

**RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: 11/26/2018

Location: Bliss Hall

CALL TO ORDER 9:02 PM

Hey everyone, so before we start the mystery activity today, I'd like it if you all remember how many people and shirts you have.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:03 PM

Sit next to someone who has same favorite thanksgiving food as you for the rest of the meeting!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:04 PM

HALL NAME	NUMBER PRESENT	SHIRTS	CONFERENCE SHIRTS	HALL REPORT
BEVIER	1	0	0	Discussed what's going on in hall and end of semester programs
BLISS	9	1	0	No meeting
BOUTON	2	1	0	No meeting
CAPEN	3	1	0	No meeting
COLLANG O	4	1	3	Discussed Programs
CRISPELL	3	1	0	No meeting
DEYO	3	2	0	No meeting
DUBOIS	2	2	0	Discussed Programs
ESOPUS	5	2	1	Talked about Hall Gov Bonding and the budget
GAGE	1	0	0	No meeting
LEFEVRE	3	2	1	No meeting
LENAPE	4	0	0	Elected a new treasurer and AC representative and discussed open mic program
RIDGEVIEW	9	7	0	Discussed Programs and talked about custodial appreciation day
SCUDDER	2	2	0	No meeting

NRHH 9:06 PM

No Report this week, stay tuned for next week!

SUSTAINABILITY 9:06 PM

Sam: The sustainability representative isn't here this week but I'm going to list your gallons of water per person so you know how it's going.

Bevier-Broken Water Meter, We're sorry!

Bliss-37.59

Bouton-27.49

Capen-32.17

Collango-38.93

Crispell-36.92

Deyo-33.68

Dubois-31.03

Esopus-Broken Water Meter, We're sorry!

Gage-33.19

Lefevre-28.56

Lenape-36.81

Ridgeview-40.43

Scudder-Broken Water Meter, We're sorry!

Sam: That is your sustainability update, I am your sustainability ambassador and it's nice to be here everybody!

SENATE 9:08 PM

Sam: I don't see anyone here from Senate but I believe their elections are coming up and so is the survey for spring fest! Tune in next week for a senate report.

OLD BUSINESS 9:09 PM

Motion to Open: Ridgeview

Second: Scudder

NCC

Hey everyone, (hey what), So as I said I'm sick, so I don't want to yell. Applications for SLC are due Friday, that's it. Apply to conference, apply apply apply it's a lot of fun.

Historian

Okay so send a photo by next Monday. Your best most creative photo of your hall gov will win GFPs. So yeah, that's due Monday so if you want a chance to win more GFPs before the end of the semester and get your points up, send those in through any social media except for twitter.

Clare: Is myspace acceptable?

Marissa: No, you can send them to us on Instagram, Remind, Facebook, Snapchat, or email. Also the Social Media challenges are back, we had one today, Crispell got in First place, Capen got in Second place, and Deyo got in Third place.

CCC

Hey guys, so the deadline to hand in PUP sheets is on December 5th at 6 PM so make sure you hand those in so I can add the points up. Have a great day!

Motion to Close: Collango
Second: Esopus

NEW BUSINESS 9:11 PM

Motion to Open: Dubois
Second: Deyo

Palisades Mall Trip

So the Palisades Mall trip is on December 1st, meet at 9:30 AM at Route 32, we still have about 60 spots left so if you have \$5 you can come to our office hours, come to us after the meeting, stop us in the halls, you can reserve a spot. We'll leave at 9:30 AM and leave the Palisades around 5:30 PM so we'll be back by 6:00 PM.

Esopus: Is there somewhere we can venmo?

Jules: No.

Ridgeview: If I want to bring a guest can they come?

Sam: Yeah you can sign them up.

Ridgeview: What if they don't go here? Can I still sign them up?

Sam: Our priority is to our residents so if you come to us the day of and see if we have any leftover spots it should be fine but we want to give residents an opportunity to sign up first.

Jules: Also it's going to be candle day at Bath and Body Works, I don't know if that means anything to you but you can get 3 Wick Candles for \$10.00 so go get your candles!

Shayna: But don't bring them into the halls.

Disney BUZZ Self Care Night

Mark your calendars, on December 7th from 7:30-9 PM we're having a self care fair in Bevier Hall! It's in the main lounge and we'll have Hooked on Stitches, Music Therapy Club, Programming Committee, UPC, NRHH, and Project Heal doing self care things. Stop by December 7th please, thanks!

Sam: Happy Juan Appreciation Day

Banquet

Hi guys, so if you saw in your folders, there are banquet sign up sheets in there. If you could get them back to me as soon as possible it'd be awesome, especially if you tend to have a bigger hall gov. You guys each get 10 seats but if you need more we can accommodate more, but only if you let us know soon.

Juan: Lenape's Hall Gov decided to do it late and it was not good because we had like 20 people so please get it in on time, you don't want to be awkwardly nagging Jules for more seats.

Jules: I'm not going to do it.

Clare: I almost had to sit on the floor last year, if you don't sign up you don't get a seat. I might give you my seat but only if I like you.

Nominations

If you're nominating somebody make sure you use their full name.

Motion to Open Nominations: Scudder

Second: Bliss

Sam: I'm going to do an example of a nomination now.

Sam: I nominate Pharez J. Varlack for NCC.

Jules: Second

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

Pharez: Table.

Pharez: So your options when you get nominated are accept, table, and decline. Table is when you push off your decision until the next meeting so if the deadline is next week you can table until then.

Esopus: I nominate Serena Cruz for NCC.

Collango: Second.

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

Serena: I accept.

Collango: I nominate James Weaver for NCC.

Dubois: Second.

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

James: I accept.

Esopus: I nominate Joseph Beccalori for NCC.

Scudder: Second.

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

Joseph: I accept.

Ridgeview: I nominate Jordan Hennix for NCC.

Bouton: Second

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

Jordan: I accept.

Bliss: I nominate Emely Jorge for NCC.

Esopus: Second

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

Emily: I accept.

Ridgeview: I nominate Matthew Orlander for NCC.

Collango: Second.

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

Matthew: I table.

Motion to Table Nominations Until Next Week: Esopus

Second: Deyo

Sam: The new application will be on the website by this Friday, please do not fill out the old application. NCC Applications will be due January 28th at the first AC meeting of the semester. Any questions should be directed at Pharez and previous NCCs such as Brandon Knowles, Mike Hebert, and Mario Cortes Mendoza. Questions about general responsibilities can be posed to any of us at our office hours which are on our website and posted on our door in Capen B16.

Jules: When you say applications are due January 28th, what do you have to bring?

Sam: They have to bring 15 applications with the questions and answers on it. One for the Executive Board and 14 for the halls. Then you will have one candidate form for the E-Board. That will have GPA, year, signature, etc on it. Then you will have 15 Resumes, 14 for the halls one for us.

Marissa: Where can you find this?

Sam: It will be on our website newpaltz.edu/rhsa under forms.

Sarah: Don't you need your transcripts?

Sam: Yeah 14 of those.

Sarah: No just one for the E-Board.

Jules: So to clarify, **ONE candidate form, ONE unofficial transcript, 15 applications, and 15 resumes.**

Sam: It's a lot of stuff, sorry about that.

Ridgeview: Is that going to be on the website?

Sam: Yeah it is.

Jules: It'll be in the minutes too.

Clare: You also have a few more weeks in the semester to come visit any of us at our office hours to ask us more questions about the specifics of the elections, the nominations, stuff like that. Our office hours are on our website and they're listed on the door so come talk to us if you have any questions. Come ask us, there's so many different ways to find out.

Sam: And on the website it's <https://www2.newpaltz.edu/rhsa/resources/elections/> . It's where all the information you'll need will be.

Collango: Are any other applications due that day?

Sam: No, just NCC. We will open all of the others at that meeting. Any other questions?

Motion to Close: Esopus

Second: Capen

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:24 PM

Palisades Mall Trip, December 1st, 9:30 AM Lot 32

Disney BUZZ Self Care Night, December 7th, Bevier Hall, 7:30 PM

Banquet, December 10th, SUB MPR, 8 PM

HALL CONCERNS 9:24 PM

If there's something going on in your Hall that you've already talked to your RAs and RD about, you've waited for something to happen and nothing has been done, this is your time to tell us.

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:24 PM

If you have general concerns for things going on campus wide, something's broken, wrong, can be improved, administration concerns, etc., this is your moment to tell us so we can relay the information to 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.

Collango: The obnoxious smell going to hasbrouck?

Sam: Do you mean the gunk smell? Or the bathroom?

Collango: Both, walking to Has and the obnoxious smell.

Juan: So it's environmental. Chrissy brought it up last week, the bushes are deteriorating and it creates a rotting smell and we can't do anything about it, it's an ecological thing I'm sorry for the inconvenience.

Clare: The bathroom just kind of smells bad and it's been brought up before.

Sam: In regards to the bathroom, I feel like they've been cleaning it but nothing changes so I think they are going to look into structural stuff because it doesn't go away.

Esopus: I brought it up in the beginning of the year because it smelled like vomit. Now it doesn't smell like vomit it just smells weird. They did something but not a good thing. It doesn't smell like cleaning supplies it just smells weird. Just walk in, smell it.

Clare: Excuse me guys I'll be right back.

Sam: Well I'll keep you updated. Hopefully it goes away.

Capen: I have a concern with a lot of the accessibility buttons. The one I tried to get fixed last year is the one to CSB by the greenhouse. There's two doors but only one button. It should be fixed.

Sam: I have information about that. At the beginning of the semester somebody brought it up and I emailed the DRC and they said that there wasn't a button there, but I said there was so they sent somebody out there who checked and was like "yup, there's a button there". It shouldn't be there so as of the last time I heard from them they were going to fully remove the button because the accessible entrance is supposed to be around the back, or they're going to add a button for it. I'll keep you guys updated.

Collango: Two things on signing up for classes. I brought this up last year but I'm bringing it up again because a lot of people have complained to me about it. Course descriptions say the same thing for all of the color courses but you learn completely different things depending on which section you choose. It's really bad for students because you may want to take the one that pertains to you but you end up in a completely different class and it confuses the hell out of people and it's not helpful. Courses should not be described as the same thing if they're not the same thing.

Sam: So I was in contact with the Registrar and the Academic Provost and they told me two things. One, if I could get specific class names then that could help fix it, and two, to tell students to go to the Deans of the specific departments to ask if they could get the specific professors to fix it. So if you could tell me the names of classes I can email the registrar, and if you still aren't finding any changes being made, and I would just advise this anyway is just going to the Dean of the specific department and talking to them about it.

Collango: I will talk more to people about it, but the class that I had a specific problem with was Foundation of Color.

Sam: Do you have a specific professor?

Collango: The one that I didn't like but other people may have liked is Jim Faucett. His course doesn't have anything to do with painting, you end up on the computer and photoshop a lot and I'm a photography major so I don't need that. I needed painting so I would've just taken the professor that was painting.

Pharez: That's terrible and you shouldn't have to go through it at all, but something you could do is ask other students in the major which professors teach each class to make sure it's the right one. Like it shouldn't be happening but you could do that.

Collango: Sometimes the professor is listed as TBD though.

Bouton: I'm a freshman and I'm in color and right now they have half a semester in additive color and half a semester in subtractive color so we're learning both.

Collango: In all of them?

Bouton: Yeah. I have both professors right now.

Ridgeview: Another way to prevent it from happening is by filling it out in the comment section of your SEIs that they should update the class description.

Sam: So in your SEIs if you're not happy with the class description you should put it in the comment section so the professor can see it and change it for the future.

Clare: Very specific professors that had very different courses were Jim Faucett and Tom Sarantonio for color. He's retired now so it doesn't matter but my roommate was in one class and I was in Tom's and we were doing such aggressively different things so while I was painting landscapes she was doing animations.

Ridgeview: My major is computer science and all of the classes are at 8:30 AM. There's no other options so a lot of people are going to fail it because they can't wake up that early.

Sam: So the specific concern is that all of the computer science classes are 8:30 or 9:30.

Crispell: I know for the computer science program, I'm in electrical engineering and a lot of the engineering professors teach classes for computer science so they'd do 8:30 AM classes so they can teach more classes later on, so I know one professor who teaches 5 classes a day so they can't really avoid it because they have to start their days early so they can teach more classes.

Collango: So we need more professors in that department.

Pharez: With computer science, I know specifically because I'm a computer science major and most if not all of the classes are in the morning because we have labs and that's just sort of how it is and how the department runs. The department may need work but it is what it is right now we can't do much about it.

Ridgeview: Do you know who is able to see SEIs, is it just the professor or do the department heads get to see them because I have a professor that admits that she looks at them on her computer and completely ignores all of the comments. She's not a good professor so she definitely gets the same comments over and over again and she isn't changing anything. Is there anything that can be done about that?

Sam: I feel like once again, and I'm not entirely sure, I can find out for you where the results go, but I think the heads of departments and professors get them. In regards to them not reading the comments even though they're performing poorly, I think that's something that's important to bring up to the head of the department individually yourself, if you're comfortable with that. Or even the Dean because if something's not getting done then that's the best way to address it.

Collango: So the head of the department as well as the professors get it. The professors are supposed to actually read them all and learn from them but the head of the departments only really scan them for red flags, kind of. They don't actually read them all so if you really want something to be done you have to directly tell the head of the department. It's just too many students.

Sam: If going to the department head isn't doing anything that's when I'd advise moving up the rung and going to the Dean and see how things go from there.

Collango: The other concern I had was ASL courses, last year I had a lot of people working to get it counted as a foreign language for everyone but the problem is that we don't have enough professors so it's still only for majors and minors, and if they're lucky they can open up one more section for anybody else. I went to the department and they said they need more professors if they ever want to do it. I don't know who to go to for that.

Ridgeview: The theater department for example, there's no seats available in some classes and it's making people graduate later than they should and it's a problem because there's only one class with seats for 30 students when there's more that need to take it.

Sam: At least for students that need to graduate they can go to Records and Registration and they'll make accommodations for you so you can graduate.

Collango: They can only do that so many times before it's literally too many people though.

Sam: But they can find something separate that'll fill the requirement for them.

Clare: That's for if you have one class you need to graduate but if there's a class that a lot of students are trying to get into and there is only one, you can go and talk to someone because they can open another section of it for you. That's something to bring up to the head of the department.

Deyo: Are you trying to get into ASL 3?

Collango: No, it's ASL one. I recently just got a crazy override into the class.

Deyo: That's what happened to ASL 3, there were only 2 sections and the only teacher for that class, she's great but if you go up to her and tell her your problem she'll actually tell you to come into another class at the class time and if there's enough seats she'll add you to the section.

Collango: Yeah, I've talked to the people and they say they really need more staff but they don't hire anybody.

Deyo: The Com Dis major is a growing department and if you talk to the head of the department they usually try to make accommodations for you.

Lenape: So I'm a communication disorder major and sign is basically a requirement and it's a SUNY wide problem because the SUNY system as a whole just recognized ASL as a foreign language so I think this is bigger than just New Paltz. And I agree with you, it's great that more people want to take it but it's our requirement to graduate on time.

Collango: Yeah, I don't think they should change it so anyone can go in right away, majors obviously need it but they need more staff to accommodate this.

Lenape: They just need time.

Deyo: They did just hire a new professor.

Capen: In reference to a previous comment, if you need to get into a class, even if it says it's full, lots of times administration knows it's going to fill up so they hold seats for people that can't get in that need to take it. Fight your way into the class.

Sam: In regards to lack of professors, I think a lot of it is a lack of funding that the school doesn't have so I'll reach out to them about hiring new professors. I'll get back to you by next week hopefully.

OPEN FLOOR 9:42 PM

If you have any stuff about your personal clubs and organizations, stuff going on in New Paltz, Hall Gobs, etc. this is your time to tell us!!!

Thomas (Collango): Hey guys, it's your boi, TommaWammaDingDong. I only have 2 more programs scheduled. One is my in house where we're going to be deciding my wing theme for the semester. We're going to see what the people want. Spread the word. Let me know what you think. Other than that, next Wednesday me and RA Pat are doing a collaborative Mario Kart Tournament. It'll be in the kitchen at 9 PM. It'll be 8 Deluxe so sorry to all of you Double Dash Fans. Those are my last 2 programs thank you guys for having me.

Sam: Let's give him a round of applause.

Ridgeview: On Wednesday at 8 PM we have a poetry slam, on Thursday we're having Cocoa with Chris at 8 PM, and next week on December 4th at 9 PM we're having a craft night to decorate our doors.

Sarah: Point of Information what is the Wednesday night program again?

Ridgeview: Poetry Slam.

Jules: Project Heal is having a Trivia Night this Thursday in SUB 416 at 7 PM there will be all sorts of random trivia so come hang out it'll be cool!

Dubois: Next Monday our SRA is doing The Office Trivia at 8 PM.

Lenape: On Thursday night in Lenape at 9 PM we're having an open mic night.

Jules: Programming committee's Secret Snowflake program is going on now so go check out the snowflakes, take one, buy a gift it'll be fun. I picked two, come join me!

Clare: Point of information, where in the SUB are they hanging up?

Jules: They're on the window by 209.

Marissa: KFC is meeting tomorrow at 8:30 PM, come through even though there's no food. It's going to be in the RHSA office come chill!

Ridgeview: On December 7th, 8th, and 9th there's going to be a performance of the Most Fabulous Story Ever Told, it's run by students for students and instead of being Adam and Eve it's going to be Adam and Steve. It's in Parker Theater at 8 PM.

Sam: If you guys came to my wedding program, stay tuned for my divorce program where Puja and I are getting divorced!

Clare: I'm going to throw some lowkey shade right now, please take your stuff out of your folder, hall that I left a subtle note to...I make posters, in fact that one I spent my own printing dollars on and I saw it left in the folder and cried so take your posters, please and thank you or I'll cry again.

Marissa: Really quick, sign up for banquet it's really fun. Also make sure you tell your hall gov because we're going to have free food and hang out because we appreciate you and it's like the last hurrah of the semester.

Sam: It's catered and there are awards you should come.

Juan: If you signed up please come.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:48 PM

Bouton: We put a cape on Molly and we're giving her to Bliss!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:49 PM

"There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long-range risks of comfortable inaction." -JFK

ADJOURNMENT 9:50 PM

Motion to Adjourn Until Next Week: Bliss

Second: Bouton

Next Meeting in Bouton Hall!

