

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

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Called in at 8:05 (Late meeting due to EMO mix-up with room reservation)
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of the Minutes
 - a) Minutes stand approved
- 4) Adopting the Agenda
- 5) Informational Speakers
 - a) Brian Vanderheyden: Student Wellness Manager
 - b) Website is now live: www.studentwellness.iastate.edu
 - i) We are looking for any feedback that you have
 - c) We have a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 24th @10:30
 - i) Located in A37 Friley Hall
 - d) Peer wellness educator program - paid student leadership opportunity
 - i) Hiring 27 students for this fall. They will be responsible for implementing wellness programs, working with students, marketing, etc.
 - ii) Applications are up on our website, so share about that opportunity.
 - (1) Application is due on March 24th
 - e) Any questions?
 - i) WW Iason: Would this position work with wellness chairs in res halls?
 - (1) The students will be working all across campus. I think there will be some good opportunities to partner with wellness chairs.
 - ii) WW Dee: Are these for physical wellness or what?
 - (1) We are a wholistic wellness office. We want students from all academic backgrounds, identities, etc. There are no prerequisites or prior knowledge necessary to be a peer educator.
 - iii) We cover any and all wellness aspects. We do have certain priorities.
 - f) Contact: studentwellness@iastate.edu or brianv1@iastate.edu
- 6) General Orders
 - a) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: Leadership Bylaws (1)
 - i) At-Large Leyton: Move to consider as read
 - (1) Second. No objections.
 - ii) At-Large Leyton: The whole purpose of this is to avoid any issues where we have fewer than 5 members on the leadership committee. We just want to make sure we are operating within our bylaws.
 - iii) Exec Trey: Since this bylaw was created to ensure that at least 5 members would be on leadership committee, how will you make sure that this committee is staffed and can function optimally in the future.

- (1) Exec Logan: I cannot enforce that. We always try to invite parliament and be very flexible with meeting times.
 - iv) At-Large Leyton: Move to call to question
 - (1) Second. No objections.
 - (a) UC. No objections. Bill Passes
- b) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: BLF Ski Trip (2)
 - i) BLF Claire: Friendly amendment to change amounts.
 - ii) WW Dee: Don't BLF and BWR do this event together?
 - (1) In the past, we have not gone together. It has just been BLF. This year, BWR has worked with us to fill some empty spots. BLF pays for BLF students and BWR pays for BWR students. IRHA helps with both
 - iii) Friley Katie: Could we maybe get the BLF Contribution correct as well?
 - (1) Katie: Amendment to make amounts correct.
 - (a) Second.
 - (b) WW Dee: How much money do you have?
 - (i) Approx 4-5 thousand dollars.
 - (c) UC. Amendment passes
 - iv) Helser Araceli: Why couldn't you keep the BLF funding and add more from BWR so that IRHA funding could go down instead?
 - (1) If only 110 students show up, we will only pay for 110. All of the funding is based on how many people go. IRHA pays \$20 for each student and the hall pays \$7 for each person.
 - (2) Araceli: Our hall would like it more if IRHA paid less per student.
 - v) Buchanan Chrissy: I agree that we should bring down the IRHA cost a bit
 - vi) Exec Logan: Each student gives \$14 to IRHA, correct? By passing this bill, you are essentially giving these students more money than they put in.
 - vii) Exec Trey: When are you going?
 - (1) February 24th. I assume not everyone from your halls are going? It is overall costly, but you are using funds from people who don't go.
 - viii) Helser Lucas: I would like to see the IRHA contribution lowered.
 - ix) Friley Katie: Amendment to add date to line 4 of the bill.
 - (1) Second. No objections.
 - (a) UC. Amendment passes
 - x) BWR Cole: Our money is kind of dusty. I definitely think BWR can spend a bit more of our money to fund this event.
 - xi) BLF Ian: The BLF Ski Trip has almost always been one of the best attended events funded by IRHA. I believe it has been growing every year. It is a great community event. Roughly half the hall goes. No matter what events we put on, there will always be students who pay but don't attend events.
 - xii) WW Dee: Are you able to tell us what has happened in the past?
 - (1) BLF Ian: The first year, BLF funded this since we had a surplus. In the past, IRHA has been paying \$20 (for the past two years)
 - xiii) Exec Aaron: What is the current discretionary fund at?

- (1) Approx. \$34,000
- (2) Aaron: This directly affects residents and we have a good amount of money left.
- xiv) President Jacob: You said that BLF and BWR were willing to go down? How would that affect your contribution and hall account balances?
 - (1) BLF Ian: The max we were willing to pay was \$15 from our own halls. That would give us enough to still have an end-of-the year event. We could do \$15, but it definitely limits what we can do for the year.
- xv) Exec Logan: How much money did we have in discretionary last year?
 - (1) \$78,000
 - (2) Logan: We have a lot less money this year. Spending willy-nilly will eventually drive our IRHA dues up.
- xvi) President Jacob: Would you say that the current status of our accounts is sustainable?
 - (1) Exec Trey: I think finance committees in the past have been working hard to make sure that our accounts are balanced. We are slowly altering how we do things in order to be more sustainable.
- xvii) At-Large Leyton: Finance committee worked hard to get the budget in order.
- xviii) Exec Kay: Last week we talked about spending more of our money on residence hall students. I'm not saying that we don't change the amount, but we should be working to fund events like this that benefit residents.
- xix) Helser Araceli: Amendment to change funding to \$15 from IRHA
 - (1) BLF Ian: This would be doable for BLF, but I don't like it.
 - (2) WW Dee: I don't know if we need to amend that. We are in a good place to give these halls \$3,000. I feel like we are nit-picking.
 - (3) Exec Aaron: If you pass this amendment, I think it is important to note that this would bring up the amount that BLF and BWR have to pay. These halls are small and don't have huge budgets. They won't be able to help out with other great events, such as Carrie Lane Crashtacular. We have been funding this event for many years.
 - (4) Larch Jackson: I just want to bring up equitability. If every hall had a ski trip, IRHA couldn't fund it. This is a lot of money to spend on a few.
 - (5) WW Iason: We are putting a lot of weight on BWR. That really goes against what we do here. We need to be equitable.
 - (6) Exec Trey: Keep in mind what you have funded in the past.
 - (7) Friley Jordan: I just wanted to speak to the ability that not all residence halls could do this. I think BLF and BWR are contributing a good amount. Friley has a huge budget, so we could spend more money. This is a good event that a lot of people benefit from.
 - (8) At-Large Leyton: As Trey pointed out earlier, we spent almost \$7,000 on 2 bills that possibly affected residence hall students. We are now questioning something that is a much smaller chunk of our budget.
 - (9) Friley Katie: Move to call to question.

- (a) Second. No objections.
 - (b) Amendment fails
 - xx) Exec Trey: So, I just wanted to thank people for thinking critically.
 - xxi) At-Large Leyton: Move to call to question.
 - (1) Second. No objections.
 - (2) RC Vote: Bill passes 27-3-1
- c) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: NRHH Position Bylaws (3)
 - i) At-Large Leyton: Move to consider as read.
 - (1) Second. No objections.
 - ii) At-Large Leyton: In the past, Caitlin served as NRHH President and received a stipend from IRHA. In our bylaws, it says that we can't give a stipend to them. This is a way to make sure that our NRHH rep is rewarded for their work. NRHH does a ton of good things and don't get a lot of our budget to operate.
 - (1) VP Wyatt: NRHH falls under a bylaw that requires a rep to come for any organization that gets more than 50% of their budget from IRHA. This resolution fixes a conflict with our bylaws to make NRHH compliant.
 - iii) WW Dee: I feel like having the stipend included in this makes it difficult.
 - (1) At-Large Leyton: We all agreed that the NRHH President deserves a stipend. They are a permanent members of our Executive board. We did this because of how much work and time this person puts in.
 - (2) Exec Trey: I see why Dee is asking this. The stipend is in our budget, but not in our bylaws. We added the stipend because we have the president on our board. That being said, the stipend part doesn't really need to be in this bill, but they go well together.
 - (a) WW Dee: I would personally remove the stipend part
 - (i) Amendment. Second.
 - 1. Larch Jackson: Is there another bylaw that says she will get a stipend?
 - a. Wyatt: There are no bylaws for stipends. She will get a stipend.
 - 2. At-Large Leyton: Move to table bill for 1 week
 - a. Wyatt: We will have a resolution next week to talk more about discrepancies between our bylaws and DoR policy.
 - b. Pete: Currently the job description for CAs bars them from being on Exec. We are planning to enforce that policy.
 - c. Second. No objections.
 - i. Bill tabled until next week

7) New Business

- a) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: KQ Bill (4)
 - i) Read in by author: WW AJ

- b) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: MWL Game Room (5)
 - i) Read in by author: Larch Jackson
 - (1) Pete: This space used to be a conference room. IRHA said we should go ahead and convert it into a game room. The DoR would look into funding it since it is a community space.
 - c) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: NCC Expectations (6)
 - i) Read in by author: WW Iason
 - (1) Exec Aaron: The idea is that each conference allows for a certain amount of people. This will just allow the NCC rep to bring the maximum amount of reps as possible to each conference.
 - d) Parliament Order #2016-XX-XX: NCC and Communications Bylaws (7)
 - i) Read in by author: At-Large Seth
 - (1) Exec Aaron: Right now, Kristina and I overlap a bit on our responsibilities. The region expects different things from me than from Kristina. This will make it so I focus on external communications and Kristina will focus on internal communications at Iowa State.
- 8) Open Forum
- a) Buchanan Chrissy: We are having a blood drive
 - b) At-Large Leyton: I asked you last week to get emails for your hall presidents. The goal is to make a newsletter that can go out every week to keep presidents in the loop.
- 9) Student Government Report
- a) StuGov Sam: We seated 1 new senator this week
 - b) We funded Rube Goldberg Club
 - c) We did not fund CyServe Council
 - d) STLF came to senate and we funded them a portion of what they asked
 - e) We funded StuGov elections for this year
 - f) I wrote a bill to add a senate proclamation to recognize outstanding people at ISU
 - g) Yash: Sanctuary Campus Bill
 - i) Exec Logan: How much funding do we get from federal government?
 - (1) Yash: We receive approximately 21% of our funding from federal and state organizations. Losing federal funding could also mean losing more private funding: enterprises which are politically affiliated.
 - ii) President Jacob: I think it is important to distinguish between state and federal. They are different, but would likely both be affected.
 - iii) Exec Logan: Do we have a rough estimate of undocumented students on campus?
 - (1) Yash: No. We do have 115 students affected by the travel ban
 - iv) Linden Francis: This was a very short notice for everyone involved. I personally think that all IRHA reps should go back to their halls and truly talk to their residents. This is a very sensitive topic. Some people may be uncomfortable talking with senators for the first time. I think we should call a special meeting on Monday or Tuesday to talk more about this.

- (1) Cody: Yes, this is short notice. They tried to waive first read last week and vote on it.
 - (2) Wyatt: We could call a special meeting. Let's talk about that after this discussion.
- v) Linden Francis: About 2/3 of people that I talked to (84 people) were in support of the resolution. How do other halls feel about this?
- vi) Exec Aaron: First of all, I want you all to represent your residents as well as possible. Look at this resolution from a personal perspective and what will be best for students, not political beliefs. Otherwise we will be divided. If we lose all of this funding, where will the money come from? If students can't afford to go here, then we aren't protecting anybody. This would paint a huge target on ISU, which we don't really have right now. Declaring ourselves a sanctuary college put a huge target on us and I believe puts DACA students more at risk.
- vii) Cody: Right now there is an idea being tossed around to cut the specific line about calling ourselves a "sanctuary campus"
- viii) Willow Louie: That was my big question. Where would the cut funding be made up from? Universities tend to be more liberal environments and our administration is very conservative. Should ISU become a sanctuary campus and have funding cut, that would affect all of us. Why would you bite the hand that feeds you? In my opinion, we should stay on the safe side. We should be inclusive and help, but declaring our campus a sanctuary campus would be risky in my opinion.
- ix) Larch Jackson: Could you make this a referendum? (everyone votes)
- (1) Cody: I think the chance of that are low and very risky. I think this bill will either get postponed indefinitely or we pass it with changes.
 - (2) Larch Jackson: Would students on federal grants be affected?
 - (a) They could be. Likely the funding that would be cut is the money that goes directly to Iowa State University.
- x) Exec Kay: Since we are a research institution, will this affect our research grants? A lot of the research I do is funded with federal money.
- (1) Yash: It depends on where the money comes from. It definitely could affect funding for that.
- xi) Cody: I want to make sure we aren't just focusing on federal funding. A lot of state funding could be affected as well. As Yash said, the State of Texas passed a resolution to pull funding from sanctuary campuses.
- xii) Willow Justin: Do you have a number for private funding to the university?
- (1) Yash: 23.2% contracts, 16.5% enterprises, 1.1% federal
 - (2) Willow Justin: If this were to become a sanctuary campus and state and federal funding were revoked, we would drive tuition up, which would drive attendance down, which would drive private funding down. We would be shooting ourselves in the foot. This is a cascading effect that gets worse and worse and worse.

- (3) Cody: We don't know that a loss of federal funding would affect tuition. There definitely would be cutbacks across campus.
 - (4) Yash: Some residents said that federal funding could go away, but if most universities take a stand on this, it will create a pressure on the current administration. It may lead to changes higher up. There is only a risk that we will lose federal funding. It is not for sure since there is no legislation as of now according to my knowledge.
 - (5) Cody: We do have an opportunity to be leaders on this position.
 - (6) Willow Justin: From a moral standpoint, yeah this sucks, but unfortunately we are not in a position where we can protect everyone. Even the risk of losing this funding is way too high.
 - (7) Yash: A sanctuary campus does not mean federal agents will come in and take DACA students. The way a sanctuary campus works is if a federal officer comes and asks for information we will not cooperate with them unless they get a warrant for information. The government can take away funding from us at any time for doing that. We aren't violating laws, but rather supporting students within the law since DACA students are legal according to my understanding.
 - (8) Cody: We are mainly here to be your representatives. We would like to hear from all of you and what you have to say.
- xiii) Friley Katie: You may also want to look into the accreditation of some programs. This could affect that. I work for the department of energy and I would be a little frightened if they were to close our facility.
- (1) Cody: How many students do they employ?
 - (a) I believe around 700 people
 - (2) Exec Logan: Point of information. The embedded program is not government based.
- xiv) Geoffroy Eric: My constituents liked the idea of being able to support immigrants. The funding is a big issue though and could drive a lot of people away from Iowa State. The University of Iowa is looking at becoming a sanctuary campus as well. Should we wait and see what happens to them? I work for the DOD, and people who are here on military money and people in ROTC programs would be affected as well.
- xv) Yash: Please attend our senate meeting and voice your opinions.
- xvi) VP Wyatt: Have immigrants been taken from this campus?
 - (1) The Sanctuary campus idea really started recently. As far as we know, no one has been removed from this campus. We don't know this.
- xvii) Exec Logan: A thought that I went through is how far are we willing to go to help other students. If we were in their shoes, how far would we want them to go for us. This applies for many issues. Drake University declared itself a sanctuary campus a while back. If we join that and other Iowa Universities come together, unity could really help us out here. This may be a land of laws, but the first thing we did when we came to America was break tons of laws.

Do we know what the procedure is for government agents to come in and check for undocumented students?

- (1) Yash: I talked with ISSO. According to my understanding, in the past, ISU has always cooperated with federal officers. We cooperate without any warrant or procedure for most matters.
- xviii) Exec Logan: Earlier today at the Hoodies and Hijabs event, ISUPD said that they would not be assisting federal agents in locating undocumented students.
- xix) Linden Francis: International students bring a lot of money into the school. Do you know how this would affect future international students from coming?
(1) Cody: Is this resolution does get shot down, it could send a bad message to DACA and international students.
- xx) Linden Francis: I talked to one professor and she told me that some professors and herself may quit.
- xxi) Maple Collin: With or without consent from us, they can still come in with a warrant and look for an undocumented student?
(1) Yes. Currently we already comply. If we became a sanctuary campus, we would ask them to get a warrant and come back.
- xxii) Maple Collin: Would it be more helpful to have a target painted on us or hold back and do what we can to protect DACA students? We may draw too much attention to us, which could be a bad thing. Obviously we want to help DACA students, but we need to help ourselves to be able to help others.
- xxiii) Exec Trey: We don't necessarily lose funding if we become a sanctuary campus. We also will likely lose education funding either way.
(1) Yash: Northwestern was the first to declare themselves a sanctuary campus and none of their federal funding has been cut yet, according to my understanding.
- xxiv) At-Large Leyton: There are several government agencies tied to campus (USDA, DOE, etc.) Having funding cut would impact many students. Helping people is what the United States is founded on. What happened to helping others? That is such an integral part of who we are. I do see both sides. I don't want to see my friends lose their jobs and research funding. I also see that this is America, a land of the free because of the brave. We have been bringing in refugees for a long time. I see both sides.
(1) Cody: Keep in mind that if we don't declare ourselves a sanctuary campus, and the government comes after DACA people, they could also lose a chance at a better life.
- xxv) At-Large Seth: I think everyone understand that we want to do what is best for everyone. To risk a lot for very few people doesn't make sense. We can still support these people without putting a huge target on ourselves. If the federal government is coming in, they probably have a good reason to do that.
(1) Yash: 9/11 brought a lot of fear into the United States. After that, the US helped out to eradicate ISIS. There hasn't been much criminal

involvement from these refugees since then and it is the fear from the 9/11 attacks that we still call them criminals. One student made the comment via email that we are our own worst enemy.

(2) At-Large Seth: My point is that is the government is coming in here, they are coming because a person did something bad. They would have no reason to come here otherwise.

(a) Cody: I want to push back a little on that. The Obama administration deported a ton of people. Illegal immigration rates are very low. Seth does raise a good point. We do need to comply with the federal government. Declaring ourselves a sanctuary campus makes the government's job a bit harder.

xxvi) BLF Claire: To Logan's point in uniting with other schools. That may be good, but we don't know that the other schools are with us. If we jump and they don't follow, we paint a huge target on ourselves.

(1) Yash: I just want to reiterate that we will vote on your behalf. We are not voting with our personal opinions.

xxvii) Willow Justin: I would like to back up Claire and Leyton. The morality in this case is an issue for sure. We run the risk everyday of getting a funding cut, but doing something like this makes us a much more likely candidate to get our budget cut. I'm not arguing on the morality of this case, but the risk far outweigh the benefits of passing this resolution.

(1) Cody: Please only those with new ideas speak.

xxviii) Willow Louie: You said this was ultimately the Board of Regents decision? How much sway do students actually have on them?

(1) StuGov Cody: I don't think the regents will follow through even if we pass this. That is just my personal opinion.

xxix) Exec Aaron: Part of my job is to contact the region. Currently there is legislation to remove funding from Drake. Several other schools are facing this. University of Iowa is not really close to passing this. Also, Story County is already a sanctuary county, so we are already covered by them.

xxx) WW Iason: So, you talked about warrants. How easy is it to obtain a warrant?

(1) It would take longer, I don't know how much longer

xxxi) Buchanan Chrissy: I know we have been in contact with other schools in the area. If we all theoretically declare ourselves sanctuary campuses, would the state defund us all?

(1) Yash: I don't want to predict any outcomes.

xxxii) Friley Andrew: As much as this has been awesome, I would like to take a little bit of a recess if we could.

xxxiii) At-Large Leyton: Move to exhaust the speakers list

(1) Second. $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. We will exhaust the speakers list

xxxiv) Oak/Elm Sara: I feel like this has more to do with how we look at ISU in hindsight and with our legacy. You see this as a dilemma for you right now, but looking back and seeing how we helped [...]. Students from other

countries really enhance your education and bring in all kinds of new ideas. My family is from a country that is affected. I am a US citizen, but I don't understand what will be happening with my family. Mohamed is from a country that would be affected, but he wouldn't be here if people didn't take a stand.

- xxxv) Geoffroy Eric: What if we kept our current status, but implemented more programs to help these students?
- xxxvi) WW Dee: I just want to say that everyone needs to smile a bit more. This has been a good discussion. Everyone give someone a high-five now.
- xxxvii) Oak/Elm Martha: I know you said ISUPD would not help. If agents come in and they don't cooperate, will there be pushback for the campus?
 - (1) Logan: ISUPD is not responsible for that.
- xxxviii) Exec Trey: Drake is not a public university. I don't know what they are doing getting federal funding anyways.
- h) Cody: Thanks for having this discussion. crwoody@iastate.edu for questions.

10) Officer and Advisor Reports

- a) President
 - i) Nothing.
- b) Vice President
- c) Dave [RESIDENCE]
 - i) We are doing a walk though with rec services to determine if any of your recreation equipment will be getting replaced.
 - ii) SAC is sponsoring a social justice summit. You can register online.
- d) Pete [RESIDENCE]
 - i) Great conversation tonight. A lot of decisions are difficult to make
- e) Mohamed [DINING]
 - i) No report

11) Committee Reports

- a) Events
 - i) Res Hall Week is coming up. April 16-22 (tentative)
 - ii) We are trying to plan an event called Top Gun and Wings. We are still working out logistics for this. Tentative date is March 22.
- b) Leadership
 - i) Logan: March 30 - Leadership Banquet - Free Food - No Meeting
 - (1) Theme idea is "Leaders Amongst Us"
 - (2) Alumni Center has free parking behind it. There is also a bus stop close by. No excuses for not being there.
 - ii) Thanks for the bylaw change
- c) NRHH
 - i) Olivia: We plan to have a social on Wednesday at Perfect Games. If you want to join us, you can come talk to me after the meeting or email me.
- d) Finance
 - i) Trey: Approx. \$30,500 left in discretionary after tonight

- e) NCC
 - i) We are going to a conference tomorrow
- f) CA
 - i) We had a CA meeting. We are working through some things still.
- g) Communications
 - i) If you didn't get a sticker, come find me!
 - ii) How many of you brought food today?
- h) IT
 - i) <http://cyswap.stugov.iastate.edu/>
 - ii) Please encourage your residents to take this survey
 - (1) <https://www.irha.iastate.edu/directoryReview/>
 - (2) Direct Link: go.stugov.com

12) Closing Announcements

- a) StuGov Sam: Movie
- b) Yash: Email me with questions.
- c) At-Large Leyton: Motion to adjourn.
 - i) Second. No objections.
 - ii) Meeting adjourned at 10:51pm