Inter-Residence Hall Association
Parliament Meeting- Minutes
Memorial Union
16 November 2017- 6:30 PM
Minutes Taken by Kaitlyn Roling

Called to Order: 7:35 PM

- Roll Call
- Approval of the Minutes:
  - Minutes Stand Approved
- Approval of the Agenda:
  - Jason [Eaton]: Motion to add the Eaton Dead Week Treats.
    - Passed, Majority.
  - John [MU]: Motion to add the MU T-shirt Bill.
    - Passed, Majority.
  - Agenda Stands Approved
- Informational Speakers:
  - [None]
- Special Orders:
  - [None]
- General Orders:
  - [2017-2-013-F: Friley Dead Week Treats]
    - Derek [Geoffroy]: Is $30 all you plan to spend? Do you plan to advertise outside of the UDCC area?
      - Ben [Friley]: Yes, we plan to spend only that on appetizers. We plan to only advertise in that area.
    - Noah [Helser]: How long have you been throwing this event?
      - Ben [Friley]: Atleast since I was a freshman, but it has been going on since before that.
    - Noah [Helser]: What was last year’s turnout?
      - Ben [Friley]: We had extremely long lines last year that spanned a length of several halls. We tend to use all of the food.
    - Dana [Wallace/Wilson]: If we are opening this up to all of campus and not advertising across campus, why should IRHA fund this?
      - Ben [Friley]: This is by far one of the best events Friley Hall puts on. Also, other hall tends to do Dead Week Treats.
      - Cecilia [Friley]: Because Friley is so large, it is impossible to fund this on our own. We think that it is fair to ask for this money because it impacts so many people that IRHA represents.
    - Ryan [Helser]: Are you guys asking for $800 or $1575?
      - Ben [Friley]: $1575 comes from last year’s spending amount.
- Matthew [Helser]: Will Friley provide the rest of the money?
  - Ben [Friley]: Yes.
- Noah [Helser]: Would it be possible to spend more money on advertisements across campus?
  - Ben [Friley]: I would be afraid that we would run out of food. Last year, we ran out of food right at the end of the event with just Friley. We would have to spend more money on food to invite more people.
- Dana [Wallace/Wilson]: You would run out of food for the people in the direct area?
  - Ben [Friley]: In the past, we have not stopped anyone who was not from Friley from coming to our event? If we start advertising further across campus, we may have more people and then not have enough food for everyone who comes to the event.
- Dana [Wallace/Wilson]: By receiving funding to IRHA, shouldn't it be open to all halls?
  - Ben [Friley]: It is.
- Gillian [Martin]: They can't afford to buy food for all of these people with the increase of traffic.
- Rodolfo [Larch]: What is the amount of money Friley gets for its events?
  - Ben [Friley]: Around $1,500, which may seem to be a lot, but we have close to 1,200 students in our hall.
- Rodolfo [Larch]: I know Larch has Dead Week Treats, but we are not asking for money. We don't want to spend all of our budget on Dead Week Treats, so if you guys ask for funding from IRHA, then more and more halls will also ask for more funding.
  - Ben [Friley]: Last year I was the social chair for Friley Hall. One of the reasons we came up with some of these food items is because the name brands get people there. While that may be more money, I think there is more benefits for people being there.
  - Cecilia [Friley]: IRHA can fund a lot of great things like Dead Week Treats, which would not happen at all without help. IRHA helps to provide events for residence halls that cannot afford other events.
- Gillian [Friley]: The amount of funding that residence halls have is proportional to the amount of residents. What is in our discretionary right now?
  - Exec Stephanie [Finance]: Around $51,000.
- Noah [Helser]: Motion to amend $400 to the bill so as to allow for more food to be purchased.
  - Victor [At-Large]: I think it is pointless to add more money. This is during quiet hours for Friley. That would imply that more people would come into Friley Hall during quiet hours.
• Cecilia [Friley]: We have 23/7 quiet hours during Dead Week. This is the only hour during the 24 hour day that would could hold the event.
• Dana [Wallace/Wilson]: Would you be willing to consider changing from a name brand to a cheaper alternative?
  ○ Vashishta [Friley]: As of now we have alternatives for the wings, which is from Hy-Vee, which is cheaper. The only way it could be accessible to other halls would be if it were outside.
• Dana [Wallace/Wilson]: How much of the $400 would be used for funding?
  ○ Ben [Friley]: $30 in the past has done a good job with Friley Hall. We need at least 50 posters for the building for people to even show up. This also includes Eaton, Martin, and Helser.
• Gillian [Martin]: I think this is very unfair as one residence hall would suddenly have to pay for one event. Making it a campus wide event, but still a Friley event wouldn’t be fair.
  ○ Roldofo [Larch]: I don’t think it would be an inclusive event being late at night. We could perhaps do Dead Week Treats at each hall. That way IRHA would not simply be funding only one hall.
• Angel [Maple]: They are just asking for help. Everyone is doing Dead Week Treats. Some people may not even come down from Friley. This amendment would not help their situations.
  ○ Jason [Eaton]: If this $400 is added, will it be added to the total, or what is taken from IRHA. That would make it $1200, correct?
  ○ Exec Andrew [Vice Pres]: We would change the total amount of the event.
• Exec Stephanie [Finance]: If we opened up the opportunity to everyone, mostly UDCC people would show up, but there may be additional people.
• Vashishta [Friley]: We came to ask for a Friley event. If this were to be a campus wide event, then it would not be hosted at Friley. It is not designed for all of campus.
• Victor [At-Large]: With the current budget, there are numbers of Friley people who don’t get food. Adding the additional $400 would affect those people, and not the additional people coming from outside of Friley.
• Bryce [At-Large]: Motion to a vote. Second.
  ○ Amendment fails.
  ■ Jesse [BLF]: Motion to vote.
- Bill Passes: 23-6-0

- New Business:
  - [2017-2-013-F: Geoffroy and Buchanan Carnival]
    - Cecilia [Friley]: Will this event be located in a place that is easily accessible to all people?
      - Derek [Geoffroy]: Yes.
    - Ben [Friley]: Do you have a rain/bad weather idea planned?
      - Derek [Geoffroy]: Yes, we are looking into it.
  - [2017-1-014F: Eaton Dead Week Treats]
    - Jesse [BLF]: Will this be open to all residents?
      - Jason [Eaton]: Yes.
    - Ben [Friley]: Is this in the morning?
      - Jason [Eaton]: Yes, from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM.
    - Cecilia [Friley]: Would you consider lowering the budget considering that your residence hall has approximately 300 students.
      - Jason [Eaton]: No, we had looked at lowering the budget, but many students from the UDCC area do attend these events.
    - Cecilia [Friley]: Would you be willing to add food for those with dietary restrictions?
      - Jason [Eaton]: We will work towards that.
  - [2017-2-015-F: Memorial Union T-Shirts]
    - Emma [Oak/Elm]: Do you know the number of t-shirts?
      - John [MU]: Not yet.
    - Exec Carmen [Events, Senior]: We are trying to make this as affordable as possible, as it is the last year for students.
    - John [MU]: Proposal to wave the first read.
      - Approved.
    - Victor [At-Large]: When will students be buying these?
      - John [MU]: After Thanksgiving.
    - Jesse [BLF]: How many students live in the MU?
      - John [MU]: Short of 70.
    - Matthew [Helser]: Motion to vote. Second.
      - Bill Passes: 28-0-0

- Open Forum:
  - Bryce [At-Large]: If everyone could send us their hall meeting times, we would like to be there.
    - Email: brycef1@iastate.edu
  - Gillian [Martin]: Try not to ask questions that have already happened. If you can’t hear anyone, please ask them to speak up.
  - Cecilia [Friley]: Our first meeting to discuss dietary restrictions will be Wednesday 29th (Wednesday after break) from 6-7 in the Heritage Room in the UDCC.
- Shelby [At-Large]: Anyone who is a business, agriculture, or engineering major you can join a leadership club for scholarship opportunities and a chance to go to Sweden!

- **Student Government Report:**
  - Cody [StuGov]: We passed funding requests for a Linus Project on campus. I want your opinion on the Election Code. The issue I want your opinions on is a public financing option. In the past, you had to fund your campaign yourself. The Election Commissioner proposed that the Student Government would set aside $6,000 in an account for campaigns. A student, who is economically troubled, may then have an opportunity to draw $2,000 max to run.
    - Jacob [StuGov]: Also, if you privately fundraise, then you also have a max of $2,000.
    - Ben [Friley]: How many people run for this?
      - Cody [StuGov]: We had two people run officially, and one group off-ballot. Write-ins would not be eligible for this. We make it difficult on purpose so students do not abuse this.
    - Cecilia [Friley]: I think it is a good idea for people to have this ability, but I wonder why people spend so much on this?
      - Cody [StuGov]: Two years ago, there was a max of $5,000. Last year, there was a max of $3,000. This year, we decided to lower it even more. There are other means to get elected other than a huge pot of money. It sounds like a lot but has been lowered immensely over the years.
    - Cecilia [Friley]: Where is most of that money going?
      - Cody [StuGov]: It would be things like stickers, chalk, tshirts, food items, etc.
    - Gillian [Martin]: Do you have a process to approve people to use this fund?
      - Jacob [StuGov]: You do not have to be on a Pell Grant to get it or prove in any way. We are hoping that if you have the means to run on your own, then you will. We want to publicize it for needy students.
    - Austin [Friley]: I like the cause, but I feel like everyone is biased in this room. There isn’t a rich college student in existence. Why should we allow one student to have $6,000?
      - Cody [StuGov]: If only one person uses it, then they will only have $2,000 for the campaign. If there is extra money in the account, then that will go back to Student Government. Only current ISU students can be on a campaign team and no one out of ISU can even be on the ballot. In years past, we have seen outsiders try to influence the campaign.
    - Gillian [Friley]: Tuition goes up every year, so for most people it is very difficult. So, I think this would be a great idea.
- Ben [Friley]: My worry is that it sounds like Student Government decides if you are worthy or not for the money. What if there are more than three running?
  - Cody [StuGov]: The application process would not make you prove that you are poor, but you have to put forth a lot of effort to be even on the ballot, so that makes sure that they are a legitimate runner. We have checks and balances in place to ensure that the money is spent. If more than three are running, than the $6,000 would be split between the amount of candidates evenly.
  - Cody [StuGov]: In two weeks, we will finish the Election Code.
  - Jacob [StuGov]: Then, the next big item is a spring event that is a concert put on by the Student Union Board. There is a large amount of $190,000 available to get a name-recognizable hip-hop artist.
- Cody [StuGov]: This is not a week-long, all-encompassing event like the old event held in the spring that *shall-not-be-named*.
  - Jacob [StuGov]: We would fund it this time and then it will continue in the future as long as there are not events that permit it from occurring.
- Pete [Residence]: About 300 of us watched the Black Eyed Peas here when they were getting started.
- Cody [StuGov]: Does the price tag bother anyone? It really limits us for the rest of the year.
  - Ben [Friley]: Would it be possible to have it be a $5 cost for the ticket to help lower the cost on Student Government but also allow us to get someone that has name-recognition.
    - Cody [StuGov]: SUB is putting forth $60,000 right now, so that is not possible.
  - Vasishta [Friley]: Is there research to draw on the artist?
    - Cody [StuGov]: Yes. We don’t know who that artist is, but we are polling ISU students to find the best genre and name.
  - Jason [Eaton]: Are there any other events that this cost would hinder?
    - Cody [StuGov]: Cyclone Carnival would be hindered potentially. My biggest frustration is that we shot down a $3,500 New York Times subscription that would help students and are spending so much on this event.
  - Roman [Maple]: How much has an event like this cost before?
    - Cody [StuGov]: It was $250,000 to get John Oliver here. Translate that to artists, and it gets tough.
  - Matthew [Helser]: I would like to voice my concern.
● Ben [Friley]: Is there a possibility to get two or three different artists across different genres who are not as well known?
  ○ Cody [StuGov]: Not really. That was discussed. It is not really feasible with timing, security costs, etc.
● Vashishta [Friley]: I agree with you on the principle of the New York Times subscription.
  ○ Cody [StuGov]: There’s also a funding bill for our organization (a send-off event) $5600 to welcome students and to promote Student Government.
  ○ Jacob [StuGov]: On Tuesday, I went to City Council to talk about Housing changes. They added that you can have at least three people in the house, given you have the parking spots. The other change is that they will use the City Assessor’s data. This will lower the amount of bedrooms that current rentals have. This affects current leases, meaning students could theoretically get kicked out of houses if it goes through quick enough. We were not treated well. They were basing new legislation on the data from one Home Owner’s Association.
    ● Cody [StuGov]: It would be like saying Cody Woodruff has a 100% approval rating according to Cody Woodruff.
      ● Jacob [StuGov]: Which we all know is false.
    ● Jacob [StuGov]: We have created a petition to try and change their minds. We don’t want the city to discriminate against 55% of their population and get away with it. The link is below.
      ● Link: https://www.stugov.iastate.edu/sign/housing/
● Ben [Friley]: Would this kick students out of homes?
  ● Jacob [StuGov]: Essentially, yes.
● Cecilia [Friley]: Do you have to be able to vote in Ames to sign it? How seriously will they take this petition? Are there other things you’re trying?
  ● Jacob [StuGov]: No, you don’t. You just need an ISU email address. They will likely ignore us again. If we don’t try, then it could happen again. Yes, we are preparing other options.
● Jason [Eaton]: Why is the city council doing this?
  ● Jacob [StuGov]: The State of Iowa stated that you can no longer discriminate against familial status. Now, they are trying to come up with something else to keep up on their discrimination against students.
● Austin [Friley]: Can we make incentive for people to sign this?
  ● Jacob [StuGov]: Theoretically, yes. But I don’t think there is enough time to get that set up. We only have a week and a half.
● Daniel [BWR]: Would it be possible to send out a mass email?
  ● Jacob [StuGov]: We are working on sending one to residents. We can only send it to those in the residence halls.
● Officer & Advisor Reports:
  ○ Dave Garsow [RESIDENCE]:
    ● [None]
• Pete Englin [RESIDENCE]:
  ■ Wallace and Wilson have had questions about windows going in, so we will need to discuss that at the next meeting.

• Mohamed Ali [DINING]:
  ■ [None]

- Executive Reports:
  • Exec. Scott [Pres]: Cyclone Carnival will be fast approaching on April 14th! There will be all sorts of fun things, like rides and ferris wheels. Apply to help at the link below: If you visit the directory now, you will see those changes have been made and phone numbers and addresses are taken off. We have one meeting left. At that meeting, we will be having an Ugly Sweater party.
    ■ Link: https://www.sac.iastate.edu/sac-annual-events/cyclone-carnival/
  • Exec. Andrew [V. Pres]: Our last IRHA meeting of the fall semester is November 30th, afterward we will reconvene on the first Thursday of spring semester. Enjoy Fall break. Make sure you are submitting bills on time: 5pm on the Tuesday before the meeting. If you can’t make a meeting, make sure you have a proxy.
  • Exec. Stephanie [Finance]:
    ■ Check her update presentation in the IRHA folder for this meeting for proper numbers.
  • Exec. Madeline [Leadership]:
    ■ There is a possibility of doing an escape room next semester that we will be completely ourselves. We are in the process of finding a keynote speaker for ISLE (Iowa State Leadership Experience). If you have ideas for this, let me know!
  • Exec. Carmen [Events, Senior]:
    ■ If you want to join the Events committee, please talk to me after the meeting. We need ya! Sarah and I will be working on our event over the break to get it jump started. If you have any good ideas, please let me know!
  • Exec. Sarah [Events, Junior]:
    ■ [Feeling Ill Today, Feel Better!]
  • Exec. Caleb [Communications]:
    ■ The Custodian Appreciation Day has been postponed due to concerns in the planning process. We want to make it better for the custodians who do so much for us!
      ■ Questions: cjwoods@iastate.edu
  • Exec. Sonya [NRHH]:
    ■ We made goodie bags to go to one of the nursing homes in Ames on the second. You can email our president, Olivia, if you are interested. Get your OTMs in early!
      ■ Email: oliviac@iastate.edu
  • Exec. Vanessa [NCC]:
    ■ [None]
○ Exec. Kaitlyn [IT]:
  ■ If you don’t have your photo, please meet with me after to get that taken care of.
● Closing Announcements:
  ○ Angel [Maple]: Motion to adjourn.
Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM