

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 11/25/2019

Location: Bliss Hall

CALL TO ORDER 9:05 PM

Clare: Hey everyone! How are you doing?

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:05 PM

Clare: For our mystery activity, I'm going to talk to you guys for a minute and we are going to hand out some paper. As we are approaching the end of the semester, the RHSA E-Board has been doing a lot of reflecting on how this semester has been. We are always reminding ourselves and each other of the reasons why we decided to run for the E-Board, and always remembering what makes us passionate about RHSA. With anything in leadership, there's always ups and downs, and mistakes that you make along the way, but we are always trying to grow from those mistakes and that we become better student leaders from it. I want to be here so that I can best represent you all and be someone you can turn to when there's ever anything you need on campus, or any hall govs, or any reasons. I think I speak for the E-Board when I say that we are always striving to best serve you all. We will continue moving into next semester growing and being better. We are always open to hear things change. If you ever think there is something or anything we can grow from, we are always open to hearing that. Thank you all for being an amazing AC this semester and we are excited for next semester!

Now, with the Thanksgiving holiday coming up, I would like it if everyone can take a paper and take a second to reflect on how this semester has gone for you within your hall govs and RHSA and write down some things that you are thankful for in hall gov and RHSA. Talk with a partner next to you about those things and reflect.

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:11 PM

Matt O: Hey y'all! 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	1	0	0	Nothing to report.
Awosting	0	0	0	0	
Bliss	6	5	0	1	Discussed programs.
Bouton	4	3	1	0	We just got done with a painting program and we talked about programs.

Capen	2	0	0	0	We had Friendsgiving with pie and watched Friends.
College-Shango	2	0	0	2	Discussed programs.
Esopus	4	2	0	0	We had our Friendsgiving with Ridgeview and discussed programs.
Gage	1	0	0	0	Discussed programs.
Lenape	2	1	0	0	Discussed programs, bonding, and we had a successful event on Thursday.
Minnewaska	2	0	0	0	Discussed programs for December.
Mohonk	2	2	0	0	We had our Spill the Tea event last Wednesday and had a good turnout.
Ridgeview	2	2	0	0	Discussed RD Appreciation Day and we had a really successful Friendsgiving program with Esopus.
Scudder	4	0	0	4	Discussed final programs and bonding.
Shawangunk	3	1	0	2	Discussed programs and electing our next semester's president.

SENATE 9:14 PM

Clare: Seeing none. Hopefully, next week we will have a Senate Report.

NRHH 9:15 PM

Emily: Our chapter went bowling. Shoutout to Matt Kreuz for falling in the first frame, but also, winning the game. We are currently planning our induction for our newly inducted chapter members.

OLD BUSINESS 9:15 PM

Motion to Open: Shawangunk

Second: Lenape

Historian

Noah: Hey everyone, can I get a conference clap for the social media challenge results? For the Remind challenge, 3rd place was Shawangunk, 2nd place was Scudder, and 1st place was Bouton! For the Insta challenge, 3rd place was Bliss, 2nd place was Ridgeview, and 1st place was Scudder! Don't forget that your memes and creative photo challenges are due tonight by midnight! Can't wait to see what you guys send!

Secretary

Matt O: Here are the results from the Facebook challenge for the riddle in the minutes. 3rd place was Bouton, 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 who loves SAUS and FUSEing the most is our Vice President, Sarah Creighton! Sarah, do you want to briefly explain what your position exactly does?

Sarah: My job is all things programming. I work with the Student Activities and Union Services office on campus, and they are the ones who basically help me to make sure that everything is properly set up for our program. I would fill out a form that lets them know when and where our programs are, anything we might need. For tie-dye, they give us these big buckets to get rid of the tie-dye, anything that we need for programming. I work with them to make sure that we have it. For FUSEing, there used to be this old system where you would have to line up outside the door and fill out a FUSE form, but now it is all online. I turn in all this paperwork for SAUS and they approve our programs and I work with them to make sure everything goes smoothly.

LGBTQIA+ Fest

Sarah: Hey thank you for coming out, it was a ton of fun! We watched some performances, had our faces painted, got some pride flags, made friendship bracelets, and so much more! I also really want to thank everybody that donated, every cent counts and we were able to collect some money to donate to the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center, which is really freaking amazing. So, thank you all for coming! You rock!

Motion to Close: Ridgeview

Second: Ashokan

NEW BUSINESS 9:18 PM

Motion to Open: Minnewaska

Second: Capen

Campus Communications Coordinator (CCC)

Johnathan: I know a lot of you are excited for Thanksgiving break, but two weeks from today is our banquet! In order to calculate all the GFPs you guys have been giving me and in order to find out the hall of the semester, I will stop taking the PUP sheets Friday, December 6th, no later than 1pm in the RHSA office. No more PUP sheets after that.

Ridgeview: What happens if I give you a PUP sheet at exactly 1:01pm?

Johnathan: I will take it from you, but then, I will rip it up in front of your face and laugh.

Banquet

Sarah: Hey, so banquet is going to be on Monday, December 9th at 8pm, but you're not allowed to know the theme yet. Sorry, but in all seriousness it's going to be a lot of fun! I'll be emailing you the banquet sign-ups this week, so please get back to me ASAP so that I know how much food to get for you, but banquet is going to be really cool! Catch us looking sharp. That's all for now!

Serena: It's 8pm and not 9pm.

Clare: It's not the time of our normal AC meetings.

Ridgeview: Who are you emailing?

Sarah: I'm going to email the liaisons.

Dino Buzz Self-Care

Kevin: With finals rapidly approaching, our next program is Dino Buzz Self-Care. It will be a self-care event. You can love yourself a bit! We will have all kinds of clubs and organizations tabling at the event. It should be a lot of fun, so make sure to stop by! It is Friday, December 6th 7:30pm to 9pm in SUB 100N. If anybody knows of a club or organization that would like to come by and table at our program, it would be great to have you! You can come up to us at the end of the meeting or email us at rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu.

Palisades Trip

Kevin: The day after Buzz Self-Care, if you need to get presents or refresh your wardrobe, we will leave on Saturday, December 7th at 9:30am from Lot 32. You need to give us a \$5 deposit, but we will give it right back to you when you get on the bus. The \$5 ensures that we get people to sign up who will actually show up because we want to bring as many of you to the mall as possible. You can give us the \$5 deposit as early as right after our meeting. It's \$5 cash so we can hand it right back to you. You can also come to our office hours in Capen B-16. The office hours are on the Instagram and our website. As for office hours, we will not be having any Wednesday through Friday, but we will be resuming on Monday.

Esopus: Are you only taking cash?

Clare: Only cash.

Mohonk: What time will you leave the Palisades Mall?

Clare: We will be back at school by 6:30pm.

NCC Nominations

Clare: We are opening NCC nominations! In order to run for a position on the Executive Board, you have to be nominated for that position and you have to hand in your application. In order to be nominated, someone has to raise their placard and nominate the person and the position they are running for and somebody has to second that nomination. When the election season comes around, they will be ready to run. We will talk more about applications as we get closer to the end of the semester. You still have a long time. We want to open NCC nominations early, because it is the first election to happen. It's a good way to get into the vibe of how election season and nominations are going to work.

Capen: We nominate Jordan Hennix for NCC.

Shawangunk: Second.

Clare: I forgot to mention that the person can choose to accept, decline, or table their decision. Table means that you are unsure, but we will keep you written down that you are nominated for the position and that you haven't accepted yet. We will ask you at the next meeting if you accept.

Clare: Do you accept, table, or decline this nomination?

Jordan: I accept.

Gage: We nominate Heaven Torres for NCC.

Ridgeview: Second.

Clare: Do you accept, table, or decline this nomination?

Heaven: I decline.

Esopus: We nominate Rasheda Wallace for NCC.

Shawangunk: Second.

Clare: Do you accept, table, or decline this nomination?

Rasheda: I decline.

Clare: The NCC nominations will still be open until next semester at the first AC meeting in Gage Hall.

Motion to Close: Lenape

Second: Capen

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:28 PM

- Self-Care Buzz (Friday, December 6th, 7:30pm to 9pm, SUB 100N)
- Palisades Mall Trip (Saturday, December 7th, 9:30am, Lot 32)
- Banquet (Monday, December 9th, 8pm, SUB MPR)

HALL CONCERNS 9:29 PM

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

Lenape: The vending machine, the drink machine, is technically working, but for the past three weeks, it has been filled with expired soda and I have told my SRA about it.

Clare: I will talk to someone about that.

Bouton: We still have hot water problems in our bathrooms. Specifically, the bathrooms on the second floor outside of room 210 and the one on the first floor across from room 125. Our RD knows about it, it has been tested, but there is still no hot water.

Clare: Thank you for the specifics of that.

Ridgeview: Same problem as before, my toilet has been gone since fall break. The bathroom is starting to stink and it smells so bad.

Clare: I'm going to contact them again.

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:31 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. 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@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu.

Capen: This was mentioned before, but the bathroom in the Lecture Center, people can peep through that hole still.

Clare: I'm going to tell them.

Lenape: In the other bathroom in the Lecture Center, in the men's restroom, it only has one sink that works out of four. The door to the bathroom doesn't close either. I think it's a hinge that's off.

Minnewaska: Can anything be done about the dreaded odor on Peregrine Quad?

Sarah: When the weather gets cold, plants die, and it smells bad. There is nothing we can do. Before they knew this was going to be a problem, that entire area was planted with that one plant, so we would have to dig up the whole thing and we can't.

Clare: I can mention it to them again, but it would take a while for them to do that.

Mohonk: I have a concern about accessibility on campus. I have a friend with cerebral palsy and she is in a wheelchair, and when she goes to Peregrine Dining Hall, she goes through the accessible entrance, but there is no button outside the door, there is only a button inside.

Clare: I believe there is a card scanner for the door, but I can find out more. If she has spoken to the Disability Resource Center, do you know? I can reach out to them and get more information, but the key card scanner should work.

Lenape: Outside of the Atrium, it seems like the accessible door is broken and that it might be off its hinge. I'm not sure, but it doesn't close and it's really difficult to open. I'm pretty sure it won't work if you try to press the accessible button.

Clare: Which door is it exactly?

Lenape: When you are coming from the Samuel Dorsky Art Museum.

Serena: The SAMs use these buttons on top, it's basically an on and off switch. It would be hard to push or open the door.

Lenape: I think the door is scraping on the ground under it.

Shawangunk: Do you know when they salt the streets and stuff when it gets slippery? The other day, I fell and there was no salt. It was so slippery.

Clare: I'm not sure, but I can check.

Ridgeview: I know this was mentioned last year, but can something be done to fix the steps between Capen and Scudder? It's like destroyed.

Clare: Those steps are historic and they are the riot steps. The steps between Scudder and Capen are historically known for being the riot steps because when there used to be a lot of protests on campus that might have gotten violent and if there were any riots, people couldn't easily run up those steps as easily as normal steps. We don't have riots anymore. It would be difficult to take them down. I know they worked on it last year and were adding concrete to parts that were cracking off.

Capen: They were designed like that on purpose?

Clare: They were not cracked on purpose, but they are like that on purpose so people couldn't run up them.

Bliss: In Peregrine Dining Hall, when I was leaving from the main entrance, the accessible button was ripped out of the wall. It's dangling. I think it just happened tonight because when I walked in, it wasn't dangling out of the wall.

Matt O: For the riot steps, they are a historical landmark, but that doesn't prevent the school from fixing them. Facilities are aware of them, there are a number of construction projects going on around campus. I'm not sure if that is on the list, but I know they are aware.

OPEN FLOOR 9:39 PM

Clare: If you have a program, meeting or any other announcement that you would like to share with the Associate Council, *Which RHSA E-Board member and position can you always count on being at CAS the most?* 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>

Shawangunk: We are doing a food drive for Thanksgiving. It's close to Thanksgiving, so if you have last minute donations, come to us at the end of the meeting or come by tomorrow, or we could arrange for a time to pick it up.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:41 PM

Clare: Who's got Molly?

Bouton: We gave her a skirt to complete her outfit. We are giving her to Esopus!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:41 PM

Matt K: "If you're always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be."
-Maya Angelou

ADJOURNMENT 9:41 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Bliss

Second: Bouton

Next meeting will be in Bouton Hall!

