

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 11/18/2019

Location: Shawangunk Hall

CALL TO ORDER 9:03 PM

Clare: Hey everyone! How was your weekend? I hope your Monday is going well.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:04 PM

Clare: We are doing a relaxing coloring activity! Write or draw something, whatever you want, and put it back in your folder.

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:05 PM

Matt O: Hey guys! So when I call your hall, if you can give me the number of people representing your hall, how many RHSA shirts you have on, how many NRHH shirts you have on, how many Conference shirts you have on, and a hall report from your hall gov if you have one.

Hall Name	Number Present	RHSA Shirts	NRHH Shirts	Conference Shirts	Hall Report
Ashokan	2	0	0	0	Discussed our future grocery bingo program.
Awosting	1	0	0	0	Discussed future programs.
Bliss	1	1	0	0	Discussed future programs.
Bouton	6	5	0	1	Discussed our Friendsgiving program.
Capen	2	0	0	0	Discussed our Friendsgiving program, which is tomorrow.
College-Shango	4	0	0	4	Discussed future programs.
Esopus	4	2	0	0	Discussed events, our collab with Ridgeview, and our event tomorrow, Words of Wisdom at 8pm.
Gage	1	0	0	0	Discussed future programs.
Lenape	4	3	0	0	Discussed our environmental tote bag program this Thursday at 7:30pm.
Minnewaska	2	0	0	0	Discussed future programs.
Mohonk	4	3	0	0	We discussed our program this Wednesday.

Ridgeview	3	1	0	2	Discussed our Friendsgiving collab with Esopus, and ate pie.
Scudder	6	0	0	5	We elected a new historian and discussed future programs.
Shawangunk	31	14	1	16	Discussed future programs.

SENATE 9:09 PM

Salam: The SUNYSA Fall 2019 Conference was last weekend and our E-Board, along with four senators, including me, attended the conference where we got to hear from SUNY Chancellor Dr. Kristina Johnson, President of Cobleskill, Dr. Marion Terenzio, and Congressman Paul Tonko. During the conference, we got to interact with student governments across the SUNY system and attend workshops that cover student leadership, advocacy, and communication. During the conference, SUNYSA passed the Advocacy bill which went into effect today. This week is Advocacy week and if students are interested in lobbying for SUNY New Paltz and for the rights of students across the SUNY system, find me after the meeting to sign up. The student activity fee task force met last week and started working, RHSA treasurer Matt is currently representing RHSA on the taskforce, however, if you're interested in joining the taskforce, we're looking for students, come and see me after the meeting. Senate applications are now open for students. If you're interested, come see me after the meeting and keep a lookout for an email from our VPAAG with the application. Please apply.

NRHH 9:11 PM

Emily: Last meeting, we reviewed applications some of y'all submitted to become a chapter member. Congratulations to those who are being inducted. Can I get a conference clap for the inductees? It's Destiny Mitchell, Serena Cruz, Eric Reicherter, Gigi Benami, Chris Gillin, Isma Rajpura, Emily Cohen, and Damika White.

OLD BUSINESS 9:12 PM

Motion to Open: Capen
Second: Shawangunk

Historian

Noah: Hey guys! So, before I tell you the social media challenge winners, I want to remind you that your memes and creative photos are due next Monday, the 25th, at midnight, so please, don't forget to get those to the RHSA email! Remember, your memes need to be from the RHSA Facebook page! I put all the memes from the last 2 months in albums on Facebook so check those out! So, for the Remind social media challenge, can I get a conference clap? 3rd place was Shawangunk, 2nd place was Scudder, and 1st place was Bliss! For the Insta challenge, 3rd place was Scudder, 2nd place was Shawangunk, and 1st place was Ridgeview! Thanks y'all, don't forget to send me stuff!

Secretary

Matt O: Here are the results from the Facebook challenge for the riddle in the minutes. 3rd place was College-Shango, 2nd place was Lenape, and 1st place was Shawangunk. The answer to the riddle is that the person and position on the RHSA E-Board responsible for counting up how many people from each hall come to RHSA events is our CCC, our Campus Communications Coordinator, Johnathan!

Conference Update

Emily: Hey everyone! I'm Serena for now! The conference went great this weekend! We won 3rd place for roll call and got through tons of legislation. Everyone had a great time, so great of a time that Serena doesn't even have a voice right now! Thank you to Emily, Emily, Katlin, Caitlin, and Callie for working so hard to make this a great conference. You rock! The next one is in the spring at UMaine. More info on applications will come out soon.

Motion to Close: Lenape

Second: Ridgeview

NEW BUSINESS 9:15 PM

Motion to Open: Mohonk

Second: Esopus

CCC

Johnathan: Hey everybody, Banquet is fast approaching! It's only three weeks away and I hope to get a lot of PUP sheets in the meantime. I will be accepting PUP Sheets until December 6th at 1pm. Anything past that will be denied. I will take them, but then, rip them up in front of you and laugh.

E-Board Recruitment

Clare: As the semester is coming to an end, I want to remind everyone that election season starts right up next semester! What that means is NCC nominations are starting up next week! If you want to see the E-Board shine, and RHSA grow, run for the Executive Board! If you want a great leadership opportunity and want to expand your horizons, run for Executive Board! If you just want to have a fun time planning programs and advocating for your peers, run for executive board! It is so much fun, and if you have any questions about the E-Board or positions, come to our office hours or reach out to us if you can't make our office hours!

This also means it's time for you voters to start preparing to vote. When applications for positions are handed out, take a good look at your candidates and vote for who you want to be represented by! I am so excited for election season and I hope you are too. NCC nominations open next week and we'll see you there!

LGBTQIA+ Fest

Matt K: Our LGBTQIA+ Fest is this Saturday, November 23rd at 7pm in the SUB MPR. This is also a fundraising event for the Hudson Valley LGBTQ+ Center. It's all voluntary, everything is free. We will also have a local drag queen. Come through!

Sarah: We will also have clubs tabling and performances from a couple of different groups!

Clare: We also want cash at the event for donations if you want to donate.

Sarah: Just to clarify, we aren't charging for entrance, but we will have a cash fundraiser available and will be donating the money to the Hudson Valley LGBTQ+ Center.

Motion to Close: Ashokan

Second: Awosting

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:20 PM

- LGBTQIA+ Fest (Saturday, November 23rd, 7pm, SUB MPR)

HALL CONCERNS 9:20 PM

Clare: If there's something wrong in your hall that you have already talked to your RAs, SRA, and RDs about and nothing has been done, this is your time to tell us.

Esopus: The vending machine in the first level of Esopus does not take cards anymore.

Clare: Okay, we will get on that for you.

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:21 PM

Clare: If you have general concerns for things going on campus wide (something's broken, wrong, administrative concerns, faculty concerns), this is your moment to tell us so we can relay the information to the administration. *Who on the RHSA E-Board loves SAUS and FUSEing the most?* However, if you have any food concerns (type, quality, price, location, etc), we will not hear them at this point but you can email us at rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu. Before we get into our typical student concerns, I mentioned last week that we are going to be doing safety concerns first this week. I'm going to pass that over for Matt O. because he has a little bit more information.

Matt O: Hey guys. You might have remembered me saying something about this last meeting. We would like to specify campus safety concerns you may have at this meeting, both physical and social. I am personally on the personal safety committee on our campus, which includes, Robin Cohen-La Valle, the dean of students, Emma Morcone, our LGBTQ coordinator, representatives from Facilities, University Police, and Jackie Cirello, our college prevention coordinator. If you have any concerns about safety in any regard, feel free to bring them up. We would love to hear them and get them addressed.

Safety Concerns

Shawangunk: It was brought to my attention by a member of Shawangunk Hall that in the Mechanical Engineering Innovation Hub, the doors¹ aren't really grounded properly and often times, they will give you a shock, like a small shock. Also, the handles on them get really hot. It won't burn you on touch, but if you hold your hand there, definitely.

Clare: Is it just the Innovation Hub doors? If we were to go to Facilities, would they understand that specific door or do you have more?

Shawangunk: I believe it's the main entrance.

Clare: Thank you for that. We will get on that.

¹ Shawangunk later clarified that it is just the lab doors that give a shock and get really hot.

Shawangunk: Also, sometimes, those doors lock when they are not supposed to, or they unlock. It will say that it is unlocked, but it will be locked sometimes, which creates a concern when people are trying to evacuate and there's apparently no opening windows.

Lenape: I have two. The street lights in front of Lenape have been out for a month or so now. Also, because it's getting colder out, last year, we had a problem where that the hill going down to Van Den Berg is not been salted or cleared very well. I just want to say that now because I have fallen multiple times or had to walk through a big clump of snow.

Ashokan: I also have two. The loop behind the Atrium with cars and mail services, in that area, there are not many traffic signs or anything. People accidentally get hit by cars there. Cars go a little too fast.

Clare: Where exactly? Do you mean under the SUB Concourse, under the bridge?

Ashokan: The circle.

Clare: In front of the atrium or behind?

Ashokan: Behind, once you pass that parking lot.

Ashokan: My other concern is a suggestion. Campus Escort only stays on campus. Honestly, our campus is so small. Walking five minutes doesn't always help everyone. Can they extend their services to main street or town? So, that way, we can service more students because that's a distance I would be scared to walk at night versus walking on campus when it's usually bright in the day.

Clare: I can ask about that and find more information. There might be concerns about the insurance they have with the drivers, things like that, but I can see if that is something we can do.

General Concerns

Scudder: The girls bathroom in the Lecture Center on the first floor still has the hole in between the stalls.

Clare: Thank you.

OPEN FLOOR 9:26 PM

Clare: If you have a program, meeting or any other announcement that you would like to share with the Associate Council, now is your time to share by raising your placard. You can also refer to the Tiny URL where you can post your events, but you are still welcomed to share your events. <https://tinyurl.com/nprhsacampusevents>

Capen: Friendsgiving in Capen at 6:30pm tomorrow. There will be pie and we will watch Friends.

Mohonk: This Wednesday in Mohonk, 7pm to 8:30pm, come Spill the Tea with Hall Gov. Come have and tea and pastries with us and share any hall concerns and get to know us a little more.

Lenape: 7:30pm this Thursday in our main lounge, we are having Design Your Own Tote Bag in our main lounge. You can also play Kahoot and win a Starbucks reusable cup.

Ridgeview: On Friday at 8pm, we are doing a collab with Esopus for Friendsgiving.

Scudder: We are having a nostalgia night this Sunday at 6pm. We are going to have Throwback songs and food. It is going to be a great time and all of you should come.

Matt K: This Thursday at 8:30pm, RA Helen and me are having an event where we will be writing cards for kids. It is a program recognized by over 30 countries. If we get 100 cards, one

should be featured on their website. It's a great service opportunity and that counts for your service GFPs, which goes towards hall of the semester. 8:30pm in the Esopus main lounge.

Shawangunk: On Tuesday, the 26th at 8pm, Shawangunk will be doing an astrology program.

Shawangunk: Tomorrow, here, at 7/7:30pm, we are doing a collab with Lenape where we will be playing bingo and talking up donating food and stuff.

Ashokan: Come to the exact same program, Bingo, at 9pm that night in Ashokan. We have a Tops gift card!

Shawangunk: Us too!

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:31 PM

Clare: Who's got Molly?

Scudder: We gave her a new hairstyle! We are giving her to Bouton!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:32 PM

Sarah: "Take a moment to appreciate how far you've come."

ADJOURNMENT 9:32 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Shawangunk

Second: Bliss

Next meeting will be in Bliss Hall!

