holly: We could say that it was sponsored by IRHA
  - (5) WW Iason: I am getting STLF veto flashbacks. Our hall was wondering how will this money be distributed to the winners?
    - (a) The money would be divided amongst the team members
  - (6) Aaron: IRHA is not responsible for getting people in other organizations to participate in events. There is also some tricky wording in this bill that includes Freddy Court and other DoR property not under IRHA
  - (7) Logan: A team could theoretically win all 4 prizes?
    - (a) MU Holly: There would be 1st, 2nd, 3rd place...
    - (b) Logan: Yeah, I do not agree with this bill
  - (8) Friley Andrew: What were the numbers last year?
    - (a) We had 20 teams of 4 people. We have almost that many already signed up and it has only been open for a week.
  - (9) Helser Aracelli: Is there other funding for this?
    - (a) No.
  - (10) WW Dee: I am confused as to how students would hear about this?
  - (11) Buchanan Chrissy: If we fund this, and say a team gets the prize and half of the team are non-residents. Would the money just go to the res hall students or would it go to all 4 people?
    - (a) All 4 people
  - (12) At-Large Seth: Move to exhaust speakers list
    - (a) Second. No objections.
  - (13) Martin Madeline: There is no way to make sure this goes to res hall students.
  - (14) Aaron: You could change this so you are only paying 25% of it.
  - (15) RC Vote: 1-31-0 Bill Fails

7) New Business

- a) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: CA Training Bill

- i) Read in by author: WW Dee
- ii) Kay: The start date was moved up to August 1st this year. Generally it is several days later than that. This really cuts into work and intern opportunities. The problem is that current CAs love their communities, but aren't pleased with this start date. They may not be able to return if we keep this start date.
- iii) Friley Andrew: So, we are just voting to send this higher up the chain?
  - (1) Yes.
- iv) At-Large Leyton: I am really in favor of this. I have had some great CAs. It is really nice to have a CA with experience.
- v) Larch Jackson: If we push this date up would you get trained as many days?
  - (1) Olivia: Yes, we would be trained the same amount.
- vi) Friley Jordan: How much pull do we have by protesting this?
  - (1) Kay: You might not make a full change, but DoR does like to listen to what IRHA wants to do. You guys do have a say.
- vii) Friley Jordan: Is there no leniency? If you can't make it can you not be a CA?
  - (1) Olivia: We can request to be excused, but it is a process.
- viii) Aaron: Summer classes have finals that go until the 4th. This is also an issue when you have finals going on. Yes, you may be able to get an exception, but it is really hard to build a community of staff and people miss training.
- ix) MU Holly: Is there a good reason why they want to move it earlier?
  - (1) Aaron: The idea is that they can spread stuff out
  - (2) Olivia: If you are an apartment CA, they have to come back August 1st
- x) Logan: I noticed that Pete has left, but Dave, do you have anything to say?
  - (1) Dave: We wanted to get all of our staff started on the first day. 44% of our residents check-in before freshman come in. We need people trained and ready. It is hard to train and check-in simultaneously. We wanted to reclaim those 3 days and have more time to do training.
  - (2) Logan: I just wanted to bring in that perspective. Secondly, this seems like a major communication issue.
- xi) Buchanan Chrissy: What does a typical fall training day look like?
  - (1) Kay: We start at 8am and have a training starting at 9. That is generally a 3-hour session. We break for lunch and work with our staff. We have dinner and then some more training and activity. We are done at 8pm.
  - (2) Buchanan Chrissy: So, you have a lot of flexibility?
    - (a) Kay: Kind of. We do have a list of things we need to get done. The order can be different, but we all do the same stuff.
- xii) BLF Claire: Would training differ for new vs returning CAs?
  - (1) Olivia: Part of the training is different. For returners there are more refreshers instead of full training.
  - (2) BLF Claire: So, would there be more downtime or more training?
    - (a) Kay: It depends. Sometimes there is extra time, but we always find something to work on to get the halls ready

- xiii) WW Dee: Is part of the training to form a community between CAs?  
(1) Aaron: There is not really training, but you spend time with them.  
(2) Olivia: We did some icebreakers together when I was new
- xiv) WW Dee: I signed on this because it made sense to me. Now that I am listening to it and thinking on it, I feel like we can't do harm or good either way. I think we need to recognize that CAs are students too, but at the same time, I think it would be better to have more time for training and be able to spread it out.
- xv) Kay: We sent a petition to Pete and Virginia. The start dates for 2015 the start date was August 6th. Last year it was August 4th. A huge reason to move it back is due to the fact that it is really hard to hold an internship if you have to come back so early. Some programs require internships to graduate. Finals for summer term also overlap this. Also, many halls are not air-conditioned. A lot of the halls are under construction during the summer. May be hard to move in that early. A weekday move-in is also hard if we can't do it by ourselves. A lot of us like to have our parents come down and help us move in. If you are granted an exemption it does interrupt the whole staff bonding thing.
- xvi) Linden Francis: I know CAs have a lot of commitments. Is there anyway some of the training could be made available online?  
(1) Nathan: We are looking at online training. Technically CAs don't have to do any work until their contracts start, but we can't require it.  
(2) Linden Francis: It would still be beneficial as an option. If they knew they couldn't come back, they could do some stuff online.
- xvii) Logan: I understand the urgency for this. I would like to hear more student perspective. I understand that we are cutting into summer, but we also asked for more training last semester. If the DoR wanted to move this up, perhaps they could provide a stipend to offset the shortening of a job or internship. This year I saw a situation with mental health where a CA was not trained to handle it. I am nervous that without additional training we will see more of that. On the other side of it, I understand that this is extra stress for CAs.
- xviii) StuGov Yash: This resolution seems very important. I would urge the author to bring a guest speaker with more information. I would suggest that we table this resolution until next week.  
(1) Aaron: Point of information. Bylaw 5.8.1 says we need second read.
- xix) WW Dee: Move to waive second read  
(1) Second. No objections.
- xx) At-Large Leyton: Point of order. 5.9.8.1 Debate should be limited to 45 minutes. 5.9.4 Each member of parliament should speak for no more than 5 minutes.
- xxi) Buchanan Chrissy: As a student I have had 2 CAs. They were polar opposites. Not all CAs are the same. If we are losing CAs just because they can't come back that would be really unfortunate. Why are we jeopardizing that amazing pool?

- xxii) At-Large Seth: I'd like to point out that this just asks that the DoR reconsider this. Let's just pass it so the CAs can sit down and talk with the DoR. Move to exhaust the speakers list.
    - (1) Second. No objections.
  - xxiii) Friley Andrew: I feel like we have gotten a little off topic. We are just asking that the discussion gets moved further up the chain. Move to call to question.
    - (1) Second. No objections.
    - (2) UC. No objections. Resolution Passes
  - b) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: Leadership Bylaws
    - i) Read in by author: At-Large Leyton
      - (1) Kay: Is it possible to waive second read as we are currently functioning outside of this bylaw anyways?
      - (2) Jacob: We have been not in compliance with a few bylaws tonight. This is something that can wait.
  - c) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: BLF Ski Trip
    - i) Read in by author BLF Claire
      - (1) BWR Calvin: We wanted to make a ski trip, but we never heard about this until tonight. Why?
        - (a) Your rep never comes to our meetings
      - (2) Buchanan Chrissy: Is it your intent to limit this to BLF residents?
        - (a) Yes
      - (3) Larch Jackson: Is that the max that you can contribute to the trip?
        - (a) We could use our funds, but it would take all our money.
  - d) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: Bylaw Changes
    - i) Read in by author: At-Large Leyton
      - (1) WW Dee: So, this is allowing them to be a CA and live outside of a res hall?
        - (a) Yes, this just corrects our bylaws to align with the NRHH bylaws.
      - (2) Trey: It isn't just about the stipend. Olivia isn't allowed to be an exec member but has to be. This would correct that.
- 8) Open Forum
- a) Jacob: Thanks for the healthy debate tonight. It was lit.
  - b) WW Dee: Debate is welcome and awesome. I feel like we had periods of redundancy. Discussion is good, but we don't need to waste time.
  - c) Helser Lucas: DoR did a great job on the Lead my Wall event
  - d) Helser Aracelli: I would encourage us to use our money in a better way. We passed up on a lot of bills tonight. I hope the CALS event is still a huge success.
  - e) StuGov Sam: Quick S/O to ISU Dining. That food was delicious, am I right?
  - f) Geoffroy Sonya: I went to a leadership conference last weekend. That was great.
  - g) WW Iason: I liked that 5 minute break that we had. We should do that more often.
- 9) Student Government Report

- a) StuGov Cody: We had a lot last night. Last week you asked about the budget cuts. Leath will try to protect students and our core mission. "We don't want to sacrifice quality."
- b) Sam: we seated two senators. One for IRHA and one for Engineering
- c) We had the pre-vet club come in and we funded a conference
- d) Agrimarketing association - conference funding
- e) Cyclone Squadron - conference in NC
- f) STLF came to us and there were lots of issues with the bill. They probably won't get a lot of money from us.
- g) Yash: New business. We talked about supporting students affected by the executive order banning refugees from 7 countries. We have over 100 students and some staff affected by this. We talked for a long time about how we should address this. We are here to support people affected by this. We passed a resolution about this.
- h) Cody: To expand on the executive order. We put out a press release. We took out the word "protect" and made it "support." We wanted to focus on the order and not talk about making ISU a sanctuary campus. That is debate for another day.
- i) Sam: There are a lot of people who have taken a stance against this. The most powerful tool you have is love. You are capable of compassion. Love is the 5th dimension
- j) Yash: Rube Goldberg club. We will revisit that next week
- k) Supporting Campus Town Plaza with green space (on top of parking ramp)
- l) Cody: 5 funding bills coming next week

#### 10) Officer and Advisor Reports

- a) President
  - i) Thanks for the healthy debate tonight.
- b) Vice President
  - i) You heard two bylaw bills this week. We encourage you to look at those.
  - ii) Mental Health Committee is going to get started again.
- c) Dave [RESIDENCE]
  - i) Debate was great tonight. Keep that up!
- d) Pete [RESIDENCE]
  - i) Went home for the night.
- e) Mohamed [DINING]
  - i) If you had a retail location in this building with the sandwiches you tasted tonight, would you buy from it?
    - (1) Mohamed: It will start our as dining dollars

#### 11) Committee Reports

- a) Events
  - i) Nothing new. NRHH Ice Skating event coming up soon
  - ii) If you need a committee, we would love to have you
  - iii) This week we came up with some ideas for events
- b) Leadership
  - i) We are sending in a bylaw and funding bill next week

- ii) Leadership banquet will be March 30 at Alumni Center
  - iii) At-Large Leyton: I would like emails of all hall presidents
    - (1) WW Dee: Why?
  - c) NRHH
    - i) We just went through our induction. If anyone wants to join, fill out our application. You can do it at any time.
  - d) Finance
    - i) BWR - go ahead and plan a ski trip
    - ii) We are at about \$34,000 left in discretionary
    - iii) Thanks for the great debate. I appreciate it, especially on financial bills.
  - e) NCC
    - i) Next week we will have some bylaw changes.
    - ii) Going to a conference next Friday.
  - f) CA
    - i) Thanks for the great discussion on the CA resolution. That means a lot to us.
    - ii) Week of Feb. 6-11 is MACURH Gives Back Week. We will be working on some of that during this week. We'll have more info on that hopefully.
  - g) Communications
    - i) Good job tonight.
  - h) IT
    - i) <http://cyswap.stugov.iastate.edu/>
- 12) Closing Announcements
- a) Jacob: You might have noticed people leaving tonight. That is fine, just leave quietly. Academics come first.
  - b) WW Dee: What is the procedure for going against Jacob's veto
    - i) Aaron: Motion must be made in two consecutive meetings. It must be next week if you want to do that.
    - ii) Logan: All the procedures are in our bylaws (on the website)
  - c) Sam: Bears
  - d) At-Large Leyton: Move to adjourn.
    - i) Second. No objections.