

**RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: 12/10/2018

Location: SUB MPR

CALL TO ORDER 8:07 PM

Hey everyone, before we begin with our mystery activity, Marissa's going to rap for us!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 8:07 PM

Our Mystery Activity was eating!!!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 8:53 PM

HALL NAME	NUMBER PRESENT	SHIRTS	CONFERENCE SHIRTS	HALL REPORT
BEVIER	8	0	0	Talked about programming
BLISS	7	0	0	Talked about next semester and the end of the semester
BOUTON	11	0	0	Talked about programming
CAPEN	9	0	0	Talked about midnight breakfast program
COLLANG O	10	0	0	Talked about future swag, programs, and bonding
CRISPELL	6	0	0	Talked about the end of semester winter program
DEYO	9	0	0	Said goodbyes for the semester
DUBOIS	8	0	0	Held a Secret Santa and discussed buying a table
ESOPUS	17	0	0	Had new hall gov president run the last meeting. Held a round of applause for Gianna she did a great job this semester!
GAGE	10	0	0	Talked about Holiday Program
LEFEVRE	10	0	0	Talked about programming
LENAPE	9	1	0	Talked about spring semester programs
RIDGEVIEW	19	0	0	Held secret snowflake and talked about the first program of next semester
SCUDDER	12	0	0	Discussed football and said goodbyes

NRHH 9:00 PM

Hi everyone, we had our induction ceremony yesterday and we have 14 new inductees. If you're a new member please stand up!

Sam: See you next semester Kendall!

SENATE 9:01 PM

Tune in next semester for a Senate Report

OLD BUSINESS 9:01 PM

Motion to Open: Bliss

Second: Capen

Disney BUZZ Self Care Night

Hey Folks, so BUZZ happened we had a good time, we had it in Bevier, we had some noga and yitting, we worked with a lot of organizations that really were awesome, I hope you all had a good time, I know we did!

Motion to Close: Collango

Second: Ridgeview

NEW BUSINESS 9:02 PM

Motion to Open: NRHH

Second: Dubois

Public Relations

Hey everyone, so because it's the end of the semester, next semester you are all going to have new placards which means you are all free to take these ones home with you now! You can keep them, hang them up, I worked really hard making them, but next semester you're going to get even cooler ones so get ready for that it's going to be great!

Historian

If you're in KFC come up here, let's have a round of applause for KFC! So this is the committee called the Kollage Friendly Committee, aka KFC, we had some chicken, we had some popcorn, chips, we chilled, we had fun! We actually made a really cool collage which we are about to show off right now. Can I have a drumroll please? Here it is! We're trying to get it hung in the SUB. We tried to get every hall in it, even non-hall governments. We have some pictures of campus, we had Kyla draw the Hawk, it looks amazing! Stay tuned next semester for yearbook committee, all you historians in here basically have to be involved but anyone that wants to join can participate. But yeah, that's our collage.

Sam: Thank you Marissa, can we get another round of applause?

NCC Nominations

Motion to Open Nominations for NCC: Bevier

Second: Scudder

Lefevre: I nominate Isabelle Steed for NCC.

Emily Harter: Second

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

Belle: I accept.

NRHH: I nominate Jackie Rankel for NCC.

NRHH: Second

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

Jackie: Table.

Ridgeview: I nominate Catherine Barrera for NCC.

Collango: Second

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

Catherine: I accept.

Lefevre: I nominate Mario Cortes-Mendoza for NCC.

Clare: SECOND

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

Mario: Decline.

Lenape: I nominate Isabelle Wecht for NCC.

Bliss: Second

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

Isabelle: Accept .

Esopus: I nominate Matthew Kreuz for NCC.

Capen: Second

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

Matt: Table.

Ridgeview: I nominate Moses Oscar for NCC.

Second: Bouton

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

Moses: Table.

Motion to Close Nominations for NCC: Lenape

Second: Lefevre

Sam: NCC Nominations are now closed. Applications will be due at the first AC meeting of the semester on January 28th, the elections will be the week after. All resources are on the website at newpaltz.edu/rhsa/resources/elections, please come with 15 candidate applications with attached resumes, and one candidate form with an attached unofficial transcript. If you are interested in running for any eboard position, please come talk to the current eboard. We would love to answer your questions, tell you why we ran, what you have to do, etc. Nominations for the rest of the positions will open at the first AC meeting on January 28th.

Motion to Close: Crispell

Second: Scudder

RECOGNITION 9:10 PM

Participation Awards

The E-Board gave out participation awards to their buddy halls.

E-Board Choice

Each semester, the eight of us select one hall government member who we think has gone above and beyond what is required of them. They are active within their hall governments, they're present at RHSA meetings and events, and they're always looking to do more to improve the community around them.

Historian

My E-Board choice is going to someone who stands out a lot to me. This person goes above and beyond for her Hall Government. Not only is she in her hall gov, but she also is a full time student, works 2 jobs, and continues to show 110% in everything she does. It was difficult for me to choose my E-Board choice, in fact, my decision was due about 2 weeks ago, and I needed to ask Sam to extend my deadline about three times. As I was going over what I think made the perfect E-Board choice though, I was thinking of what qualities I value, and the more I thought about it, the more this one person's name came into my mind. I got lucky enough to get her hall as my "buddy hall" and learned a lot about her. When it came to coordinating this hall's elections, I noticed she originally went for secretary. She did not get that position and continued to run for the rest of the positions, not giving up. She ended up being a floor rep but through her hard work and dedication, she shows that the Floor Representatives are just as important as any other position in Hall Governments. From the Thanksgiving program, to the movie program, to the hot chocolate, and now to the new role she will be taking as the new president of Esopus Hall, my E-Board choice goes to **Vicky Tataranowicz**.

CCC

This semester, I'm giving my E-Board choice award to someone who has gone above and beyond for both her hall government and RHSA this semester. No speech can truly do justice for what she's done but from helping us with care packages to coming to all our events and AC meetings, this individual has shown her dedication to RHSA. Furthermore, she is an active and dedicated member of her hall government and always has a positive attitude. This semester truly would not be the same without you **Serena Cruz**.

NCC

So I want to start by saying that for my E-Board choice, no speech could ever encompass everything that I think of this person. So my E-Board choice will probably be a bit of a shocker to them. My E-Board choice has shown tremendous passion for this organization. They are at every AC meeting and RHSA event. They are passionate, caring, honest and self aware. If you ever need someone to relate to they are definitely the person to go to. I'll never forget my first time meeting this person during the summer at orientation. They blew me away with how involved they wanted to be right from the summer as he joined the rest of the OLS in a dance party. That was a great dance party. I absolutely cannot wait to see this person grow and watch the things they are going to accomplish. **Jordan Hennix**, come up and get your award.

Public Relations

My E-Board choice is going to someone who has stood out to me since the beginning of the semester. They have come to all our events, stopped by our office hours and are so involved in their hall gov. This

person is so involved not just with their hall gov and RHSA but all around campus. During fall open house, he was one of the most excited and committed CREW members that I saw. Even though it was raining, he brought every family back into the atrium with smiles on their faces. So, for bringing a smile to all of our faces, I'm giving my E-Board choice is going to **Kevin Merting!**

Secretary

For my E-Board choice, I chose somebody who has gone above and beyond in every way possible. My E-Board choice is going to somebody who has not only been active in their Residence Halls, their Hall Governments, and the Associate Council, but they have also been incredibly involved with RHSA. From showing up to programs and meetings, to even lending a hand to help us run our programs and events, you have gone above and beyond your position and have truly made an impact on RHSA. So yeah, because you are so very awesome, My E-Board choice goes to YOU **Noah Diamond.**

Treasurer

This student has shown exceptional initiative in caring for the residents in their hall. This person goes above and beyond. I wouldn't even go as far as they do but that's okay. We love the initiative. She has shown the ability to step up to a challenge, and illustrates the capability of helping not only residents of her hall but of other halls. These are the characteristics of a leader, one who puts effort into uplifting those around her. **Brianna Marfa**, the E-Board appreciates your efforts in your hall this semester!!!!

Vice President

When I first met this person, it was at the beginning of their freshman year, and I met them as a friend of a friend. From the beginning, I knew there was something special about this person. We didn't talk much for the first semester or so, but then, as we started to see each other more, we began to talk. I watched as this person began to grow and become the person they wanted to be. This year, I have watched them soar. The best way to describe this person, I've found, is a powerhouse. **Gianna Damato**, you have impressed me since the day I met you, and you continue to impress me every single day. I am so sad to not be able to watch you continue this journey next semester, but I am beyond excited to see what you do next. I know with certainty that you could move mountains if you really wanted to, and I know that you're going to continue to blow me and everyone else away.

President

My E-Board choice is going to a person who has seriously impressed and impacted me positively this semester. I had spoken with this person for the first time at NPLC and they became one of my closest friends in a few months. You have passion, dedication, and I am so glad I got to meet you this semester. Every time we hang out I have the time of my life because you bring some serious fun to any situation. **Belle**, you make me laugh all the time and your passion for this organization and hall government can always be seen. I am excited to see what you do on this campus in the future. Never stop being you pooppy head!

RA Liaison of the Semester

RA Liaison of the Semester is an award we give out to the hall gov liaison who has gone above and beyond what is required of them. They show a clear interest in RHSA and Hall Government, and they are dedicated to helping their Hall Government reach their full potential. When the eight of us sat down to choose a winner, there were quite a few names that came up. However one individual stood out to us above the rest, a person who was very dedicated, attended a lot of our programs, and came to our meetings this semester while supporting their hall despite the time constraints of classwork and RA. We

are very excited to give this semester's Hall Gov Liaison of the Semester award to **Mimi Aktar** from Scudder Hall.

Hall of the Semester

Hall of the semester is an award we give out to the hall with the most GFP's at the end of each semester. GFP's or Good Fellowship Points, are earned by putting on programs in your hall, as well as attending RHSA meetings and programs. I would like to invite CCC Alexa up to the podium to give out this semester's awards.

Alexa: In Third Place for Hall of the Semester we have...Lefevre Hall! In Second Place for Hall of the Semester we have...Ridgeview Hall! And finally, in First Place for Hall of the Semester for Fall 2018 we have... Esopus Hall!

Bronze Pins

The Bronze Pin is the highest individual honor one can receive on a college campus, and the pins are given out by the NRHH or RHSA president. This pin shall be awarded to individuals who have provided leadership and direction to their campus organizations. The amount of bronze pins awarded each year cannot exceed the number 8, representative of the 8 regions within NACURH. Bronze pin recipients are students that go above and beyond what they are required to do, and they show a clear passion for what they do. These are the people who are committed to creating an inclusive and respectful community among their peers. Bronze pin recipients have worked their hardest and have dedicated their time to making their campus a better place. They are leaders, mentors role models, and some of the best people this school has to offer. If you have ever been awarded a bronze pin, please stand now. Tonight, I will be giving out two bronze pins.

Elee Wolf-Sonkin

Bronze pins are about leadership, role modeling and those who create an amazing community. But to me Bronze Pins are also a sign of someone dedicated, passionate, and people that put their absolute all into something. My first pin is going to someone who is incredibly passionate in everything that they do, they are someone who taught me how to be a better leader and has helped me grow and develop in the last few years.

This person has done a lot of amazing things for this organization and on campus over the past few years, they became President of their hall government their freshman year of college, joined our sister organization the National Residence Hall Honorary, became Public Relations for RHSA, was an Orientation Leader and Senior Orientation Leader, overall making giant impacts on the campus community and inspiring all kinds of leaders around them.

Last year one of their aspirations came true, they won the Presidency and proceeded to make many great changes to this organization. RHSA in years prior to the last two had been a very static organization, building itself back up from mistakes made in the past. This person changed that, they redefined RHSA, took RHSA out of its comfort zone, spurred brilliant ideas among their Executive Board and took the organization to brand new heights. Creating new program ideas, collaborating with other organizations, making the organization more inclusive by introducing new levels of educational and diversity programming and maintaining a high level of order within the entire organization.

Elee Wolf-Sonkin, your shoes have been very hard to fill. You remind me everyday what it means to be a leader. To be passionate, determined, and caring for those around you. You are not only a mentor and role model to me, but many other people in this room. They look up to you as someone who has helped them achieve, who can create positive change and someone who never gives up. I appreciate everything you

have done for this organization and the impact you have had on the New Paltz community during your time here. I am lucky to be able to call you my mentor and my SOL. Thank you for all of your hard work, please come up and get your pin.

Narelys Chum

There are so many things I can say about this person and I am going to say most of those tonight. This award goes to those who show leadership and direction above and beyond what is required and this person definitely does that. They are a leader, a truly inspiring person and someone who I hold very dear in my heart. There are many times in our lives that we can reflect on those who have had impacted us, our friends, mentors, families and loved ones. The person who is receiving this second pin tonight has had a large and positive impact on not just my life, but the lives of many others in this room.

This person is strong, dedicated, passionate, and literally one million other adjectives. They take life's struggles and they succeed above them, showing that even if we are broken that we can get better. This person started their leadership journey the same time that I did, they were the Associate Council Representative and practically the sole member of Esopus Hall Government their freshman year. That Spring they got hired as a Resident Assistant in Lefevre Hall, and I have never seen a more passionate and dedicated RA in the position.

When I met this person the first thing I said to them was "Oh, you're from asbestos hall", which started a rather fun conversation in which we became fast friends. **Narelys Chum** over the past two years I have known you, you have taught me so much, taught me how to be a better person and you have done so much for all of the people around this campus. Narelys you are amazing, a truly inspirational leader and an amazing person. Thank you so much for your dedication and service to this campus, I know we all look forward to your return in the Spring and I am so excited to have you around again. Please come up and get your pin.

Special Recognition

Next I want to take a moment to recognize a few important groups and individuals with us here tonight. First, to **everyone** in this room, thank you for contributing so much of yourselves to make your campus community a welcoming place. Your effort of going to meetings, programs, and events, and all the work that comes with it, does not go unnoticed, the Executive Board loves your dedication and passion and you all deserve a standing O.

Next, to the **Associate Council**. You make our Monday night meetings so much fun and I also appreciate it when you laugh with us during meetings. Thank you for dealing with some wild mystery activities this semester and y'all picked up on Roberts Rules so fast and amazingly. Your passion for making our campus a better place is going to do a lot of good and I am excited to see what y'all can bring to the table next semester.

To the **Commuter Students**, There are very few of you, but thank you for joining us this semester. Your passion to RHSA does not go unnoticed and I love your presence.

To the **Individuals in other Organizations** in the room, thank you for going above and beyond with your interest of the needs of students at our school and your help with programming this semester. With your help we have been able to put on some amazing programs this semester that have allowed us to thrive better as a campus community. A special shoutout to HVZ, Video Game Society, Smash Club, NP Hooked on Stitches, NRHH, Music Therapy Club, UPC, and all of our committees. I look forward to working with you in the future.

To the **NRHH E-Board**, you know who you are, y'all have done absolutely amazing things this semester. I am so proud of your hard work and dedication this. The Psi Chi chapter is doing so well and I am really excited to see what you will bring to the table next semester.

To **Kendall our NRHH NCC**, Thank you for working so hard with us this semester in making RHSA a better organization. Balancing CM, NRHH and some RHSA commitment is totally hard, but your presence is lighthearted and fun and I love having you around. I know our Executive Board loves our skinny legend.

To our unbelievably great **Advisors**, These three RD's were assigned to advise our organization, and even though they have to put in a humongous amount of work into it, they are putting their all every week. They're supportive, present, and enthusiastic of everything they do for us in RHSA. They even have socks with their faces on them.

Chrissy, from handling the OCM system, to taking time out of your busy day to help and advise us. You are amazing and passionate for people and I personally appreciate you so much. Every time I meet with you I feel like I learn something new and I feel like you help us constantly improve as people. Thank you so much.

Shayna, first of all I know how much you love ASMR I am going to read your portion with this. *(whispers)* You're amazing, kind, quietly supportive, you give us room to grow, and you care so much about us. YOU ARE VERY SHAYNA! THIS MEANS THAT YOU ARE COOL I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING MORE ABOUT LIFE WITH YOU AT STARBUCKS THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK. Shayna loves ASMR.

Cam, you are such a great guy and we really appreciate everything you have done for us this semester. Thank you for driving us back and forth from Geneseo and somehow maintaining like three hours of conversation with me both ways. You are fun dedicated and also had a cool moustache in November, I look forward to talking to you more next semester.

These people put hours and hours into RHSA. From attending our late night meetings to helping us with our countless questions, we really appreciate you.

Finally, to my **Executive Board**, These seven people sitting up here in front of you put in countless hours to make RHSA incredible. I am so proud of everything they have accomplished thus far and know they are only going to do so many more new and amazing things. Without their work... I would have to do it all, but really without their work we could not have delivered everything we have to you this semester.

Marissa, I think we all know that everyday is Marissa Appreciation Day. You have taken this position and done amazing things with it. Not only did you create an amazing committee of students who you positively impact, but you go above and beyond in so many small things that have helped this organization improve. I know that you love RHSA and Hall Government so much, but you should also know that the people involved in hall government love you too. Happy Marissa Appreciation day, you are a shining star and I love you so much.

Alexa, without your hard work this semester getting in contact with other clubs some of our programs would have fallen very short. Thank you for staying so dedicated to your work this semester and for being an amazing friend to me.

Pharez, I think the real question Pharez, is what kind of Empanadas? 7:30 Empanadas of course. Pharez you are such an iconic dude, remember that time when I told you over the summer that we have plenty of time to say nice things about each other this year. Well guess what, you're passionate, dedicated and amazing. Keep up the good work next semester and stay tuned for banquet part 2 when I say even more sentimental things. I'm not really sure if that went to Pharez or NCC Pharez or the other Pharez.

Clare, My daughter, Clare Del Grosso Public Relations. You are a wild wild woman. Thanks for letting everyone draw on you last week. You have grown so much this semester and I know you are destined for great things. Your attitude and innovation keep this place running.

Sarah, Sarah you are such a genuine and kind person. You are seriously funny and you have such an amazing work ethic. You put so much into your position and I know you're going to be an amazing RA next semester. Never let that work ethic die out and good luck with your concussion.

Juan, you are literally one of the funniest people without trying to be. You have done really really well this semester and I am grateful that you put so much time and energy into treasurer. Thanks for getting my money for me, thanks for hanging out with June, we should noga and yit sometime because we need to hang out more.

Jules, you are my absolute bestest friend and I love you so much. I can't imagine RHSA without you by my side. You're the best husband a guy could ever ask for. Thank you for your hard work this semester and creating the first successful RHSA committee in years, thank you for your fusing and bus company calling. We literally wouldn't have programs without you. We all love and appreciate you so much. Thank you **ALL** for your constant love, support, and inspiration. I am grateful for each and every one of you and I am glad that I can call the seven of you my friends.

Jules: **Samuel James Halligan** my dearest husband and love, you have put in so many hours to this organization, so much more time than anyone can imagine, and we are all so grateful for you, even if we don't always show it. We love you so much and none of this could've happened without you. Thank you for all that you do.

HALL CONCERNS 10:02 PM

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

STUDENT CONCERNS FOLLOW-UP 10:03 PM

In reference to the lighting issue on Old Main Quad. It is not possible to install a large pole lamp because of graduation being hosted there, however the school is looking to getting floor lights installed.

In reference to the tile broken by Shop 24, it should be fixed soon or is already fixed!

In reference to the Hasbrouck Name Change, a survey for potential name changes went out today, vote!

In reference to campus cable concerns, a second survey will be sent out second semester and it looks pretty promising!

STUDENT CONCERNS 10:04 PM

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@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu.

Esopus: So a tile in Wooster near the bridge between Wooster and Resnick came up.

Sam: Can you send me a picture?

Historian: By SUB 62/63 the foosball and air hockey tables are out of service.

Esopus: You know how they did roadwork? Well there's a big pothole despite all of the construction they just did.

Sam: On Route 32?

Esopus: Yes

OPEN FLOOR 10:06 PM

If you have any general announcements about your personal clubs and organizations, stuff going on in New Paltz, hall governments, etc, this is your time to share!

Clare: Hi everyone, so Wednesday from 8-10 PM in Hasbrouck dining hall, where UPC is having their late night breakfast program, come by get breakfast food! It's Vegas themed so there will be fun games around Has, so come check it out and get breakfast food.

Juan: Do we have to use Has Swipes because I ain't got none.

Clare: Yeah, but we are setting some money aside for commuter students since they don't have swipes so they can participate.

Collango: Two things, first, PLEASE go vote on the Hasbrouck Name Quad thing, it's important, please. Also, you guys are 8 of the most beautiful princesses I have ever seen.

Ridgeview: Hey guys, I'm part of knitting club and we changed our meeting time to 8-10 PM on Thursdays with the location pending.

Bliss: This isn't an announcement, I just wanted to wish everyone good luck on finals!

Capen: Alright tonight at midnight there's going to be a midnight breakfast program in Capen's main lounge with pancakes and bacon so come through!

Sam: Is that, my boi Thomas?!

Collango: Woo, hello everyone it's just Thomas this time, I could go on a rant about how I'm proud of all of you, and how you've made it this far, and how you're all going to do great things, but I know you guys want to go home and sleep and do great things that's all I'm going to say I'm proud of you all. Also come to Mario Kart it's on Friday we have Pizza and Cam.

Ridgeview: Hey guys, so I know finals are super stressful so if you want to run your stress away and maybe shoot some nerf blasters, come join HvZ for our last outdoor mini games tomorrow at 8 PM in Parker Quad.

Ridgeview: Hi, I know this isn't really an event or anything but I just wanted to say that this E-Board is so amazing and I'm proud of all of you and this semester was so great thanks to all of y'all.

Scudder: Hello, Scudder Hall is having an event this Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 PM in the 3rd Floor Lounge, we will be watching Elf and making cookies.

NRHH: Hey y'all, so as you know, NRHH's core values are service and recognition, but that also means self recognition, so even though finals are coming, make sure you're taking care of yourself. Go to the destress programs, go to late night breakfast programs. You're all going to do great.

Sam: I just want you to remind you all to take photos at our photo booth at the end of banquet.

Pharez: Why hello everyone, nice to meet you. Capen hall is having, well before I get into the date and time, who here likes bubble wrap? The Capen RA staff is going to be putting on a stomp your stress out program taking up the entirety of the main lounge. We are bubble wrapping the floor, come in, stomp on some bubble wrap, and I know you all are low on dining dollars so we're getting pizza, too! Come to Capen Main Lounge on Tuesday at 7:30 PM! See you guys there!

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:12 PM

Who's got Molly? Scudder Hall has Molly and they will be bringing her to our office hours!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:13 PM

"I had planned my first endeavor, but the world had plans for me. I am lost but not forever. I am where I'm meant to be" -Unknown

Clare: So I think, take that going into second semester because definitely for me it's a hard transition. We're all going to get there and wherever you are now it's a good place, so good luck everybody, enjoy yourselves, destress, and have a good break!

ADJOURNMENT 10:14

Move to Adjourn the Meeting: Executive Board
Second: Advisors

Next Meeting in Gage Hall



Good Luck on Finals!!! You're going to do great but don't forget to take care of yourself! You're amazing !

*Love,
Secretary Sarah <3*