

Inter-Residence Hall Association (IRHA) Minutes

Parliament Meeting

Memorial Union

26 October 2017- 7:30 PM

Minutes Taken By Kaitlyn Roling

Call to Order: 7:32 PM

- Roll Call
- Approval of the Minutes:
 - Minutes Stand Approved
- Approval of the Agenda:
 - Agenda Stands Approved
- Informational Speakers: Bradlee- Student Government
 - Elections for Student Government:
 - Constituencies are based off of college instead of where you live. Elections start in February!
 - Juan [StuGov]: How can I contact you?
 - bjfair@iastate.edu
 - Otherwise contact senators and they will put you into contact with me.
- Special Orders:
 - [None]
- General Orders:
 - [None]
- New Business:
 - 2017-2-012-F: Madrigal Dinner Funding
 - Dr. Rodde: Thank you for having me here and entertaining the bill. The Madrigal Dinner has been going on for 53 years. It allows students to perform for other students. It is held here in the Great Hall. Across the country people do not have such a great place like the Great Hall for events like this. Students will be dressed up in outfits and there will be humor, dancing, plays, and strolling minstrels. It is a wonderful tradition here at ISU. If you have any questions, please ask.
 - Jasani [Geoffroy]: Why is the ticket \$56?
 - Dr. Rodde: It includes the cost of the meal. The students do a lot of work to keep that bill down. They do a lot of extra work to help out. There are different costs that come into this. The Hall was renovated a little while ago. We need to clean the outfits, have decorations, etc. We break even on the event.
 - Vasista [Friley]: How long is the event?

- Dr. Rodde: It starts in the Sun Room or the next room over at 5:30. It runs for about three hours. I will ask one or two students to be here to field questions next week when this is presented.
- Victor [At-Large]: What is the history of attendance of ISU students? Are there about 50 residence hall students?
 - Dr. Rodde: That is about right. In one year, we sold only 42, but otherwise we have sold all of the tickets. 50 seems to be a good number.
- Vashista [Friley]: Is it fifty students total or are others included?
 - Dr. Rodde: About three hundred thirty people are seated each of the two nights. We would probably have thirty students at Friday night available for students and twenty on Saturday night. We can take care of dietary issues.
- Victor [At-Large]: What did the subsidized ticket used to be over the years? With the subsidy, it will be seven dollars. Was this consistent in the past?
 - Dr. Rodde: There were years where it was \$10, but years ago the IRHA body decided it should be \$5. Then, a couple years ago someone here decided to make it \$7. You can choose whatever you would like.
- Cecilia [Friley]: You mentioned that dietary restrictions will be accommodated. How can they contact you?
 - Dr. Rodde: They can make note of that when they buy the ticket. The meal is either beef or pork at the moment, but if people are gluten free, etc., they just need to make their needs known with enough time.
- Lilian [StuGov]: When do tickets go on sale?
 - Dr. Rodde: December 1st
- Open Forum:
 - Dana [Wallace/Wilson]: I wanted to inform you of alternative breaks going on this year. You can go on a service trip that costs \$175, including housing and all meals but two during travel. I have flyers! The registration to do that closes on October 29th, so please get that back to your residents. The application consists of answering questions and then will require an in-person interview.
 - Exec Kaitlyn: Where is the trip?
 - Dana [W/W]: One is in New Orleans, South Dakota, Louisiana, etc. You could be going to Georgia for Spring Break!
 - Exec Kaitlyn: What will you be doing for the trip?
 - Exec Scott: There are different activities at each location. The link is attached:
<https://www.sac.iastate.edu/leadership-service-center/service-programs/alternative-breaks/>

- Student Government Report:
 - Cody (StuGov): Please pass in voter registration forms. I will turn those in for you! Also, please send us your hall times and meeting locations if you haven't.
 - Contact me: crwoody@iastate.edu
 - Lilian (StuGov): Last night we sat two senators for off-campus housing.
 - Juan (StuGov): We funded the Best Buddy posters for an event here in Ames. They pair students and members with other people with mental disabilities by providing opportunities for one on one friendships. We gave them \$150 dollars for a group activity at Center Grove Orchard. We also funded the Break the Silence posters, which are 500 posters for sexual violence prevention to be posted around campus. That cost \$870.
 - Vasishta [Friley]: What is on the poster?
 - Cody (StuGov): Lots of information for available resources on campus, like ACCESS.
 - Cody (StuGov): Last year's president from IRHA helped to fund these posters. There was an error on the old ones so we needed new ones.
 - Jacob (StuGov): The new Student Government logo is pretty snazzy. There is a town hall in Marston Hall on the 30th in 2155. This will discuss college affordability and the tuition budget proposals. Please talk to your residents! There will be food!
 - Cody (StuGov): We made an internal, unanimous by law change. We officially killed the mini-campanile bill. Next week, we need feedback on two bills. The first is the Open Education resource Resolution, which discusses online textbooks.
 - Juan (StuGov): There is an immense burden on students when they are forced to buy expensive textbooks. They want to have professors and instructors use open access education resources. Open Educational Resources are essentially textbooks that are posted online as web content and can be used "openly". Therefore, professors and students can access these materials freely. We want to voice our support for that and encourage professors to use these resources. We also want to voice our support for national proposals for this.
 - Cody (StuGov): My Astronomy class uses this. I just had to download a book for free.
 - Cecilia [Friley]: I know a lot of professors say that want to use that, but it takes a lot of time and effort to find valuable information on time. Is there an incentive in the bill for professors?
 - Juan (StuGov): The library has a task force on this currently. They want to work with professors to gather material and move towards a free, educational system for coursework. I know that senators have spoken to professors before and we know it takes a lot of time and is

a slow process. We just want to encourage professors to move towards it.

- Cecilia [Friley]: Does the bill support the task force?
 - Cody (StuGov): No, they don't need to be funded. This bill carries no funding. It is simply a resolution to push professors and administration to be more vocal on this issue. It is to raise awareness.
 - Lilian (StuGov): It will be sent to our senators and representatives to show that Iowa State University backs this idea.
 - Ishu [Wallace/Wilson]: So if we do this, the work for those professors will be increasing as they create homework, assignments, etc. online. Would incentive be enough for professors to make this change?
 - Cody (StuGov): This will help us to recommend professors to do so. We know many professors already write their own textbooks. This isn't demanding that it is done, but only recommending it. This brings awareness and attention to the issue.
 - Ishu [StuGov]: How susceptible is the US education system to change in the future years? There will be more people affected by the current changes.
 - Cody (StuGov): This is simply a way to voice our opinion. The policies of our nation is always susceptible to change. We only have a fraction of a say and will have a debate next week. We just want a low cost alternative to the expensive textbooks.
- Cody (StuGov): We added a Director of Student Organization Outreach. It is hard for some students to get to the organization, so we are creating new positions to make that more available. Also, we are raising a bill next week that may help us to fund constituency counsels. However, it is only giving funds to the colleges instead of housing. This organization would not be getting any of that funding.
 - Juan (StuGov): They are want to create a fund for each of the college constituency counsels by charging a dollar per student in that college to get their total budget.
 - Victor [At-Large]: I think that makes sense, as every student is in a college and not necessarily in the residence halls.
 - Juan [StuGov]: By funding these counsels, this will allow them to help fund events/activities that we cannot as the Student Government.
- Cody (StuGov): Last year, we decided to fund a subscription to the New York Times for every student. In case you didn't know, you all have a free subscription to the New York Times. To sign up, use your student information to access this. This year, we have to decide if we want to fund that again. It will cost about

\$35,000, or about a dollar per student. Only 23,000 people have used this in the past year. But they have accessed articles over 180,000 times last year. We want this better publicized. Are there any thoughts on this?

- Exec Vanessa: How well did you advertise this?
 - Cody (StuGov): It was in the agreement that the New York Times would help. But they did not do a great job helping us. This will be part of the discussion.
 - Exec Vanessa: How to you log in?
 - Cody (StuGov): There should be an “I’m a student option” after which you enter your information.
- Dana [Wallace/Wilson]: I’m not exactly sure if I did something wrong when I signed up, but I’d like information on signing up.
- Ben [Friley]: Is this just access to the website?
 - Cody (StuGov): Yes, but also all of their archives back to the 1860s.
- Grant [Willow]: I think this would be a great thing to do in this era of ever-increasing fake news articles and the like to give a reliable source of fake news.
- Analese [Buchanan]: I am required to have that for a Political Science class. I think it is a great thing. I have the information for it, so I will send it to put it in the minutes.
 - Link: <https://myaccount.nytimes.com/verification/edupass>
 - Cody (StuGov): The price we’re getting is a dollar per student per year. It would be \$12 per month for me signing up anyway.
- Victor [At-Large]: It would be interesting to know how many students would buy this themselves.
- Vashishta [Friley]: College is very expensive and this seems extra. I would not want to spend money on this as it is an individual’s responsibility to pay for their news.
 - Cody (StuGov): We have roughly \$600,000 in the account this will come from. This is only \$35,000. This is a small chunk of change and only a dollar per student per year.
 - Vashista [Friley]: I still don’t see it is valuable.
- Ben [Friley]: If there was better advertising for it, more students would use it. It’s a great deal. I think this is a wise investment for students.
- Cody (StuGov): Also, faculty can use this as well. We want to see if they will help fund it. So, this may not all be on the cost of students.
 - Juan (StuGov): We need more support from the New York Times. I remember my CA told us about it last year. At the end of the day, we need to make sure that us leaders are getting the most out of their money.

- Vashishta [Friley]: For people that need it for classes, I would not be against using it for a subscription of classes that need it. I don't see the point of Engineering students having it.
- Exec Sarah: I think a good way to advertise would be to make a PDF file to show students how to sign up with screenshots of the process.
- Exec Caleb: I know that some of us get to skip English 150, but for English 250, you need to have articles for the class. This would be a great way to find those articles. The New York Times is one of the suggested resources for these assignments.
- Victor [At-Large]: Is this something other universities do?
 - Cody (StuGov): Other universities do this. We analyzed their data. Once it is firmly established, it tends to get more subscribers over time. In Iowa, we may be the only one, as I don't remember the University of Iowa and UNI being a part of this.
- Vashista [Friley]: It is probably our job to know the news, but it is not the university's job to inform us.
- Gillian [Martin]: I don't think your major matters, because any major needs background on something and you can find an article on anything at anytime. This would be very beneficial.
- Exec Scott: I think it's a very good thing to have. I do think we should look into splitting the costs with the libraries or other resources on campus.
- Austin [Friley]: Why would we spend this money on something we get for free?
 - Cody (StuGov): You typically can only see 10 articles without this for free. This is unlimited access and goes into the past archives.
 - Juan (StuGov): If we average this use out between students, each student would have accessed the New York Times 77 times. This accounts for every time someone has used the content.
- Cody (StuGov): I was the deciding vote last year. Right now, I'm on the fence. I am worried about the lack of students signing up. I could definitely lean "yes" after hearing about how this information will be shared with students. If you contact us at:
 - Cody: crwoody@iastate.edu
 - Jacob: jas2@iastate.edu
 - Juan: bibiloni@iastate.edu
 - Lilian: ljuma@iastate.edu
- Juan (StuGov): It's not too late to register to vote! Make sure to use your full name. Fair warning.
 - Link: <https://mymvd.iowadot.gov/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fVoterRegistration>
 - Exec Sarah: How would I prove my residence if I register to vote on the day of the election?

- Cody (StuGov): Print off, from Accessplus, your proof of residency. It should be accepted again this year.
- Officer & Advisor Reports:
 - Dave Garsow [RESIDENCE]:
 - [NONE]
 - Pete Englin [RESIDENCE]:
 - [NONE]
 - Mohamed Ali [DINING]:
 - [NONE]
- Executive Reports:
 - Exec. Scott [Pres]:
 - 8.2% of undergraduates have taken the Campus Climate survey. It closes on Tuesday so please fill it out and encourage others to do the same. It is only useful if we get about 30% response.
 - Exec. Andrew [V. Pres]:
 - Links to Slack:
 - Website: <https://slack.com/>
 - iOS App: <https://slack.com/downloads/ios>
 - Android App: <https://slack.com/downloads/android>
 - Links to General Channels: TBA
 - Exec. Stephanie [Finance]:
 - [NONE]
 - Exec. Madeline [Leadership]:
 - We went to Hall Crawl and it was a blast!
 - November 5th: Parliament Training (Time TBA)
 - Reaching out to ISUPD to get the events going. Communication has been slow, so these events may be postponed.
 - If you have any ideas for this year/semester, shoot me an email:
 - mmcm@iastate.edu
 - Exec. Carmen [Events, Senior]:
 - Fall Fest:
 - Went awesome! I want feedback. Any critics? Anything to add or subtract?
 - Email me: carmenf@iastate.edu
 - We have at least one or two more events coming up.
 - Exec. Caleb [Communications]:
 - We are working on an “Amazing Race” Event to help get our social media known to the general public. I will get more details to you as we work them out. We are also forming an event with NRHH.
 - Exec. Sarah [NRHH]:
 - *The Bomb Diggity* + a bunch of other stuff

- OTMS: otms.nrhh.org
- For more information, please view the handout or the slideshow that is in this meeting's folder on Google Drive.
- Contact: bennett1@iastate.edu
- Exec. Vanessa [NCC]:
 - We are getting ready for conference and got all of our travel authorization through!
- Exec. Kaitlyn [IT]:
 - If you didn't see me before Parliament today, or have otherwise texted me to arrange another time, please meet me after for photos. If I don't see you, Caleb, Vanessa, and I get to find a picture for you!
- Closing Announcements:
 - [NONE]

Meeting Adjourned: 9:06 PM