

# Inter-Residence Hall Association

## Parliament Meeting- Minutes

UDCC Rm 136

15 February 2018 - 7:30 PM

Minutes Taken by Kaitlyn Roling

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Called to Order: 7:50 PM

- Roll Call
- Approval of the Minutes:
  - Minutes Stands Approved
- Approval of the Agenda:
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- Informational Speakers:
  - [Reggie's Sleepout]
    - Reggie's Sleepout is a campout on the field of Jack Trice Stadium on March 24th. We have a goal of 1,000 students this year, so we'd love for you to pass on the information to your residents. It is put on by YSS, ACCESS, and ERP (Emergency Residence Project). Reggie's raising funding and awareness for the issue of youth homelessness. It is in honor of Reggie Kelsey, who was in the foster care system, was released, and was later found dead after being homeless. This year, we will have the second one ever held in Ames! We will have entertainment, like live music, a dog training show, and a "Boxed In" contest. In this contest, people try to build the best box structure to sleep in for the night. There is also a talent contest. Bring your residents to sleep under the stars and raise awareness for this important cause! We have goodies and informational stuff for Reggie's Sleepout! We also do some social media campaigns, and will send around a sign-up sheet.
    - This is one of the biggest non-profit fundraisers in Ames! There are about 200 kids under the age of 25 in Ames alone. When taking into consideration older people, this number doubles or quadruples, so this is a problem prevalent in our community. ERP did a one day screening of this around campus and found five people who are visibly homeless. There are many more who are not visibly homeless.
      - Alyssa (StuGov): It is totally free, including all of the events. We are asking for those who participate to try to earn money for the cause, but it is not required. The team max is 15 people. The team that fundraises the most wins a dinner with coaches from ISU sports teams! Also, the more you

- Juan (StuGov): Student Government has some people going to this. We noticed that there were some great structures. Can you talk about this?



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- Exec Vanessa: Can you sign up somewhere or can you just show up?

- Reggie's: You can do both!

Link: [http://impact.yss.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=1040&pg=entry](http://impact.yss.org/site/TR?fr_id=1040&pg=entry)

- Special Orders
  - [None]
- General Orders
  - [2018-2-022-F: BLF Ski Trip]
    - Gillian [Martin]: I was wondering how you can justify requesting more than twice of what your residents pay for IRHA?
      - Jesse [BLF]: We don't have enough money to pay for this.
    - Cecilia [Friley]: I move to amend the bill to say that IRHA gives \$15 per student instead of \$30.
      - Noah [Helser]: Object to amendment. [Withdrawn]
    - Kyle [Eaton]: How much is each student paying?
      - Jesse [BLF]: None of the students are paying anything. It is being funded by IRHA and BLF.
    - Noah [Helser]: How much is in the discretionary?
      - Exec James: \$30,000

- Matthew [Helser]: How many students went last year?
  - Jesse [BLF]: We didn't go due to weather. However, 70 is a max.
- Gillian [Martin]: If other dorms decide to make a request of this size, we do not have enough in our discretionary account to sustain this. Also, exec should not be able to interject this much.
- Analese [Buchanan]: Are students responsible for their own meals? Where are you going? How long is it?
  - Jesse [BLF]: We are going to Boone and carpooling. We are not responsible for their meals. We have the evening time period from 4-9pm for the day.
- Kyle [Eaton]: I agree with Gillian, and after bringing the bill back to Eaton, they want to do it. We don't have the funds for all of this.
- Austin [Friley]: If we vote on this, then I should be able to bring a bill for every resident of Friley and we don't have funds for that.
  - Jesse [BLF]: We are a small community so there is less cost than associated with a large hall like Friley. I don't think it's too much to ask for our community.
- Exec Vanessa: The BLF Ski Trip is one of the only traditions BLF has. I don't think this is unreasonable as it is the one event that BLF does as BLF alone.
- Bryce [At-Large]: We've been really shy at spending this whole year and I don't think \$2100 is a large amount. If this is the one thing they want to do, we should let them do it.
- Analese [Buchanan]: I do want to point out that they have a cap on it, so they are not bringing "all of Friley".
- Gillian [Martin]: How many people live in BLF?
  - Jesse [BLF]: Less than 300.
    - Gillian [Martin]: If we had a same ratio for other halls, we couldn't afford it. I find it unfair to demand this much when none of the other residents halls can do that. The people who don't get their bills out will be screwed over.
- Cecilia [Friley]: I don't think that it's a good justification to call something a tradition to spend this much money. There are other ways to bond with residence hall students near the beginning of the year instead of the end of the year. We did Friley Franklins for only 50 cents a student, for example. It would cost Friley much more to do the same thing.
- Proxy [Helser]: If you have more than 70 people, do you plan to just cap it, or are you looking for other ways to pay for expenses?
  - Jesse [BLF]: If there are not many more, then we would pay for it out of pocket?
- Exec Sarah: Martin asked for \$1500 for tshirts, this is only \$600 more than that. We supported a \$4,000 new tradition with Geoffroy's carnival. If

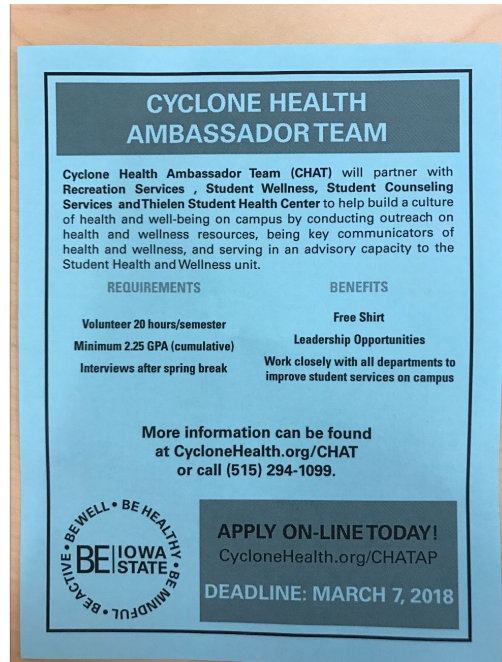
this is a tradition that is on-going, I don't think that we have a right to bash on traditions that already exist.

- Vincent [At-Large]: I support this because winter does not happen year long. This allows students to make memories together. If Friley wants this too, make a bill and we will talk about it.
- Austin [Friley]: We have a lot of people that we represent. We need to do what is best for everyone.
- Proxy [Friley]: The argument of having everyone bond is irrelevant.
- Matthew [Helser]: The total 280 students give to IRHA is about \$4,000. It is only \$10.50 per resident.
- Daniel [BWR]: Call to question. (Object)
- Cecilia [Friley]: I move to amend the bill to say that IRHA gives \$15 per student instead of \$30. Second.
  - Cecilia [Friley]: While \$15 is half that, it is still more than we have asked per resident for other halls. We should be giving them a fair portion of IRHA's money.
  - Gillian [Martin]: I am a lot more comfortable with this amendment. It is something we can maintain and continue to do.
  - Kyle [Eaton]: We are a third of the way through the semester and we have over \$30,000.
- Daniel [BWR]: Call to question for the amendment. Second. **FAILS.**
- Daniel [BWR]: Call to question for the bill. Second. 18-4-0 **PASSES.**
- New Business
  - [2018-2-023-F: IRHA Sound System Upgrade]
    - Pres Scott: About four years ago, we spent more than this for equipment. This would be two subwoofers, additional cables and mic clips, as well as a sound board.
      - Kyle [Eaton]: How often does it gets used?
        - Pres Scott: Many times a year for events. It's a system any of you can use.
- Open Forum
  - 10 Minute Committee Breakout
- Student Government Report:
  - Juan (StuGov): We had Senate last night at 7pm.
  - Lillian (StuGov): We didn't end up funding Sigma Alpha Pi because they didn't show up. We funded Alpha Phi Omega for a service activity. We did not fund the African Student Association or Fisheries and Wildlife. There is an opening on the Student Onboarding Committee to create a transitional program for new students. This really helps students to find a home here at ISU Contact Cody West if interested.  
Contact: [codywest@iastate.edu](mailto:codywest@iastate.edu)
  - Juan (StuGov): We are looking to change the election result date. This would've been announced the Friday night before Spring Break, so we are voting to move

it next week. We have a town hall next Thursday from 7-8:30 at the MCC in the MU.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/167084627348407/?ti=icl>

- Jacob (StuGov): Student Health and Wellness are looking for ambassadors. I came to three halls to talk to them and we want to go to six more before elections. They are March 6th and 7th; then, you will get an email to do all of your voting!



- Juan (StuGov): We have a Suicide Prevention event March 24th from 1-3:30 at TBD [see link for updated info] (rain location: Leid Gym).

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/139197836775287/?ti=icl>

- Officer & Advisor Reports:
  - Dave Garsow [RESIDENCE]:
    - [NONE]
  - Pete Englin [RESIDENCE]:
    - [Gone- have fun!]
  - Mohamed Ali [DINING]:
    - [NONE]
- Executive Reports:
  - Exec. Scott [Pres]:
    - Make sure that all comments are appropriate in debates- we have some comments that were a little hostile. We have six meetings left after tonight! We also need to pass a new budget and need to review the bylaws.
  - Exec. Andrew [V. Pres]:
    - Attendance is updated. Again, tonight, let me know if you are new and permanent, or if you are a temporary proxy. If you need a name card, let

me know. Committee meetings will be permanent in the agenda from now on.

- Exec. James [Finance]:
  - We are working on making the new budget and meeting with all of the committees.
- Exec. Madeline [Leadership]:
  - Great things are happening! The escape room is next weekend. You guys get to sign up first! We also will have a service event at the end of March!
- Exec. Sarah [Events]:
  - We also want to do a March Madness Bracket. There will be prizes! We also want to host an event called “Mac and Mugs” which will be mug painting and eating Mac and Cheese. This will be in two different locations to get higher numbers.
- Exec. John [Events]:
  - The Hot Chocolate Bar has been approved. It will be in the MWL Commons and Martin Commons on February 25th from 2-4 pm. I was contacted by the manager of Grandma Mojo’s troupe, who may be doing an event with us.
- Exec. Caleb [Communications]:
  - [NONE]
- Exec. Vanessa [NCC]:
  - Conference was last Thurs-Sun. It was very eye-opening and I will present next week about it. NACURH apps are out and close February 28th. It is a great leadership experience and lots of fun!  
Link: [https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0Ha9sjxVZwu3jfv](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Ha9sjxVZwu3jfv)
- Exec. Kaitlyn [IT]:
  - If you are new, talk to me for a directory photo.  
Link to directory: <https://www.irha.iastate.edu/directory/>
- Closing Announcements:
  - Cecilia (Friley): The Special Diet Committee will be meeting Monday the 19th from 4-5 pm in the Heritage Room of UDCC to give students a voice to express their food needs with those who run the dining halls. It’s a great way to learn more about dining and needs of others for nutrition.
- Meeting Adjourned: 8:56 PM