

**RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: 2/11/19

Location: SUB 62/63

CALL TO ORDER 9:06 PM

Hey everyone, welcome to AC meeting part 2 in SUB 62/63. Election Number 2.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:06 PM

For our Mystery Activity this week we did Diversity in the Dark!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:11 PM

HALL NAME	NUMBER PRESENT	SHIRTS	CONFERENCE SHIRTS	HALL REPORT
BEVIER	4	0	0	Planned Valentines Day Program
BLISS	2	1	0	Planned Valentines Day and future programs
BOUTON	6	6	0	Planned Valentines Day Program
CAPEN	2	2	0	Planned Valentines Day Program
COLLANGO	1	0	0	Planned future events and Hall Gov Bonding
CRISPELL	1	0	0	Planned Valentines Day Program and set future goals.
DEYO	3	0	0	Planned Valentines Day Program
DUBOIS	2	0	0	Planned Valentines Day Program
ESOPUS	4	2	0	Planned Valentines Day Program
GAGE	2	0	0	Planned Valentines Day Program and welcomed new members
LEFEVRE	4	1	0	Talked about elections
LENAPE	3	1	0	Added a new member and discussed new additions to hall
RIDGEVIEW	8	8	0	Talked about Valentines Day Program and elected a new historian and 2 new AC Reps
SCUDDER	4	0	0	Set goals for Hall Gov

NRHH 9:13 PM

Hi, we had our first meeting yesterday, it went well. I will have updates for programs and stuff in the future!

SENATE 9:13 PM

Hi everyone, I was an AC representative for College one year and Bevier for one year, so I love seeing all of these new faces here, we had a meeting last Wednesday for Senate and we assigned people to committees and we sent out an email saying that we may not be having Spring Fest because of an irregularity on financing on the administrative end, so if you guys have any questions I'm here for you.

OLD BUSINESS 9:14 PM

Motion to Open: Ridgeview

Second: Deyo

Historian

Programming committee made Valentines for all of the halls today and for the workers at the SUB, we also made some for buildings, we'll be delivering them tomorrow. The pictures are on facebook from the Karaoke night, you can go on Facebook and type in Residence Hall Student Association and they should be up there, if you're looking for pictures from the Hall Gov Social those should be up tomorrow.

NCC

Hey everyone, it's me your NCC coming at you with another NCC fun fact. Last week I talked about NEACURH and NACURH and what all of that stuff means. As you guys know, there is an E-Board that oversees all of the Hall Goves on campus, well they also have one on the Regional and National Level that oversee all of the RHAs and RHSAs called Regional Board of Directors and National Board of directors and Sam is going to be running for the Regional Board of Directors this spring.

Sam: Tune in for March 1st at Northeastern University.

Gravity Falls BUZZ Karaoke

Thank you for all of you who came out, it was really fun. We sung Karaoke, got some shirts, and Crispell won!

Sam: Crispell gets to come early before our next BUZZ and get their shirts a little bit early!

Hall Gov Social

Hey guys, so Hall Gov Social sure did happen, it was so much fun, we played Minute to Win it activities, we ate plenty of food, and team iPower was crowned the Burger Kings!!! It was so good to have y'all there, thanks for coming!

Motion to Close: Scudder

Second: Esopus

NEW BUSINESS 9:17 PM

Motion to Open: Bouton

Second: Bevier

Return to Sender

Hey, Return to Sender is February 22nd from 7-9 PM in SUB MPR. It's going to be a refugee simulation, it's very important and impactful. You can come anytime between 7 and 9 you don't have to stay the whole time, you can come stop in. You get GFPs and you get to learn impactful lessons. Again it's February 22nd from 7-9 PM .

Sam: That's a Friday.

Pizza Party

Hello everyone, so this Wednesday, February 13th from 12-3 we're going to be putting stamps on envelopes and you can help! Which sounds boring but there's more, we have pizza and GFPs so if you guys help us to put the stamps and stickers on envelopes for Care Packages you can get pizza and GFPs! So come through, Wednesday February 13th from 12-3 PM in Capen B16.

Sam: Quick Correction, it's actually February 20th.

10 Minute Break 9:20 PM

Elections 9:31 PM

We are about to begin an election so from this point till when our election ceases, no one who leaves this room can re-enter. No verbal communication anywhere in this room, and no technology. If the eboard sees you using a phone, laptop, etc, we will ask you to leave. As always, one of us will be in the back of the room to bring your notes to your AC reps.

Marissa: Hey, so I was supposed to run for President but unfortunately I will not be running anymore but I do appreciate all of your support, you guys are lit.

Sam: If you are running for President tonight, please come to the front now.

Sam: So the responsibilities of the President are: The President shall act as a neutral resource to all Executive Board members, AC Representatives, and Hall Government members; Acts as the liaison between administrative offices on campus and the residence hall student body; Schedules monthly one on one meetings with individual Executive Board members; Attends bi-weekly one on one meetings with an Advisor; Attends bi-weekly one on one meetings with the Assistant Director of Residence Life; Attends NEACURH Regional Leadership Conference and NEACURH Spring Leadership Conference; Serves as the voting representative on behalf of SUNY New Paltz in President's Boardroom at NEACURH conferences; Attend the NACURH Annual Conference; Attends monthly President's Cabinet meetings; Holds a position on the CAS Board of Directors and attends monthly CAS Board meetings; Runs weekly AC meetings; Runs weekly Executive Board meetings; Works alongside the current Treasurer, President-elect, and Treasurer-elect to create the budget for the following year; Works with the Treasurer to review all Funding Requests submitted to RHSA; Responsible for maintaining the integrity of the organization, and many many more things.

Expectations of President

- Energetic

- Enthusiastic
- Approachable
- Hard Working
- Possess Leadership Skills
- Good Communication Skills
- Open Minded
- Dedicated
- Intuitive
- Accepting
- Likeable
- Available
- Professional
- Charismatic
- Understanding
- Humorous
- Likes Memes
- Responsible
- Adaptable
- Unbiased
- Good Conflict Management Skills
- Humble
- Organized
- Determined
- Time Management Skills
- Understands the Region
- Engaging
- Knows Parli Pro
- Positive
- Good at Accepting Criticism
- Mentor to Others
- Passionate
- Assertive

Candidate 1:

Hello everyone, my name is Clare Del Grosso, you may know me as your RHSA Public Relations Officer, but I hope to become your President. I would like to tell you about the passion I have for this org and this campus, but first I will tell you about the responsibilities I'll have if I become president. I would be a neutral resource for all members of the eboard, the AC and all other hall government members. I will be a liaison between students and administration. I would also be attending bi weekly one-on-ones with my advisor and the assistant director of residence life, Jenn Slader. As president, I will attend the national and regional conferences, I'll sit in president's boardroom as the voting elect on behalf of New Paltz. I'll attend monthly President's Cabinet meetings and CAS Board meetings. I will run Executive

Board meetings and AC meetings, and throughout all my other responsibilities, the most important will be to maintain the integrity of this organization.

I have been active in RHSA since I first started hall gov during my first semester here at New Paltz. As a first year, I became a Floor Rep for Lenape, and then an AC Rep, and finally became the President of Lenape Hall. Throughout my experience in Lenape Hall Government, I gained a lot of knowledge and passion for Res Life and the campus as a whole. Because of this passion I knew I wanted to be a part of the executive board. So I applied for NCC. When I didn't get NCC, I was very disappointed but I knew that I still wanted to be on this executive board so I didn't stop. That's when I decided to run for PR. Learning more about the ins and outs about RHSA during PR training, and watching Elee run the AC meetings during election season is when I knew that I wanted to be President. The biggest influence of all was when I attended the National Conference in Arizona. Here I talked to other schools, learned about the connections I could make with them in the future, and even got to experience how the regional board ran their meetings during conference. Seeing the passion that all of these other people had for their campuses and the region fueled my passion even more.

The passion that I have for RHSA has given me many ideas on how I can continue to improve our community. I would like to make all of you, the AC, be more included in what we do as an E-Board. This can be with committees of all kinds so you can get to know a few of us personally, learn a bit about what we do, and grow even more as student leaders. I also hope to expand on our larger programs like BBQ, and make RHSA a platform where residents can collaborate with other organizations. I've also spent plenty of time thinking about how we can make the AC feel more comfortable sharing their advocacy concerns. To make this a reality, I'd like to add another item to our agendas. This would be for any advocacy issues going on campus wide, and the idea is that we would encourage hall governments to take these issues and bring them to us so we can present the issues to administration. If I'm given the opportunity, I will give my all to make programming bigger, advocacy stronger, and nurture future leaders. I yield to questions.

Questions

You mentioned committees in your speech, what were some of the ideas you had for them?

Clare: Programming committee and KFC were really good, and are fun and cool ideas for people to get involved especially with Programming committee because you guys are able to be hands on with a lot of the stuff that we do, but another one of the ideas that I had was a Sustainability Committee where we can work with other organizations on campus and brainstorm ideas that can make good committees for you guys without overwhelming ourselves.

Can you name the responsibilities of each of the E-Board members?

Clare: Yeah, so as President I would do all of the things I mentioned in my speech. Vice President would work with the SAUS office a lot and FUSE rooms, Treasurer would be working with the CAS office and

the budgets and funding, Secretary will take the minutes and upload them to the Facebook and the website, PR, I make posters, work closely with the print shop, and do placards, NCC works with the region, makes delegation for conference, and runs NPLC, CCC works closely with other orgs on campus as well as GFPs and PUP sheets and our Historian who is taking pictures at our events, uploading them to the facebook, and most importantly, making sure that our social medias are active.

So you had mentioned in your application that one of your weaknesses is that you're too critical of yourself. How will you overcome this?

Clare: So this is something that I've already been growing on, even this semester. My failures used to hold me back, but a lot of the advice I got from the people that I talked to is that you're going to fail. You're going to make mistakes. But you're going to continue to be a failure unless you take away what you can build on. How I can build on my ideas.

From your time on RHSA E-Board, is there anything that you would do differently?

Clare: For our Executive Board, I like our dynamic we have. A few changes I'd mention, during AC meetings I'd like to add another agenda item to make a section for Advocacy concerns so it's clear to students that their advocacy concerns can be heard here, no matter what kind of concerns they may be. I think that's one change, but I really like the dynamic we have.

You mentioned you were a part of Hall Gov prior to this. What other organizations have you been a part of?

Clare: I am currently the Traditions Chair of Union Programming Council, I was a Student Ambassador, I did Hall Gov, and I was an Emerging Leader. That's what I've done in the past but next semester it's just going to be me, RHSA, and my classes. I decided that I really want to dedicate all of my time to this org and give it 100% so I can help it grow.

How do you plan to build a community in New Paltz and on the Campus in general?

Clare: So I think that one of the biggest parts of building community is programming because it's what gets students out here. If a student hasn't come to an AC meeting, nothing's going to make them just come to an AC meeting. To extend our community beyond this starts with making our ideas bigger and better so more people can come and see that RHSA is a place where we can come and see these fun programs but we can also talk about advocacy and lots of other things. Programming is the first step to building a community.

What would you do to make RHSA more known to Transfer and International Students?

Clare: So I think one big thing is programming,

Motion to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

Clare: Having programs that are directed towards international and transfer students that can make them feel more comfortable coming to us. Working closely with the Transfer community in Lefevre with Chrissy.

Who have you spoken to and what's the best advice that you've gotten so far?

Clare: So, I have talked to Sam (The Current President), Elee (Last year's President), Catherine Callan (The President Before Her), Matt Eidelberg (The President from a Couple Years ago), Jenn Slader (The Assistant Director of Residence Life), and David Eaton (The Vice President of Enrollment who also helped to found this Organization). So I talked to all of them and the most impactful advice that I got is 1, that I'm going to make mistakes and they're going to continue to be mistakes unless I learn from them, and 2, that I have to make sure the position doesn't go to my head. It's not about presenting myself as the President of this Org, and instead about presenting the E-Board to the AC and keep in mind that what I'm doing is for the Campus.

Is there anything that intimidates you about the position and if so, how would you overcome this?

Clare: If there's one thing that has intimidated me going into this position is that it's a huge time commitment, it's something that made me debate it for a while. I decided that if that's what it takes to make the changes I want to make, then that's what I'll have to do. I'll combat this by keeping my time management up, keeping a google calendar, staying organized, making sure everything's in place, setting early deadlines, and keeping on top of myself.

Can you say what NEACURH and NACURH stands for?

Clare: So NEACURH stands for the Northeastern Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls and NACURH stands for the National Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls.

You mentioned earlier that you wanted to make programming bigger, what do you want to do?

Clare: So the one big idea I had that we already started to tackle this year is that BBQ is our biggest program, it's got the biggest population. It's the one with all the bouncy houses. I want to expand on that because lots of campuses have one HUGE event, and we have a bunch of big ones, but I want to see who we can collaborate with to make it one BIG event rather than a bunch of medium sized ones. In general, for our smaller ideas I want to keep putting in new ideas, keep it fresh. Keep one Karaoke a semester but always come in with new ideas, so people who keep coming back don't have to see 7 Karaoke's a year.

Do you think your-

Motion to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

Do you think your Experience as PR will help you as President?

Clare: So my experience as PR has really helped me learn and grow. It helped me work on time management in general, as PR I don't have nearly as many responsibilities but it gave me a taste of making sure that I'm hitting deadlines, getting things stamped, there's a lot of things going into PR that I didn't really consider so seeing that made me really consider EVERYTHING that goes into the President Position. Working with an E-Board, being here with them, working closely with them, the dynamic we have is incredible so I'd be working to make the same dynamic. If we are having fun when we are running things you guys will enjoy them too.

How would you work on getting closer with our sister organization NRHH?

Clare: So I think that programming once again is a big thing, working with them like we did last semester for our BUZZes, having our Co-NCCs visit each other's E-Board meetings so we keep up to date on each other, talking about Collaborating with them, and making sure we're on the same page at all times.

How would you handle a conflict between 2 E-Board members?

Clare: So I think that being on this E-Board means that we're going to be responsible student leaders, but if it gets to a point where I would need to know about it, I'm making sure I'm maintaining the integrity of the organization. If people are fighting and I don't know about it, it's going to make it hard to run the AC Meetings. I'd first want to make sure I hear about it, talk to them one on one, figure out both sides of the story, and if we still can't resolve it, go to the advisor for another unbiased opinion to see if we can solve it.

Motion to Exhaust Speaker's List Without Additions: Bevier

Second: Ridgeview

Motion to Open Discussion: Scudder

Second: Esopus

Discussion

- Clare was very prepared and had a lot of good things to say in relation to what she wants to do going forward and what she wants to add.
- Clare was well spoken, clear, and passionate about the position
- Clare shares positivity and optimism while maintaining good composure during her speech and the Q&A session.
- We like that she said Programming like 20 times because ResLife is about the Students.
- While she was giving her speech she listed a lot of things that were on our list of expectations so we feel she's a really good candidate.
- We feel like she's a really good candidate but we agree that she said programming too many times. It's not a bad idea, but there's only room for improvement if we branch out.
- She was able to answer the questions really quickly and really well without missing a beat so we think she's very prepared and she was able to fit what she wanted to do with the questions being asked.
- She was very knowledgeable about her responsibilities as President.
- Clare's experience allows her to keep RHSA innovated and moving in a positive direction and allow growth and change with more innovation and change on campus.
- Her plans to create more student involvement in programs suits the role of the president very well.
- The idea of more expansive programs was a good point.
- Clare was well prepared for tonight because she branched out to multiple presidents.
- Clare mentioned time management would be an issue but she had thought it out and cleared her schedule so she could commit her time to RHSA.
- Clare seems to be very approachable and would be beneficial in helping students with concerns and fellow E-Board members.
- Her idea to focus on expanding programs will help expand RHSA.
- We appreciate that she did her homework and made time management considerations.

Sam: Since we ran out of time, I will now take a motion to open a round of voting by ballot.

Motion to Open Voting by Ballot: Ridgeview
Second: Bouton

Pharez: Point of Order it's Secret Ballot.

Motion to Open Voting by Secret Ballot: Ridgeview
Second: Bouton

Sam: I will now give you your voting options. Your voting options are Clare, No confidence, and Abstain.

Pharez: Hey Sam, what's Abstaining?

Sam: Abstaining is if you have any bias for or against a candidate, whether you love or hate them so it takes the vote out of the count.

Sarah: And what's no confidence?

Sam: No confidence is when you believe none of the candidates would do a good job but you have no bias.

Voting

Clare: 26
No Confidence: 1
Abstain: 0

Sam: The Associate Council has come to a decision. We will now invite the candidate back into the room.
Your next President will be Clare Del Grosso!

Nominations 10:07 PM

Sam: Joseph Beckalori you tabled for CCC. Do you Accept, Table or Decline this Nomination?
Joseph: I accept.

Sam: Emily Jorge you tabled for Historian. Do you Accept, Table or Decline this Nomination? She tables.

Sam: Catherine Barrera you tabled for CCC. Do you Accept, Table or Decline this Nomination? She tables.

Joseph Beckalori, you tabled for Treasurer. Do you Accept, Table or Decline this Nomination?
Joseph: Decline

Sam: Alyssa Dudinyak, you tabled for Historian. Do you Accept, Table or Decline this Nomination? She tables.

Sam: Joseph Russo tabled. for CCC. Do you Accept, Table or Decline this Nomination?
Joe: I table.

Sam: Jackie Rankel tabled for CCC. Do you Accept, Table or Decline this Nomination? She tables.

Sam: Elizabeth Carter, you tabled for Secretary. Do you Accept, Table or Decline this Nomination? She tables.

Sam: Brianna Martha for Secretary, you tabled. Do you Accept, Table or Decline this Nomination?
Brianna: Decline.

Sam: Brandon Latargia you tabled for Vice President. Do you Accept, Table or Decline this Nomination?
Because he's not here and applications are due today, he declines.

Motion to Open Nominations: Ridgeview
Second: Scudder
Sam: Seeing none.
Motion to Table Nominations: Esopus
Second: Deyo

Sam: Vice President applications were due today. If you have prepared your materials which includes 15 applications to be given out to each hall and the E-Board, 1 candidate form, and your unofficial transcript to be given to the E-Board, please stand now and distribute these materials.

Motion to Close Vice President Nominations Until Spring 2020: Esopus

Second: Bliss

Sam: The election for Vice President will take place in two weeks. Applications for Treasurer are due in two weeks. *Who was the 2014-2015 RHSA NCC?*

Motion to Close: Capen

Second: Ridgeview

UPCOMING EVENTS 10:12 PM

Labelling Pizza Party, February 20th, Capen B16, 12-3 PM

Return to Sender, February 22nd, SUB MPR, 7-9 PM

HALL CONCERNS 10:13 PM

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

Ridgeview: Hi, so we've brought this up in the past but haven't gotten a response back yet, the soap in Ridgeview still smells really bad.

Sam: I have an answer for you because I'm an RA there. Amanda is looking into it and I hope to have more information for you soon.

STUDENT CONCERNS FOLLOW-UP 10:14 PM

Sam: So the black stuff outside is presumed to be antifreeze. Sorry it smells bad.

Chrissy: It's not antifreeze but it prevents the snow from sticking.

Sam: So yeah, it's there for your safety. The other Follow-Up is that the handicap button on the second floor of the SUB by the MPR is fixed!

STUDENT CONCERNS 10:14 PM

If you have general concerns for things going on campus wide (something's broken, wrong, can be improved), 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@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu.

OPEN FLOOR 10:15 PM

Deyo: On Tuesday, February 19th we're having a Make Your Own Edible Arrangement program after Valentine's day at 8 PM in the main lounge.

Dubois: Dubois is having a Be Your Own Bae program, it's a self care program on the 13th, we have bubble wrap, ice cream, it'll be great. It's at 9 PM in the main lounge.

Marissa: So I'm running a few fun things this semester, programming committee, we meet Mondays at 6 ish, you can be behind the scenes of bigger programs. It's also not too late to join the bowling team. It's a

fun way to meet people, it'll be some friendly competition. Finally, KFC/Yearbook Committee will be starting soon, so come up to me after the meeting.

Emma Ryan: Want to hear a joke about paper? No it's tearable! If you want jokes way better than the one I just read off the internet, come to TBA improv's first show of the semester tomorrow in Bliss at 7 PM.

Also come to the first audition in LC 108 on Wednesday at 8 PM.

Sam: Please throw out your garbage after the meeting. Also there's a program called SUNY's Got Your Back, it's on February 27th from 1-4 PM, you can pop in, we'll be stuffing backpacks for domestic abuse shelters. You can also get volunteer hours. Also somebody special is going to be Hugo the Hawk.

Dubois: What's the Date?

Sam: February 27th from 1-4 PM.

Sam: Also remember the 1st College Council meeting? Well if you attended, there's a second college council meeting where they'll be voting on the issue. It'll be on Thursday February 21st, you should go, there probably will not be an open forum this time but if you feel strongly about it in either direction you should go and show your support because it could lean the vote.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:18 PM

We gave Molly a scarf and we are sending her to Capen!!!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK : PM 10:19 PM

"Be happy with being you. Love your flaws. Own your quirks. And know that you are just as perfect as anyone else, exactly as you are." -The Queen, Ariana Grande

ADJOURNMENT 10:20 PM

Motion to Adjourn Meeting Until Next Week: Clare
Second: Jules

Next Meeting in SUB 6263

