

Inter-Residence Hall Association (IRHA) Minutes

Parliament Meeting

Memorial Union

09 November 2017- 7:30 PM

Minutes Taken By Kaitlyn Roling

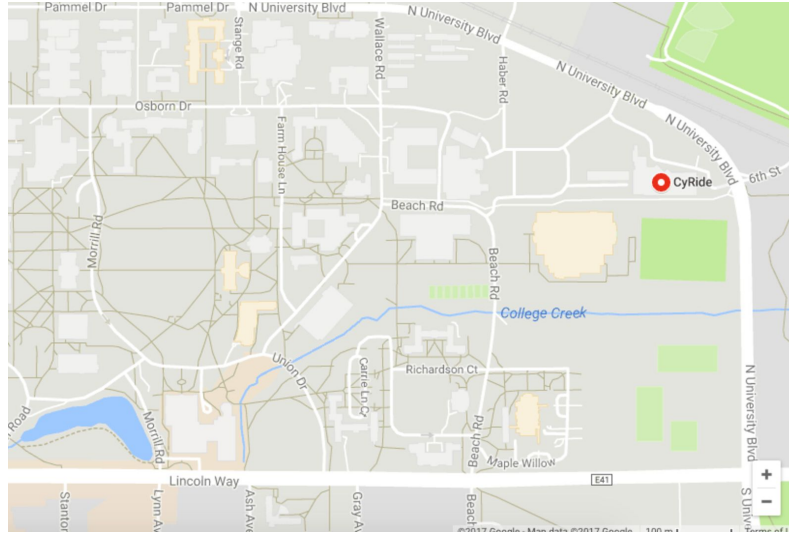
Call to Order: 7:31 PM

- Roll Call
- Approval of the Minutes:
 - Minutes Stands Approved
- Approval of the Agenda:
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- Informational Speakers:
 - Reggie's Sleep Out [Austen Giles]
 - Student organization that supports youth and shelter services for the homeless youth in Iowa. We have been working in the Drake area for the last 10 years and have established ourselves as one of the biggest and unique fundraisers in the area. Last year, we made over \$100,000 by putting 300 people in Jack Trice Stadium. We want to boost attendance this year and try to get to 1,000 people. Reggie's Sleep Out will take place in March. You can sign up as a group or solo. Using cardboard or other materials, you will construct a "house" or structure and sleep under it all night to raise money for YSS and youth homelessness. You may win dinner with Coach Campbell and family or even a helicopter ride over Jack Trice.
 - Ben [Friley]: Is there a cost to participate?
 - Austen: No, it is free to do, but obviously we want people to try and raise money for the cause. People can also just sleep in a sleeping bag instead of in a "built" structure for fun.
 - DOR Rates [Lynn Jones]
 - We want to talk about the rate proposal for the Fall 2018-Spring 2019 school year. All of the money that we have to put into our facilities come from the room rates from residence halls and on-campus apartments. We are looking to do many updates for not only Freddy Court, but also a majority of the residence halls. We have a current decrease in the enrollment of new freshman. This is significant for us. For Fall 2018, we are using the projections given to us by Enrollment Services of 6,397 incoming students. If this number is lower, then it will have significant impact on our financials. We are proposing a 2.9% increase for residence halls and apartments and a 1.9% increase for SUV. As of now, we could

put 4.3 million dollars into our buildings. If occupancy rates go down, we will have to delay some of these needed projects.

- Angle [Maple]: What would a 0.5% increase used to cover free laundry mean money wise?
 - Lynn [DOR]: Around \$400,000. This would increase the cost of housing for each student. We will figure out the cost per student to do this and will send you the information.
- Dominique [Buchanan]: Is Legacy still affiliated with DOR?
 - Lynn [DOR]: Yes.
- Benjamin [Friley]: It would be \$23 more dollars to live in Friley to have free laundry, so I would like to show my support for free laundry.
- Analese [Buchanan]: Would it be possible to have a flat rate increase instead of raising it by specific room rate for free laundry? I would pay more than a Friley room.
 - Lynn [DOR]: This is feedback that we would love to have.
- Matthew [Hesler]: Is the free laundry affecting us negatively this year?
 - Lynn [DOR]: In the grand scheme of things, it's not an amount that will have a huge impact.
- Dominique [Buchanan]: I would like to mention that more people seem to be doing laundry now that it is free.
 - Lynn [DOR]: The dollar amount I shared keeps all of the costs of water, electricity, etc., at a flat rate so that is good to point out.

- Special Orders:
 - Confirmation of the Co-Director of Events
 - Friendly Amendment: Change Ben Wils to Ben Wilson on the bill.
 - Vote: Unanimous consent
- General Orders:
 - [None]
- New Business:
 - [2017-2-013-F: Friley Dead Week Treats]
 - Friendly Amendment to change "cookies" to bagels and "coloring books" to posters.
- Open Forum:
 - Juan [StuGov]: On Thursday, November 16th from 5:30-7:30 PM, CyRide will be holding a public meeting in the CyRide Board Room discussing the route re-design. Bring questions and comments for the Board of Trustees.
 - [Geoffroy]: Where is that located?
 - Juan [StuGov]: It is at the CyRide building. It is located at 601 N. University Blvd. here in Ames. (*Note from Kaitlyn: View below*)



- Cecilia [Friley]: I'm trying to organize an open forum with UDCC. I'm hoping it will be November 29th around 7 or 8 at night. If anyone else is interested in trying to promote the event, let me know.
- Student Government Report:
 - Lilian [StuGov]: I got seated on the Diversity Inclusion committee and we seated an At-Large member to the PR committee.
 - Cody [StuGov]: We issued a proclamation to congratulate the Cyclone Marching Band. They will receive a copy of this.
 - Jacob [StuGov]: The next City Hall will occur at City Hall at 6 pm. We want to go and voice our opposition or support for the current issues happening here in Ames.
 - Voice opinion on fair student housing in Ames: rbingham@iastate.edu
 - Cody [StuGov]: We have some internal projects coming up that will be introduced next week. There is a bill next week discussing the upcoming election that would change apportionments. As a student government, we set a cap on the number of senators we have can. From that cap, we then allocate senators. But if population changes and I need another senator for IRHA, then I'd have to take one from another council. This change would remove this cap, allowing us to grow or increase based on population.
 - Benjamin [Friley]: Why is there a change by 2,000? Is there a reason for that number?
 - Jacob [StuGov]: It is close to the current number.
 - Jacob [StuGov]: There are three At Large positions open. Email us for more information! We choose not to fund the New York Times. However, the Wall Street journal will give us a year long run for free starting on January 1st. This was not finalized by contract, but will hopefully be soon.
 - Cody [StuGov]: We have a limited amount of time, so if you have any thing that is bugging you, please let us know as soon as possible, especially before StuGov elections in February. Now would be a great time for ideas and feedback!

- Exec. Sarah [NRHH]: We had an election on Tuesday. How did the people who got elected feel about the student housing concern?
 - Cody [StuGov]: The mayor elect has not previously served on the council, and we don't know his exact thoughts on the matter. We will be sending him our bill and he has shown a willingness to work with us currently. I'm optimistic that he will be responsive.
 - Juan [StuGov]: I serve on a board with the mayor elect. After working with him, I am optimistic.
- Officer & Advisor Reports:
 - Dave Garsow [RESIDENCE]:
 - Every year, Iowa State sends representatives to NACURH. If you are interested in being a difference-maker, please let me know! Also, many of you remember when I talked about Parliamentary Procedure. I have extra copies here for those who did not get a handout. The Lodging of Large Resolution talks about the funding of things like Dead Week Treats. You will be setting a precedent for the rest of the year when you vote on that. My advice is to be thoughtful about equitability in funding.
 - Pete Englin [RESIDENCE]:
 - If you have issues or comments on the rate proposals, please let us know those, so that we can take them into consideration. We want to get money back into our facilities.
 - Mohamed Ali [DINING]:
 - [NONE]
- Executive Reports:
 - Exec. Scott [Pres]:
 - There was slightly less than 13% response for the Campus Climate survey.
 - Exec. Andrew [V. Pres]:
 - Bring in new bills!
 - Exec. Stephanie [Finance]:
 - This weekend we bought items for the Parliament retreat. In addition, we re-did the top office in Friley, which looks very homey. We will have an official update on finances next week.
 - Exec. Madeline [Leadership]:
 - This past weekend we had the Parliament Retreat. It was a lot of fun for those who attended. Those that came got a lot out of it. We have a lot in the works for next semester, so if you want to get involved, please contact me at: mmcm@iastate.edu.
 - Name placards were mixed up today. This is so we get to know others in Parliament. If we put you somewhere, please stay there. If you have an issue, please talk to Exec.

- Exec. Carmen [Events, Senior]:
 - I brought cookies to celebrate Newton's (Newt, my fish) first birthday. Next week, I will have office hours for times next week in order to figure out when my committee is meeting. Keep an eye out or that email. Our next event is our philanthropy event. Sarah will be running most of this next event, so talk to both of us about ideas for it!
- Exec. Caleb [Communications]:
 - We will be doing an event with NRHH. It will be a custodian appreciation day, called "Donut Forget your Custodians" including fun donuts. This will be on November 29th. Posters will be up next Monday or Tuesday. There is a little competition to it. If you take pictures with custodians, send it to the snapchat. Then, the hall with the most will win prizes!
 - Rodolfo [Larch]: What is the Snapchat?
 - Exec. Caleb [Communications]: It will be on the posters, but is also IRHA_ISU for all forms of social media (Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook).
- Exec. Sarah [NRHH]:
 - We will be helping with the custodian appreciation event. We wrote back to our pen pals yesterday, so that was quite fun. We will be volunteering at a nursing home and working on a Project Linus project with them. We will have more events next semester. We still have a Relay for Life team. If you are interested in participating, contact me at: bennett1@iastate.edu. We are voting on OTMs at the moment. We made a couple of changes to our category list, adding Institutional Staff (which would be someone like a professor) and took out Bulletin category to make it more open with the category Passive Program, which is much more inclusive. OTMs for November are open, so feel free to get started on that.
- Exec. Vanessa [NCC]:
 - Conference is this week and we leave Friday. Any questions about MACURH? We have NACURH next May, so if you want to get involved, let me know: vkime@iastate.edu.
- Exec. Kaitlyn [IT]:
 - If you don't have your photo, please meet with me after to get that taken care of.
- Closing Announcements:
 - Exec. Sarah [NRHH]: The Horticulture Club is selling poinsettias for a fundraiser.
 - Exec. Scott [Pres]: There are only two meetings left for Parliament for this semester, so please keep that in mind for future bills.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM