

**RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: 12/3/2018

Location: Bouton Hall

CALL TO ORDER 9:01 PM

Hey everyone, Hi, welcome back to our what's technically our last hall meeting of the semester...We're almost done, yeah!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:02 PM

Today Marissa is going to run the Mystery Activity! Happy Marissa Appreciation Day! Every day is Marissa Appreciation Day.

Sam: What's the mystery activity Marissa?

Marissa: We're going to do the mannequin challenge it'll take a minute and you should stand as still as you can, even when I pass you because I'm going to turn back around. Everyone can get themselves into a pose now.

Sam: Do something fun! Also make a path for Marissa!

Marissa: Get into a really funny pose, this is going on the facebook! Stay totally frozen! I'm going to slowly get to everyone in 2 minutes.

Clare: Make sure there's a very clear path!

Marissa: Alright we're done!

Sam: Everyone give yourselves a round of applause you did it!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:07 PM

HALL NAME	NUMBER PRESENT	SHIRTS	CONFERENCE SHIRTS	HALL REPORT
BEVIER	1	0	0	Discussed Programs
BLISS	1	0	0	Discussed RA Appreciation Day and Custodial Appreciation Day and programs
BOUTON	22	17	0	Discussed Programs
CAPEN	5	0	0	Discussed Programs
COLLANG O	4	1	3	Discussed future events for next semester and held a hall gov hot seat
CRISPELL	1	1	0	Discussed Programs
DEYO	3	2	0	Discussed Programs
DUBOIS	4	4	0	Discussed events and their Secret Santa
ESOPUS	14	12	2	Elected a new president this week, it's Vicki!

GAGE	0	0	0	
LEFEVRE	4	2	1	Discussed last week of programming and hall gov bonding
LENAPE	4	2	0	Hosted Open Mic event
RIDGEVIEW	7	7	0	Talked about programs, collaboration with Lenape, and Secret Snowflake
SCUDDER	4	2	0	Discussed Custodial Appreciation Day!

NRHH 9:10 PM

Hi everyone, no updates this week but you're all awesome, see you all next semester!

SUSTAINABILITY 9:11 PM

See you at banquet Sustainability!

SENATE 9:11 PM

Seeing none, see you next meeting Senate!

OLD BUSINESS 9:11 PM

Motion to Open: Bliss

Second: Capen

Palisades/ Crossgate Mall Trip

Hey guys, so we went to Crossgate this weekend, because the Palisades has the measles, but none of us have the measles now, so let's hear it for Crossgates!!! I hope you all had a fun time, it was fun hanging out with you guys, I made a stuffed Eevee at Build a Bear. It was a good weekend. Thanks guys for coming!

Historian

Hey, so the last social media challenge was posted today on the instagram, so 1st place goes to Ridgeview, 2nd Bouton, 3rd Bliss, and for those of you who want to know what it was, it was the guy from Jimmy Neutron, it was the professor and I asked what his full name was and the answer was Professor Finbarr Calamitous. Okay, so that was the first thing. Second thing, as you guys know, throughout this semester you've seen me taking pictures, and you're probably like why is this girl taking pictures and where are they going? I've gotten asked that a few times. The answer is, those pictures are all on the Facebook! Every single one of them! You can find them and save them yourself. They're on the Facebook, just search up Residence Hall Student Association and all of those pictures are there.

Esopus: Did you guys pick a winner for the photo challenge yet?

Marissa: No, I got four of those. It was due today so if you want to get some GFPs you should send them by 11:59 PM today, I think we'll accept them by 11:59.

Sam: How generous of you Marissa.

Sam: Next up can I get a motion?

Sarah: No, not yet! PR and CCC.

Esopus: Esopus moves to--
Sam: Oh, next up is PR, sorry.
Clare: He tricked you.

Public Relations

So I'm back and better than ever! Like I've said in the past, please make sure you take your stuff. I found a banquet sign up form in one of the folders, that's rough because those are due today. If you didn't hand in some sort of sheet this make sure you fill it out now and hand it in after the meeting, otherwise we're gonna fire you. Just kidding but make sure you turn it in and always take everything out of your folders! You took the posters so I don't know why you didn't also take that.

CCC

PUP sheets are due Wednesday so get them in! Have a good day!

Jules: What time Wednesday?

Alexa: 6 PM Wednesday! No late submissions will be accepted!

Sam: Thanks Alexa! Now can I have the realest motion to close?

Motion to Close: Esopus
Second: Deyo

NEW BUSINESS 9:15 PM

Motion to Open: Scudder
Second: Ridgeview

Disney BUZZ Self Care Night

Hi everyone, so clear your Fridays between 7:30 and 9 PM and meet us in Bevier Main Lounge because that's when BUZZ Self Care Night is!! This Friday, and you get to draw on Clare. That's not the only thing, there will be Yoga, knitting, uh, noda, um YOGA, knitting, Music Therapy, and Project Heal. So yeah!! Come on December 7th at 7:30 PM in Bev. Now I'm done talking.

Marissa: Hey Juan, what do the shirts look like?

Juan: The shirts look like what Marissa and Alexa have on now!

Marissa: I'm glad you asked.

Clare: IS THAT HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AND KEVIN FROM UP?!

Esopus: Point of Privilege could you speak louder?

Pharez: Point of Personal Privilege.

Esopus: Point of Personal Privilege could you speak a little bit louder?

Sam: Juan yell all of that again.

Juan: *(yelling)* DECEMBER 7th, BUZZ SELF CARE 7:30 MAIN LOUNGE. THERE WILL BE YOGA *(voice cracks)*, HOOKED ON STITCHES WILL BE THERE, MUSIC THERAPY, PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE, NRHH, AND PROJECT HEAL! BE THERE OR BE SQUARE! AND THE SHIRTS ARE WHAT MARISSA AND ALEXA ARE WEARING! IT'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AND UP!

Sam: Yeah Juan!!!

(a round of applause for Juan)

Sam: Hey everyone, (*hey what*), before we move onto the next agenda item, I'd just like to apologize. Finals are coming up and we're all sleep deprived.

Juan: Retweet.

Sam: We're trying our best.

Juan: That's why you should come to self care night!!

Care Packages

Marissa: Okay we're doing what we did last time, we're giving out the care packages for you to bring back to your buildings, so you can give it to your RAs. If you want to deliver them yourself you can but you can just give them to your RAs if you don't.

Banquet

Hey guys, so Banquet is coming up next week, that's really exciting. It's Fairy Tale themed, people are signing up to go. We're all excited, we hope you're excited. We're all going to be looking nice we hope you're all looking nice. Please hand in your sign up forms. Please. Those were due tonight. If you have them you should give them to me after the meeting. That would be fantastic. If you don't, I will take it before Wednesday night at 11:59. You can slip them under the office door, and if you don't hand them to me you won't have seats at banquet. So I'd recommend that one. So I'll see you guys on Monday!

Sam: Free Food!

Jules: Yeah Free Food!

Nominations

Sam: Matthew Orlander, you have tabled for NCC. Do you accept, table, or decline?

Matthew: I humbly decline.

Motion to Open Nominations for NCC: Capen

Second: Bliss

Ridgeview: I nominate Shawn Minter for NCC.

Scudder: Second

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

Shawn: I table.

Capen: I nominate Vishesh Patel for NCC.

Ridgeview: Second

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

Vishesh: I accept.

Esopus: I nominate Kendall Leggett for NCC.

Capen: Second

Sam: Kendall, do you accept, table, or decline this nomination?

Kendall: I table.

Ridgeview: We nominate Sam Halligan for NCC

Bliss: Second

Sam: Table.

Esopus: I nominate Marissa Richman for NCC.

Lefevre: Second

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

Marissa: I decline, I'm hopefully graduating.

(Round of applause)

Collango: I nominate Clare Del Grosso for NCC.

Bliss: Second

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

Clare: I table.

Ridgeview: I nominate Thomas from Collango for NCC.

Collango: Second

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

Thomas: Table.

Motion to Table Nominations Until Next Week: Esopus

Second: Collango

Sam: Okay, the new application is on the website with the candidate form. NCC applications will be due January 28th with 15 copies of your applications with attached resumes and one candidate form as well as one copy of your unofficial transcript. Any questions should be directed at Pharez and previous NCCs. Questions about general responsibilities can be posed to any of us at office hours which are on our website and posted on our door in Capen B16.

Motion to Close: Bouton

Second: Bevier

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:29 PM

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

Banquet, December 10th, SUB MPR, 8 PM

HALL CONCERNS 9:29 PM

If there's something going on in your Hall that you've already talked to your RAs and RD about, I will take that now.

Esopus: I think this was mentioned before but card services is not open on the weekends and my card just stopped working at 8 PM on Friday night, it wouldn't even blink on the door so I had to wait all weekend to get a new card.

Juan: I'm not entirely sure if this is accurate but I think there are a lot of issues with the black boxes on campus, so the things that scan your card, in which case you should talk to your RA and they'll contact facilities, and they should come and help you open it up as well as fixing it.

Esopus: It was the key because none of the readers on campus would read the card unless I swiped for food, so the magnetic strip worked but the chip inside didn't.

Ridgeview: In reference to that, it happened to me Freshman year, if you have your card behind your phone it deactivates the card. It happened to me twice and it happened to my friend in Bliss on Saturday.
Sam: I'll talk to card services to see if they'll open on the weekends but the issue is they're employees as well so having them come in over the weekend would be really hard and we'd need to give them more pay.

Marissa: I don't know if this is the answer, nor is it a good thing, but in some schools they have real keys to get in and it would stop the electronic problem. I asked my friend how his key opened the lounge and apparently they have special keys that everyone can open the main lounges in their halls, but only they can open their room door. It's one singular key, so maybe we could have cards and regular keys.

Clare: In reference to a previous comment, if we have that, we can be like Zoey 101 where you get to tie your key around your neck so you don't lose it.

Sam: In reference to both of those comments, New Paltz actually had a key system a few years ago, Cam was here for it, but they moved away from that system because of ease of access with electronics, they thought this system would be better, however I can talk to administration to see if they'd like to move back to it, however because of the expense of getting all of the card scanners I seriously doubt it.

Jules: Also, if you lose your key you can't deactivate it so someone can get into your room unless they change your locks.

Juan: Also it would cost a lot of money to replace one key because they'd have to install a new lock instead of just deactivating your card. But definitely tell your RA if that happens again.

Esopus: Yeah, they gave me a new card for free because it just got deactivated but it was annoying to wait all weekend.

Sam: I'll look into it though.

STUDENT CONCERNS FOLLOW-UP 9:33 PM

Sam: First, the issue with hiring professors is unfortunately a budget issue and there's not much we can do about it right now but we are looking into more options for the future and we will get back to you on that. Second, is the Hasbrouck Girl's bathroom better?

Esopus: It didn't smell bad, it smelt like nothing actual, so pretty good.

Sam: So we fixed it, yeah!!! Cool. That's all for follow-ups this week.

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:34 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 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.

Jules: Is there any way where we'd be able to change where students can be able to call facilities about Residence Hall issues? So we can call facilities as a Resident and not just as an RA.

Cam: You can call them.

Jules: They won't take requests from Non-RAs.

Cam: Wait so what's the question?

Jule: If that's a possible change for emergency situations?

Cam: That's tricky but there should always be a director available that you can email during the day and an RA you can go to at night though.

Sam: In reference to that comment as well, facilities was really totally against me going to them for regular concerns on campus so getting regular students is probably going to be even more hard so I don't think they'd be willing to change that.

Esopus: So what's the deal with the 11:00 sign in, with the keys? Is there any way we could even change it to 11:15 or 11:30 because I get out of work and I work in Poughkeepsie and don't make it in time, it's always like 10 or 15 minutes and I feel like a 15 or 30 minute push would kind of help and I feel like it's not a big enough amount of time that's if there were a killer, it wouldn't give them enough time to get in and fight everybody...

Sam: Oh my.

Esopus: I'm guessing that's why they have that.

Cam: The front door's always open in every building no matter what.

Esopus: Depending on your hall you may have to go all the way around to the front and sometimes that may be more unsafe than just having 15 or 20 minutes extra access.

Cam: It's also equally unsafe to just let all of the doors have access to be open, so that the Night Hosts can't see who's coming in through the back doors and side doors.

Esopus: Isn't the RA still on duty at that time?

Cam: Most RA offices are by the front door.

Capen: If Night Hosts don't go on until midnight, I know sometimes they get there early but technically they're not on until midnight, so would there be the possibility that the side door closes when the Night Hosts start? Because RAs end at midnight when the Night Hosts start, so why wouldn't the doors close when the Night Hosts start?

Sarah: The Night Hosts have to go on the round before midnight so I think it needs time for the Night Hosts to go around and make sure the doors aren't propped open as well.

Marissa: But at the same time, that also shouldn't take an hour, I feel like that half hour would be helpful. I live in Lefevre and I also get back after 11 and to walk around to Lefevre I'm also scared of deer. And when I have to walk around and there are mad deer, I just feel like that extra half hour could be possible. I don't think it'd be too much to ask for and I think it would help a lot.

Clare: If I could say, especially about Lefevre, I'm pretty sure that all of the pathways to any of the main entrances of any of the buildings are well lit and safe. I know Lefevre used to be really uncomfortable to try to get in after 11 while we had the construction but now we don't, we have the nice well lit stairs area that goes to the front and it's inconvenient, but it is a safety thing. It's a few extra minutes of walking but it could be a matter of somebody getting into the building that we don't want to be there.

Sam: For now, for this issue at least, I'll look into it and contact card services and Residence Life about maybe getting the time changed however due to safety concerns I'm not sure if they'd be willing to do so. I'll get back to you next meeting on this if I can.

Esopus: If there's even a way to prove that you work off campus with the commute time, maybe you could get it stamped and come in 20 minutes late.

Sam: I'll look into that as an alternative as well.

Lenape: Is there any way we can try to get public transportation into the mountains?

Sam: Point of Personal Privilege can you speak up? Sorry.

Lenape: Is there any way we can get public transportation into the mountains?

Sam: That's interesting. I can definitely look into that for you.

Juan: You can also look into it with SA, because they fund the Loop so you can see if the Loop could also transport you into the mountains.

Clare: When are SA meetings?

Juan: If you want to go to the SA meetings they are on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Sam: I can look into that but you can also do Zip Cars or get a taxi, but you don't want to pay for that.

Ridgeview: I emailed a picture to the RHSA email but at the SUB on Friday I tripped on a step, and there's an entire step that's loose. I emailed the picture.

Sarah: Where they're doing the construction between Bouton and College-Shango, there's a fence going around it, but today they moved the fence so that it does not block off half of the giant gaping hole in the

ground, and it's really dangerous if someone's not paying attention they will fall 6 feet. It's just a hole. I'll send a picture but there's a gaping hole and it's not okay.

Sam: And in reference to the loose step, that's a really good picture you sent. It's what we're looking for. There's a zoomed out picture and a zoomed in picture. FOC can work with that.

Bliss: I don't know if it's a concern but one of the back doors from Bliss Hall, they replaced it because there was a problem with it and now it's difficult to open because the door's heavy as hell. When I say it's heavy, it's HEAVY. And I know for some people it's difficult to open because not everyone has muscular strength and sometimes it's difficult to open the door and get into your hall, especially when it's cold out. Is there anyway we can fix it? Some oil on the door I don't know.

Juan: I can confirm, I don't think it's heavy but you push it open and it stops. I don't know what's wrong with it but it's the door between Bliss and Starbucks.

Sam: I can look into making the door lighter for you.

Bliss: It's not for me, I've just seen people having problems with it.

Collango: There's no trash cans on campus.

Sam: In reference to a previous meeting, so a couple weeks ago I brought back information from Prescab where we said, "Hey, there's not enough trash cans" and Prescab got back to us saying they think there's enough, they're just nicely spaced out. They also had issues moving them from the front of halls onto the pavement because it's an issue for snow clearance. Is there a specific location where you think there's a lack of trash cans? If you shoot them to me now I can see if I can get something done.

Collango: I think from the walk back from Has to the SUB there's not enough.

Sam: Is there a specific location where you're trying to get a trash can implemented?

Esopus: From Esopus to the gym there's none, so somewhere in the middle?

Juan: There actually is one there, it's right on the gym side where the roads meet. And as Sam mentioned, when the snow comes it's an issue.

Clare: Is there a reason why they can't put it on the grass?

Sarah: I'm assuming it's for lawn care? When they're on the lawnmowers.

Sam: So use the trashes right outside of the Residence Halls, and usually on the online campus map there should be visuals of trash cans. But let us know if there's a specific location where there is not a trash can within 50 feet you can get that to us now.

Ridgeview: So there was the email sent out from the Merit thing about how long you've been in Hall Gov and I'm trans, and my preferred name change has gone through since I've been here but it showed up with a list of hall gov members, and when I looked it had my dead name on it, and even when i changed my name on the website it stayed the same so I ended up just having to delete the account because I didn't know what else to do but I don't know if there's anything we can do about that? I was really really upset about it.

Sam: So I don't exactly know who administrates the Merit pages but I know it's linked to the school so I'm contacting IT and I'm going to contact Emma Marcone to make sure we can fix that.

OPEN FLOOR 9:47 PM

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

Jules: Don't forget to give me your banquet sign up forms, please.

Ridgeview: This Saturday the Queens and Kings of New Paltz is doing our last on campus drag show called the HoliGay Spectacular. It's a Christmas Drag show and the doors open at 8 PM and the show starts at 8:30, it's at SUB 100N, this Saturday December 8th. Come through and we have a suggested

donation if you want to give one to the Newburgh LGBTQ center so we're raising money for them, it's this Saturday in SUB 100N.

Esopus: Tomorrow Night we're hosting a Polar Express Movie Night with hot chocolate in Esopus Hall, it's at 9 PM.

Bliss: So on Thursday, we know that finals are coming up and and RA in Bliss is organizing a painting event on Thursday at 8 PM to release stress, it's in Bliss Hall's main lounge. Drop by it'll be fun. You'll feel very well afterwards.

Marissa: So as you know, I've had this committee for a few weeks and we're going to show off our really cool New Paltz Collage at the Banquet and it looks amazing, we've been trying really hard to incorporate every hall into it so it'll be really cool, make sure you're at the banquet so you can take a look. We're also looking into getting it hung up somewhere like at the SUB because it's THAT official and it looks great. Make sure you come to banquet and check it out.

Lefevre: I'm not Bouton but Lefevre will be collab-ing with Bouton.

Bouton: Hi, so obviously we're collab-ing with Lefevre. It's this Thursday at 8 PM we're doing Karaoke and it's right here in the main lounge so don't forget!

Clare: Hi guys, so tomorrow night UPC is hosting a laser tag event in the MPR, which is I think really really cool. We have someone bringing in laser tag equipment and stuff like that, that'll be going on from 6-10 in the MPR tomorrow night come between those hours it's teams of 7 so if you want to come with your teams set up you can or you can come and we'll help you get a tem together. It's going to be really really cool, we are hoping to see a lot of you there because it's going to be a Crazy Cool event. It's all going to be in the MPR. If you want to see the MPR as a full blown laser tag arena come through.

Ridgeview: Tomorrow at 9:00 PM we have a craft night, Wednesday at 8 PM we have Christmas Karaoke, on Thursday at 8:30 PM we have a talent show. You guys should show up.

Jules: If you guys participated in the secret snowflake program and are going to be purchasing presents, please have them dropped off in the office this week. You don't need to wrap them, programming committee is going to be wrapping them however if you can bring back the snowflake you took with the gift that would be fantastic. Thanks folks.

Clare: On Thursday UPC is putting on another event, our committee is hosting this event themselves so it's really exciting for them to get the experience to host their own program and it's going to be a winter wonderland extravaganza, I can't remember the real name but that sounds really cool! It's going to be a nice cozy wonderland of winter and stuff, we're going to have hot cocoa, crafts, a photo booth, it'll be on Thursday at 8 PM in the MPR.

Sam: Is that, my BOI Thomas?

Thomas: Hello, point of changing from what I said last week, I said that the Mario Kart Tournament will be on the 5th, it is being moved to the 14th with some very important additions including the participation of RD Cameron and we will be serving food so there is more motivation to come out.

NRHH: I'm Kendall I'm also the Co-President for the NP Hooked on Stitches Club, and if you guys want to learn to knit or crochet, next semester our meeting time is going to be Thursdays from 8-10 so if knitting or crocheting interests you come through, keep that date in mind for next semester.

Pharez: Does anybody have a gift wrapping program?

Ridgeview: Tomorrow, craft night, 9 PM in Ridgeview.

Sarah: I would just like it to be known that last year Pharez came to Gage's program I was running and demanded that I wrap his presents for him. The program was not to wrap the presents for him, we just supplied the paper but he demanded that I wrap them for him.

Pharez: I cannot wrap presents.

Jordan: I'm very good at wrapping presents apparently.

Pharez: Tomorrow night at 9 I'll see you there.

Jordan: Oh it was sarcastic.

Ridgeview: Yeah, don't let him wrap your presents.

Ridgeview: There's also going to be gifts at the talent show so you guys should come and show your talents it's going to be Thursday at 8:30 PM.

Marissa: Just a reminder, send a picture it's cute, even if you don't get GFPs it's really cute to bond with your hall gov, you can groupme your hall govs and tell them that they should send a really cute jumping photo to Marissa because she wants it. And my other thing is don't forget about banquet, it's fun and if you didn't sign up yet sign up. Look cute, it's fairy tale themed you can come as Cinderella, come as Frozen characters. Dress up nice, some of you guys got dresses at the mall.

Clare: So for banquet, literally dress up it'll be great, I'm trying to get fairy wings so I can be a fairy and it be a really fun time.

Gianna: I got you, they're pink and green!

Clare: AWESOME THANK YOU ! I can't find fairy wings. So I have fairy wings now that I am going to be wearing to banquet and you should all get dressed up with me. That's all.

Alexa: Don't forget PUP sheets are due Wednesday at 6 PM.

Esopus: Happy Hanukkah guys, day 2!!!

Sam: Raise your hands if you know Rui! I have four things! No I'm kidding, only Rui people would get that.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:55 PM

Bliss: We put a tie on her, it's green with a Bliss tie clip with a lizard on it! Who never got Molly? We are giving her to Scudder Hall!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:56 PM

"Your speed doesn't matter...Forward is forward." -Anonymous

ADJOURNMENT 9:57 PM

Move to Adjourn until Next Week: Bouton

Second: Executive Board

Next meeting is Banquet, see you in the SUB MPR at 8 PM!

