

COUNCIL MINUTES:

July 26, 2015

CATALOGUE OF MOTIONS:

1. **Add Matt's extra food budget to the agenda** - motion passes 29-1-0
2. **Affirm Kyle's use of space requests for the LibEd room for academic talks** - motion by Sage, seconded by Emily, passes by ayes
3. **Allow Central to use the first floor of Cloyne on August 19th on 10:30-12:30 for training, with the stipulation that they clean up after themselves** - motion by Sage, seconded by Becca
4. **Pass \$300 from House account so Matt can buy 2 things of bacon, 25 lb of chocolate chips, 15 pounds of almonds, 1.5 gallons of vegan ice cream, and 27 lb of tofu** - motion by Matt, seconded by Sara, passes 31-7-2
5. **Move vote on mural restoration online** - motion by Mitar, seconded by Becca, fails 7-21-9
6. **Pass \$1000 from house account to pay Peter Makepeace to restore his Billie Holiday mural** - Motion by Roman, seconded by Emily, passes 16-12-10
7. **Pass \$1240 from the House account for pots, pans, and a rice cooker, and a waffle iron** - motion by Aric, seconded by Emily, passes 28-0-2
8. **Pay back Keffey \$130 for workshift fine** - fails 0-24-4
9. **House policy change to change Saturday and Sunday morning quiet hours from ending at 8 am to 10 am just for the summer** - motion by Gary, seconded by Andrew, passes 24-1-2
10. **Pass \$3000 habitability money to build a fence around the current illegal dump pile to make it a legal dump pile** - motion by Jingyi, seconded by Julia, passes 23-1-2
11. **Pass \$5000 from habitability account to power-wash the kitchen and for paid workshift to clean stoves and ovens** - motion by Jingyi, seconded by Emily, passes by ayes
12. **Allow Donya to sleep here another week** - motion by Parisa, seconded by Leslie, passes by ayes

Emily: Makerspace stuff arriving, coming together great.

Kyle: Academic things going great, taking a break this week from it

Perth: We passed the fire inspection, if we don't pass habitability we're each charged \$26

Vincent: Tomatoes are popping, ready soon

Noah: Some of us are going on a camping trip this Friday to Point Reyes, cars already full with the cars we have, but if you have a car and want to come please do. Also we have condoms in the house.

Graham: The drought is epic, think about that extra minute in the shower, those are my tears. I've heard about a few errors on bathroom schedules, I'll check those and let you know of any changes. Band room hours: music room is just below a few residences. Schedule right now is all day Sunday and most afternoons in the week, I emailed that schedule so take a look.

Matt: If anything wrong with your workshift, email us. Below-0 hour fine coming up, if you're down hours let me go so I can get you shifts ahead of time, can't invent 30 hours in one week.

James: People were saying that I wasn't doing enough maintenance stuff, but I'd like to clarify that I've been doing infrastructure stuff not as visible. I've rekeyed a lot of rooms, like paint and music room, have to find me or Graham for keys that work. For president please make sure to be here at 5:30 so we can have quorum for moving council forward. Now let's go to member announcements. Kudos or anything.

Perth: Remember to wash your hands, I think I'm getting a cold right now and you don't want that.

Caryn: My sister's coming here Wednesday and staying over night, if you see her, she looks like me.

Matthew: Last time I tried to find a clean dish it took a while, try to clean the dishes a bit before putting them in the buckets.

Jordan: Try to keep quiet hours in mind even if you're in your room, if it's like 1:30 and you're having a great time in your room with people that's great, but keep in mind that other people nearby are trying to sleep.

James: Alright food will be out in a bit, just talk amongst yourselves for the next few minutes. Sign up on the sheet by the table and line up in that order to get your food. Kudos to Carlo, Sara, and whoever else cooked, it's really good. We're going to vote to add Matt's thing to the agenda. Motion passes 29-1-0. Anyone else want to add anything or change any order? All those in favor of approving the agenda please say aye. All in favor of approving last week's minutes say aye. Alright, Graham... is somewhere.

Sarah: He went to La Burrita

James: Should we just revisit that after he gets back? Next item.

Matt: I'm not ready

[snippet of EDM]

Kyle: Oh this is me! I have a few use of space requests. The first one is August 3rd, Bryan DeLara is going to use LibEd room at 7 for a talk, and then Josh Goldhasser doing one at August 5th at 7, and Román doing one August 14th. Space request is just to have space guaranteed and so I can put it into BSC newsletter.

Sage: Motion to have those spaces used for those things

Emily: Seconded

James: Unless anything else to ask or talk about, just vote. Say aye, nay, moo. Passes.

Graham: Sorry I'm late. Pretty procedural, BSC uses Cloyne for behind-closed-doors training for managers, training for dealing with some serious, real-life scenarios. 19th of August I think, I'll double check. It's in the period between summer and fall sessions. Yeah it's the 19th. Any questions?

Sage: In the past it wasn't quite as nice when they left as when they came. Just want to stress to coordinators to clean up afterwards, put furniture back.

Graham: You want to add that to the motion?

Sage: Yeah. I'd like to make a motion to allow Central to use the first floor of Cloyne on August 19th on 10:30-12:30 for training, with the stipulation that they clean up after themselves.

James: Let's vote, say aye, nay, moo. Yay another motion passes. Matt?

Matt: I brought this up last council but we didn't have quorum. This is a motion to buy nicer food in addition to regular food we're getting. I'm asking for \$300 from House account so I can buy 2 bacon, 1 25lb chocolate chips, 15 pounds of almonds, 1.5 gallons of vegan ice cream, and 36*12 oz of tofu. Regular ice cream is not at the three vendors that I use, it'd be easy to get but it's not in my budget right now because hard to find wholesale.

Román: When would this get here?

Matt: There's one more order, it would get here the 6th/7th, but probably earlier than that. Should last 2 weeks.

Efe: Way to opt out of this?

Matt: It's out of the house account, no extra fee like for the opt-in.

Efe: It just seems like meat is a luxury, bacon is especially so, and it's pork that not everyone eats.

Matt: They are luxuries, and not everyone can eat all of them, but that's why there's vegan ice cream and tofu as well. Bacon's not much more expensive than other lunchmeats, and based on past semesters people really love bacon.

Sara: Not everyone can have each item, which is why there's a variety of items so that everyone can have part of the luxury items.

Matt: Yeah I thought it would be nice to have some luxuries at the end of summer.

Efe: In the interest of being cooperative it seems like we should get a meat other than bacon.

James: We're out of time for this discussion, unless anyone wants to add more.

Emily: Motion to pass Matt's budget.

James: Alright, let's vote on it. 31-7-2, passes.

Graham: Mural of Billie Holiday and a white flower in the billiards room made in the 80s. The artist has asked for \$1000 that he can restore his mural. There are counter-arguments this, it's a beautiful mural that no one wants to paint over, but also no one wants to restore it because it's expensive and difficult. Discussion was tabled at end of last semester.

Vince: Why was it tabled last time?

Graham: It was the end of the semester, some things were unclear.

Mitar: We were hoping to bargain for a lower price, Graham had said he'd talk to him to do this.

Graham: I failed to do that for you.

Efe: I think it's probably best to paint over it, it's the nature of the house, and it would open up space for people to make new art.

Mitar: I think we should just let it be, unusual to restore a mural in the co-ops, and expensive. Want to keep it but don't want to restore it unnecessarily.

Jingyi: Which mural is this?

Graham: The face with the flower and a bunch of scratches on your right as you go into the laundry room.

Vince: Yeah I agree, there's no need to blow a bunch of money on this.

Carlo: This is unrelated to the mural, but there's desert at the end of the table now.

Jordan: Yeah I feel like it's unfair to anyone else who's ever painted a mural to pick a specific one to go back and restore, a bit of a slap in the face to people who's murals have been painted over.

Román: I was going to make a motion, but can only make positive motions, so motion to give guy \$1000 to restore mural.

Tyri: I'd like to say, as a member, that I think people are disrespecting this mural, it's the first official mural, and it's one of the few pieces of a person of a color in a house with very few such representations. Most of you don't know what it's like to be a person of color, but it's very important to see that, and I really treasure it, and wouldn't want to be in a house that would paint over such a thing.

Sara: I spent 60-80 hours painting a 6 by 10 foot mural in Oscar Wilde, and I was paid \$0 for it, I think it should be restored but that it's too much money.

Mitar: The co-ops change with the history of the house over 80 years, I'd rather live in a live, changing house than a museum.

Graham: Tyri's right though, this is the first original murals in the house, Where the Wild Thing Are one a little older, but the mural in question is the oldest original piece of art in the BSC, it was otherwise all white walls before.

Román: I agree that there is not enough POC representation on the walls, but that it could be increased in other ways, and that it's disrespectful of this person to demand \$1000 from people living in what's supposed to be affordable housing.

Corbin: Is there a way to pass a motion to restore it but for a negotiated price?

Julia: I second that idea.

Vincent: For those who weren't here in the Spring, had the same discussion, ended same way, and I want people to be aware that it could still could get painted over in the future.

Chloe: Paint only cost like \$100, probably only like 20 hours of work, that's a lot per hour for a simple project.

Emily: I'd like to point out that we already passed \$1000 for the 3D printer, we spend a lot of money on other stuff. Also, I'm for this being a live house, but also for preserving and recognizing its history, and we should definitely restore it.

Kyle: Seems like we're going in circles, can we get a straw poll of who's for and against restoration regardless of cost... Okay that was useless.

Spencer: It seems like most people are in favor of keeping it or restoring but not painting over it, so maybe vote to freeze that wall to preserve it either way. But also, you're all being incredibly stingy, \$1000 for a one-time, long-lasting thing is nothing in a house account that's over \$40000 and continually replenished. I mean, we just passed \$300 for bacon and shit, Tyri's totally right about its importance, it is the oldest original artwork in the BSC, and it's awesome, we should restore it.

Mitar: Maybe we should document respected murals in the house via photography to preserve these artworks even if they are painted over in the future.

James: That is part of the House Historian's job description, to digitize the artwork.

Gary: The mural was there when Graham was here over twelve years ago, beat up then and still here, will still be here in the future, and we should definitely pass \$1000 for it.

Noah: Back to what we were saying earlier, of passing a reduced price restoration? But two, like \$800 and \$600?

James: Let's start with most radical price and then if it doesn't pass move on to next one.

Jordan: This is kind of contentious, should we do heads-down?

Mitar: Motion to move it online. [everybody groans]

Emily: You can't digitize everything!

James: Vote on the motion... fails, 7-21-9. Vote to pay artist \$1000 to restore the mural, heads-down vote. Passes, 16-12-10. Need to pass again with simple majority at next council because it's over \$1000.

Tyri: Aric is going to come up next sponsoring for Charlie.

Gary: Holding an election to replace Will as my co-worm, who has decided he can no longer do this position. Only one person running, Seth.

Seth: Yo how's it going, didn't know I had to give a speech. I'm down to help Gary out, apparently he's been doing the job of two people, I'll have to run again in a few weeks for the fall, but yeah I'm down to be your co-worm.

James: This Wednesday I'm going to send out VOCs on compensation, 60% of house has to vote, this will decide their pay.

Perth: Manager positions are advertised to be paid a certain percentage of their rent, and you're voting on a percentage of *that* percentage, so 60% of my 80% or 100%, but not to raise it.

James: Yeah voting on if they're worthy of receiving all the comp they are guaranteed by the bylaws.

James: Wait do we have enough people, Graham?

Graham: Yeah only need 30% for summer quorum.

James: Great,

Aric: Charlie and I want to pass \$1240 from the House account for pots, pans, and a rice cooker, and a waffle iron. We're like out of pots and most pans are dented, only one waffle iron and don't know if it's any good. Going to buy cast iron pans so they aren't immediately destroyed. Using house account because supplies budget was meager for summer.

Vincent: Does supplies budget get replenished in the fall? Could we just wait until then?

Aric: We could

Perth: I'll be food manager in the fall, I'd like to see these supplies in the kitchen before the food starts flowing in. It took the ice machine a month to get here, probably similar for these things.

Emily: I second Aric. I mean I second his motion.

Tyri: Motion to pass \$1240 for these supplies. Passes 28-0-2. Now Keffey would like to dispute a fine.

Graham: Keffey was here last semester, she did all of her hours by the end of the semester, but she was down 10 hours at the second fine date and fined \$130, later made those up. She says that it's about the principle of the thing that she's being fined unfairly even though she did the workshift.

Kyle: I don't know about performing a retrospective on workshift fines, have to do that for everyone in the future because we did it for Keffey.

Matt: She asked me to talk to Central but I feel uncomfortable with that as the Spring's not my jurisdiction, I think it's just a miscommunication with David, Crystal, and Keffey. Also she still gets fined because she was down at the time of the fining period, even though she made the hours up later.

Carlos: I was house manager last semester, and David and Crystal were very thorough and adamant in their communications, and the fine policy still applies even if you make those hours up later, I think she just wasn't aware.

Graham: Also, just so people know, Matthew has a policy that your up-hours at the end of the semester count against your fine if you were fined at one of the fine dates.

James: Motion to pay Keffey back \$130. Fails 0-?-?

Perth: Boo-ya boo-ya boo-ya! House member Perth here, pointing out that HiCom Perth spread some misinformation earlier: quiet hours in fact end at 8 am on Saturday and Sunday mornings and not 10 am. I don't like this, as that's a good time to sleep in. I want to just change this for the summer so that it's not a permanent bylaws change that has to go through two councils, and will take longer to take effect.

Gary: Motion for house policy change, to change Saturday and Sunday morning quiet hours from ending at 8 am to 10 am just for the summer.

Andrew: Seconded

Tyri: Can this be an aye vote? No? Then let's count hands. Motion passes 24-1-2. James' item is next.

James: I am now speaking as maintenance. Currently don't legally have a dump pile, but we should. I'd like to pass \$3000 habitability money to build a fence around the current illegal dump pile to make it a legal dump pile. This can be a voice vote because it's not out of the house account. And we have exactly quorum! 36 people. All in favor say aye.

Spencer: Who put forward and seconded that motion?

James: Um, no one, let's do that.

Jingyi: I motion to pass \$3000 from habitability for the dump fence.

Julia: Seconded

Sage: Also can I request a hands-vote?

James: Yes. Alright, let's vote. 23-1-2, motion passes.

Tyri: Alright this is the last item up now.

James: Er, second-to-last.

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Aric: Charlie and I would like to pass \$5000 from habitability account to power-wash the kitchen, which was done last summer, and for paid workshift to clean stoves and ovens. Tiles should be blue, they're black.

Jingyi: Motion to pass \$5000 from habitability for that.

Emily: Seconded

Tyri: Motion passes. Last one y'all.

Parisa: For those of you who don't know Donya, she was here all of last year, she hangs out here with me and has slept over 5 nights already, but would like to be able to sleep here another 7 nights.

James: Say aye, nay, moo. Ayes have it, it passes. One last thing, neither Tyri nor I will be here next week, so let's vote on whether or not to have council.

Emily: Do you think there's going to be a lot of stuff next week? Maybe do an abbreviated council?

James: Temp check, who wants to have council next week? Like seven. Anyone who wants to not have council. Like three. So majority wants it, options are Graham, Perth, or next semester's president.

Carlos: Bylaws says House manager does it if the president can't, so it's Perth.

James: Cool, council's over, next week's facilitated by Perth.