

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 1/27/2020  
Location: Gage Hall

CALL TO ORDER 9:01 PM

**Clare:** Hey everyone. How was your break? I hope everyone had a great time and is refreshed for the semester.

Funding Request

**Clare:** To start the first meeting of the decade, we are actually going to begin with a funding request, the first funding request of the decade! I'm going to go over the funding request procedure. Humans vs. Zombies is going to give a 3 minute speech and they can yield to questions or you can make a motion to open question and answer. There will be 5 minutes of question and answer, extendable up to 3 times. After that, we will open discussion where Humans Vs. Zombies will step outside. Then, there will be 5 minutes of discussion, extendable up to 3 times, and then, we are going to close discussion and vote by eyes closed, hands raised.

**Hunter:** As requested, we have these papers to pass out to each hall.

**Jess:** I'm Jess, I'm the treasurer of Humans vs. Zombies.

**Hunter:** I'm Hunter, I'm the president.

**Jess:** We are requesting \$610 for our Zombie Prom event that's on February 22nd from 7 to 9 in the MPR. We are requesting money for food, decorations, utensils, a lot of things we need to make the event go down. Our theme is the four elements. It's going to be a good opportunity to have fun and to bridge the gap between Humans vs. Zombies and what you do. What we do on the quad may seem intimidating, but this is a fun dance environment where everyone can dance, eat food. This is free and open to everyone.

**Hunter:** Something we are trying to do this year is to have mini games centered around each element as opposed to some years in the past where some people don't enjoy dancing so this way we are providing something for everyone who comes to our events, which you are welcome.

**Jess:** We have vegan and gluten free options for food. We are trying to cater to all different people who may want to come to this event.

**Hunter:** We yield to questions.

**Ridgeview:** I know the PR is not here, but how much have you advertised so far?

**Hunter:** For advertising, we haven't done any because we want to make sure we have the funding. We currently have posters in work. As soon as we are done and get the funding approval, we will submit those to SA to be approved.

**Minnewaska:** Can you explain what Humans vs. Zombies actually is?

**Hunter:** Humans vs. Zombies is a modified game of tag. The people wearing headbands are it and the people who are wearing armbands are the ones who are trying to not get tagged. You defend yourself with Nerf blasters and socks.

**Minnewaska:** Is it going to be at this event or is it just going to be dancing?

**Hunter:** There is a mini game centered around it, but that is not the general theme. The general theme is a social gathering to help bring everyone on campus together.

**Mohonk:** Why did you choose the date February 22nd?

**Hunter:** We chose the date February 22nd because we did not want to do it during Valentine's Day weekend because we do not want it to feel like a Valentine's Day dance because people may feel weird about that and due to issues getting the funding request in last semester, we had to push it back from our original date of February 8th, but February 22nd has been approved by SA.

**Mohonk:** Have you considered having it later in the semester?

**Hunter:** We have considered having it later, however, we feel this is a good event to bring people back together right when they come back from break and it's also a great thing to kick off our semester because we have a whole bunch of events following this that we also feel that people may also enjoy.

**Lenape:** Apologies if I missed this, but where is the location for this?

**Hunter:** MPR.

**Shawangunk:** It says that you have all of these food items. Do you know where you are getting it from?

**Hunter:** P&Gs. The budget we have here is our refined budget that we have from the past 3 years, which we have slowly narrowed down how much food we had. This food is set for about 65 to 70 people. Last year we had 70.

**Shawangunk:** Have you talked to P&Gs about this?

**Hunter:** As soon as we have the funding request, they will talk to us. We would have the funding approved.

**Shawangunk:** Are these rough estimates as far as where the cost is at?

**Hunter:** These are the prices from their catering.

**Gage:** Are you preparing for the case where there are more people than food? If you don't have enough food for everyone, assuming this is how many people are going to show up.

**Hunter:** That is something we have not really considered. In previous years, all the food has pretty much gone, except for the salad, but that is something we would have to consider.

**Bouton:** This event, Zombie Prom, is obviously themed to your club, Humans vs. Zombies, but how are you going to appeal to people not in the club, how can you make everyone who attends feel welcome?

**Hunter:** That's what we are hoping the theme does, it's called Zombie Prom, however, we have it called that because that has been what we have called the event for the past 4 years that we have been running it. For the first two years, we didn't have a theme, and we found that it was really only people in our club, but for the past two years, last year, our theme was under the sea and the year before that our theme was masquerade, and we found that if we advertise as a

themed dance for people to come and have fun, we get better attendance than it just being Zombie Prom.

**Ridgeview:** What's the theme of this?

**Hunter:** The four elements.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes  
Second

**Awosting:** I only see 2 vegan options. I'm just curious about that. I know myself might have issues with that.

**Hunter:** The P&Gs eggplant parm is vegan. They list it as vegan and in the past, they have told us it is vegan. I can double check on that, but we also have the salad and vegetables.

Motion to Close Question and Answer: Ridgeview  
Second: Ashokan

Motion to Open Discussion: Lenape  
Second: Awosting

**Scudder:** I think that people were being critical of the fact that they were waiting to get the money, but I think that's smart because you have to have money before you can start doing things. I feel that some people in this room didn't think about that.

**Ridgeview:** I had a brain fart moment when I asked about advertisement. I wasn't thinking that, obviously, you need the funding request before you can advertise it.

**Minnewaska:** I feel that it was a really good idea to do this to kick off the other events. It was wise thinking on their part.

**Lenape:** We think that because of the date, it's one of these weekends in the middle of February where it's kind of bland so it helps by itself.

**Ridgeview:** I agree with Scudder, but I disagree with the fact that you need to start planning before you get the money. They already set the MPR for February 22nd so I felt that they should have the funding prior than have the date for the MPR because what if they don't get the funding request tonight, but they are still approved for the MPR?

**Serena:** For funding requests, you need to have the room approved before you can request money. That's how it works for SA and other places where you need the room confirmed and the confirmation number to be able to request money.

**Bouton:** I really liked their response to what I asked on how you can make it appealing for all the people to come because a lot of clubs will host events open to everyone, but because it's not your own club, you won't go necessarily. I really like they have learned from the past and found ways to make it more appealing to the masses. It is clear they have thought this event out very well.

**Ridgeview:** Going back on my earlier point, being that they have gone through all the proper channels, I think that they should get the funding request. They did everything properly. They are not asking for that big of an amount considering that you are RHSA.

**Scudder:** They had tried last semester to get the funding way ahead of time so I think it's good that they are taking the initiative to take the steps so they can have the funds that they need.

**Ashokan:** I agree. Although, I'm not sure of how big the turnout will be, I think that they are trying to be inclusive and any step is a big step. The fact that they are trying and that they are open to criticism, I think that's a good thing and it's obvious that if it's been 3 years of running, they have been doing something right.

Motion to Close Discussion: Ridgeview  
Second: Esopus

Motion to Open Voting Eyes Closed, Hands Raised: Capen  
Second: Bouton

Voting

Give them the full amount 18

Give them a different amount 4

No funding 0

Abstain 1

**Clare:** We have agreed to give Humans vs. Zombies the full amount!

#### MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:20 PM

**Clare:** We are doing a mock election! A mock election will look a lot like what we were doing on the outside, but we are not voting for a thing or an idea, we are voting for people! You are voting for people who you want to represent or today, you are voting for the candy you want next meeting! We have M&M running against Skittles and we are going to run through what an election will look like because our first election, the NCC election, will be next week. You are going to vote for a snack that you want to see next meeting and if you have any dietary restrictions, come up and speak to us after the meeting because if the snack that is voted for does not accommodate those, we will find something to accommodate.

During this mock election we want to treat it like a real election, so no phones, electronics, or talking to each other during this time please. If you are seen with your phone during this time, your hall will not be allowed to vote. There are only 2 voting members from each of your halls, just like the funding request that we just saw. If any other member wants to ask a question or make a discussion point. Usually, there will be an E-board member in the back to deliver notes so you can quietly send questions and discussion points, but for today if you have a comment, whisper it to one of the two voting members. We have two candidates running today, Skittles and M&Ms! They are both running to be the candy that you will all be given at the next meeting. This is how the election will run: Both candidates will leave the room. There will be 5 minutes for us to name some important things we want to see in a candidate. We invite the first candidate back in. They give a 3 minute speech and they will yield to questions or someone must move to open and close question and answer. There will be 5 minutes of question and answer, extendable up to 3 times. Then, the first candidate will leave and the second will come give a 3 minute speech and they will either yield to questions or someone will move to open and close question and answer. They will have 5 minutes of question and answer, extendable up to 3 times. They

will leave the room and we will need a motion to open and then, to close discussion. There will be a 5 minute discussion, extendable up to 3 times. We will move to vote by closed eyes, hands raised. Today, we will do eyes closed, hands raised, but on the day of, we will make a motion to vote by secret ballot. During a normal election when we talk about what we want to see in our candidates, we'll have the projector, but we don't have it now.

**Clare:** To start, 5 minutes are on the clock, we are going to take time to say things that we want to see in a potential candidate. Only people holding the placards are the voting members today as will be in the future. Actually for this part of the election, anyone can raise their hand and say a point, but once we get into the voting, discussion, question and answer, it's only the two voting members.

### **Expectations of Candy:**

- Variety
- Enthusiasm
- Food that tastes good
- Sweetness
- Color
- Dietary restrictions (vegan, gluten free)
- Fun
- Compassion
- Fruity
- Crunch
- Chocolate
- Sour
- Good communication skills
- Organized candy
- Candies that have strong leadership skills
- Safety in candy
- Candy that has good time management
- Easy to open
- More quantity
- Appeals to everyone
- Less calories
- King Size
- Candy that talked to other candies
- Relatable and approachable
- Fruity
- Dedicated to work on skills (interpersonal skills)
- Good commercials
- Same
  - **Clare:** If you find yourself about to say a previous point, you can say "yield to redundancy."

### **Candidate 1: M&M**

**Matt O:** Hello everyone! Thanks for coming tonight! I'm M&M, representing the very proud M&M brand. First off, I hope you pick M&M as your snack of choice for the next AC meeting because M&M is the best all-around snack. Although they come in different colors, they are all the same on the inside, which is really special about our brand. We're all really sweet and you know what you're getting in an M&M, it's milk chocolate on the inside, but that's the beauty of it, you know what you're getting, it's pure milk chocolate, it's delicious. You can put M&Ms in cookies, ice cream, there are so many uses for it. You're getting quality marketing as we have amazing commercials. We are also very seasonal. We love the holidays, we love to cater to your events, and we would be proud to be with you at the next AC meeting. Go M&M! I yield to questions.

**Clare:** Because our candidate yielded to questions, we do not need a motion to open question and answer.

### **Question & Answer**

I have a few questions. So with the colors of M&Ms, I personally eat them in a certain order, how do you feel about that?

**M&M:** That's the beauty of M&Ms, it's your preference. There are lots of colors to choose, you can choose your favorites. A great thing is the variety of colors.

How do M&Ms choose to cater to all groups?

**M&M:** Everyone can do what they like with M&Ms since there are so many uses for them. All the colors speak to diversity to some degree, it's up to you how you perceive them.

What leadership qualities do you have to bring to your meeting?

**M&M:** We are about variety and diversity, which speaks to New Paltz and a little bit to RHSA's mission about being inclusive. M&Ms go hand and hand with the mission statement of RHSA.

How would you describe your perfect day?

**M&M:** Really sweet and smooth.

You mentioned many uses of M&Ms. What do you do with the M&Ms?

**M&M:** I eat them, I eat my own kind. I think it's up to you what you like to do with your M&Ms whether eating or decorating. They're high quality, I assure you.

Part two, dietary restrictions. Someone may have airborne allergies to the yellow pack.

**M&M:** I will say that M&Ms are not necessarily known to contain nuts, but they are made in a factory that could have nut products around it. RHSA said that they will ask the AC about the dietary restrictions to ensure that if someone has a severe allergy, no packs will be opened up during the meeting.

Have you sued the rapper Eminem for your brand?

**Serena:** That's outside information.

**Clare:** Make sure your questions pertain to the person and what they're trying to say. Questions about an outside don't pertain.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes  
Second

Do you consider yourself a well-rounded person?

**M&M:** I'm the product, so M&Ms are a well-rounded product. I keep speaking about diversity, we are a rounded snack, so, yes we are a well-rounded product.

What makes you better than your competitor?

**Serena:** That's outside information.

**Clare:** If you are going to ask a question like that, I wouldn't put it like that. You don't want them to compare them to the person they are running against.

**Serena:** It's only on information he said himself. He has no recollection of what Skittles is talking about, so there is no way to compare the two or their skill sets.

**Emily:** To rephrase that question, you can say "Why should the AC choose you?"

What can you offer?

**M&M:** Consistency. All M&Ms are consistent, you know what you're getting, you're getting milk chocolate, something that is really sweet. I think I can offer you a sweet snack for your next meeting.

What can you bring in terms of organization?

**M&M:** That's a good question. RHSA has been saying that they would like to get the snack sized bags so everyone would get an equal amount of the M&Ms. In terms of organization, they don't just come in one color, it's a mix of colors because we are about variety and diversity.

What unique ideas do you have to bring to the table?

**M&M:** We come in multiple brands, there is a pretzel brand, peanut butter brand. M&Ms are a symbolic snack, they're different on the outside, but they are all the same on the inside.

As you've established there's different insides to the M&Ms, can we vote on the inside we would like to see in the product?

**Clare:** No. You are getting regular M&Ms.

How's your time management skills?

**M&M:** I personally keep a planner of commitments. I'm very busy with a lot of commercials advertisements, advocacy. I'll make sure to be at your next meeting 9pm sharp, even earlier. I have the meeting in my Google Calendar.

**Clare:** I'm not going to cut you off at a real election but say there's no more questions, what motion will you make to end this?

Motion to Close Question and Answer: Ashokan

Second: Minnewaska

## **Candidate 2: Skittles**

**Matt K:** Hello everybody, my name is Skittles. Some of you may know me, I'm a little old, I was born in 1976 in Great Britain. I was made with original flavors in mind, some of the most lovely, grape, cherry, apple, iconic flavors and icons. We even have a great motto, "Taste the rainbow." We've had new and improved comemericals, reaching out to people far and wide and we are one of the few companies to do one of the greatest Superbowl memes of all time where in 2018, we chose one lucky person to see our Superbowl commercial, that's it. We are the ultimate company as we spent millions of dollars on one kid who got to describe it. That doesn't compare to anything we do on our rights to diversity. In 2016, we supported legalized gay marriage in the UK, and we succeeded in getting it passed through our lobbying and promotion of Skittles. WE

support community, growth and development here at Skittles. One of the greatest things we do that we are now promoting our vegan line of candies and because we were worried that our casings had some material of animal product, we released a new line of vegan products that is coming to the US very soon, Skittles Chewables, same flavors, slightly better and vegan so everyone can enjoy our lovely product. Now, keeping that in mind, in 2019, we did a special campaign, a Broadway musical for the Superbowl. One night only in New York City Town Hall, one day. What we're doing this year, I can't tell you because it's a surprise. Naturally, we decided to quote a very important line, featuring our community, so we are going to address the rainbow colored elephant in the room. You have the rainbow, we have the rainbow, and usually, that's just hunky dory. This pride, only one rainbow deserves to be the center of attention, yours. We won't steal your rainbow thunder. That was last pride month. We got rid of all of our rainbows to show our support for Pride and focus on their attention, just then. Lastly, I would like to pass out this packet of all of our flavors, not all of them, of course, we have at least another 20 different packets, but you can choose from our wide variety. Choose from what you like.

**Clare:** If the candidate comes up and finishes their speech, but they don't yield to questions, what do we do? What motion do we make?

Motion to Open Question and Answer: Capen

Second: Bouton

### Question and Answer

You said that to celebrate the last Pride you threw away rainbows. Can you explain that?

**Skittles:** We want everyone to focus on pride in the streets, so we made a white branded one, and a new transgender pride flag one so we weren't stealing the rainbow but focusing on the rainbow that truly matters, all of our lovely community support, so we are trying to focus on the people and the rainbows out on the streets as opposed to our products.

You mentioned original flavors, but you mentioned apple and in my opinion, green always used to be lime, and I don't appreciate that they changed it to green apple. What do you think about that?

**Skittles:** There is the surprise brand that has it and the throwback brand, so we do have the lime flavor. We have a lime flavor, so we have a throwback brand specifically.

Can I ask a question about packet? It says "see notes," but I'm not seeing any notes.

**Skittles:** The website says "see notes" and if you click on it, you get a nice gif. It says "have a nice day."

You mentioned that in 2016, you had the white skittles? What flavor was that?

**Skittles:** They were all the flavors of the original Skittles brand, which is being passed around in the packet. You just can't tell which one it was so it's a nice, happy surprise.

As a Skittle, what flavor are you?

**Skittles:** I'm clearly the lime Skittle.

How plan to be accessible to those with dietary restrictions?

**Skittles:** We will have a variety of bags being handed out by our lovely staff here in support of Skittles if you vote for us. We will be providing bags with all dietary restrictions in mind so everyone can enjoy our lovely product.

You mentioned the UK, but you know that our next meeting is in the SUB?

**Skittles:** I know, it's nice to pay homage.

**Clare:** That's cute, but make it more of a question or comment to focus on the election.

**Serena:** During the real election, if you ask a question to one candidate, you should ask the same question to the others to see where they stand on goals to be able to get a good comparison.

What makes you different?

**Skittles:** I'm unique in that I have a wide variety of flavors. All of my products are made knowing dietary restrictions so none of my products are made with a peanut factory in mind, so everything is safe from common peanut allergens. We also provide very different flavors and a lot of variety.

You are saying that they will be handing out variety, so we're not just having original if you win?

**Skittles:** That would be gladly up to Treasurer Matt, but unfortunately, Skittles is only here right now.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

How would you describe Skittles in three words?

**Skittles:** Delicious, colorful, iconic.

What leadership skills do you bring to the table?

**Skittles:** We have a very active marketing campaign managing to get great Superbowl ads as well as negotiate a deal with the New York State Town Hall Center to perform a Broadway musical and we crossed over to the U.S. in 1989, so we are 21 years old here in this market and we are doing very well.

How would you describe your time management skills?

**Skittles:** We are progressive and getting better and better as our market share is increasing.

How would you help our next AC meeting?

**Skittles:** I would provide a sweet treat to give you a nice amount of sugar and energy and colorfulness to get you through the NCC election.

Can you name a strength and a weakness you have?

**Skittles:** A strength is that we take dietary restrictions in mind. A weakness we have is that the package, sometimes, can be hard to open but we will bring scissors.

How does the Skittles company accommodate for climate change?

**Skittles:** The Skittles isn't doing a lot in the way of climate change, but we are doing some philanthropy operations to help other charities so I don't doubt that our company will soon move over to climate change. We don't produce a lot of fossil fuels as it is in our production so it's good that we CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in mind, but we are not one of the heavy producers in the industry.

Motion to Close Question and Answer: Ashokan

Second: Esopus

**Clare:** Before we move into a discussion period, Serena is going to tell you a few things that weren't mentioned.

**Serena:** When it comes to the candidate election, there are three other things you could say without raising your placard, you could just call it out. One of the first things is point of

clarification. You say it if you're confused about a rule or if someone says outside information, you can say it and someone on the E-Board will clarify. You can also say point of personal privilege, so if someone is whispering up front, you can say point of personal privilege, speak up, I can't hear you. Then, point of order is when you know something is wrong and let's say we didn't do dissent, you can say point of order, don't we need to have a dissent.

**Clare:** For point of order, if I forgot to ask for a motion before I moved to discussion from question and answer, say point of order.

Motion to Open Discussion: Ridgeview  
Second: Scudder

## Discussion

- While both candidates were moving. I found that Skittles was a lot more prepared and had multiple points whereas M&M had a singular point that was constantly repeated.
  - **Serena:** For this election you can say I, but for the candidate election, you are voting for your hall, you're a representative of your hall, so you would say "Ridgeview believes that Skittles should xyz," and if you have opposing points, you are only allowed to talk among yourselves and pass notes to try to get a consensus, if possible, because if Ridgeview has two opposing points, it's a little confusing in the minutes and goes against what each of you are saying.
  - **Clare:** The discussion points won't have the hall names in the minutes, but it is good to be on the same page as the other person in your hall. You can have an opposing opinion from your hall member, but to pass notes back and forth to kind of get on the same page is a good idea.
- Skittles knew more about their own company. Also, M&M admitted to eating M&Ms, which is cannibalism.
- We admire the strides Skittles has made in LGBTQ advocacy.
- We liked Skittles' overall enthusiasm.
- We liked that Skittles offers a variety of flavors. M&M talked about the different colors and diversity and that's a sweet sentiment that they are all the same on the inside, but all we get with M&M is milk chocolate whereas with Skittles, we get a bunch of different flavors. There are so many packs.
- Skittles may have a little too much on their hands and it might get kind of confusing, whereas M&M was a lot easier to cover everything at once.
- Skittles is more encompassing to dietary restrictions and needs, whereas M&Ms can cause a lot more problems.
  - **Serena:** Point of clarification, if a candidate is applying and if they have a lot on their plate, it's their own concern. Applying means that they are taking into account time and anything on their plate. During an election, we aren't allowed to comment on that because them applying is them saying that they can do it. They can figure out their own schedule and figure everything out on their plate. That's not for the crowd to decide for them.
  - **Clare:** If they are applying, they truly believe that they are going to be capable of it and you are to believe what they are telling you during the election.
- Is there a shot for sour Skittles?

- **Clare:** We can't answer but it is a good point that during question and answer to try to get as many questions in as you can.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

- Following up on that question, we attempted to ask about other possible packs and flavors, but it was hard because Skittles is Treasurer Matt, so that didn't happen.
  - **Clare:** We haven't gone to the store yet and seen the packs, so I don't know what flavor you are going to get. We will try to get the purple pack, but we don't know what you are voting for yet.
  - **Serena:** If you see that there were some good qualities in the other candidate and no one is saying anything about the other candidate and you want them to have their fair shot and you haven't said anything personally yet, I would put it out there.
  - **Clare:** You are going to be throwing everything back and forth for all of the candidates so everything is on the plate for everyone to understand.
- We appreciate that M&M managed to give a speech without looking at anything and through memorization.
- M&M maintained a very professional image.
  - **Serena:** Point of information, we can't comment on clothing or appearance of anyone. That is something out of people's control.
  - **Sarah:** Point of clarification, they weren't commenting on the person's clothing, but how they presented themselves as a candidate.
- We used M&M's milk chocolate inside more as a positive because it allows us to see a more aimed position. Sometimes, if you look at all these different varieties of Skittles it may get a little bit lost in the mix. We think that the milk chocolate really allows M&Ms to focus on what they're good at.

Motion to Close Discussion: Scudder

Second: Bouton

Motion to Open Voting by Closed Eyes, Hands Raised: Minnewaska

Second: Bliss

**Serena:** Something that is going to be different from this election to the next election is that there will be a speaker's list on the board and the qualities that we put up at the beginning will be available on the board during discussion. You can look back on them. There will also be the speaker's list where there will be a first, second, and third.

**Clare:** It's primary, secondary, tertiary. If you raised your placard three times and someone raised theirs the first time, we are going to hold off calling on that person who has raised their placard three times. It will make more sense when it's up behind me. There are three rows. If you raise your placard once, you will be placed in the first row. I'll call the halls by going down the list of primary and if there is no more primary, I'll go to secondary, but if someone raises their placard for the first time, they will be placed in the primary. It'll make more sense next week.

**Serena:** When the name goes up, you can put the placard down, too. We will call you in that first second, third order.

**Ridgeview:** Will you give a head nod to acknowledge you saw placard?

**Clare:** Yes.

**Clare:** Your voting options are M&M, Skittles, no confidence, and abstain. If you vote no confidence, that means that you think that all of the candidates running are not going to be a good fit and that is a perfectly valid vote to have and there will be more steps taken to fulfill the position. You may abstain if you have a bias for or against either or both of the candidates running.

Voting

M&M 9

Skittles 13

No Confidence 0

Abstain 0

**Clare:** Congratulations, Skittles! You will be coming to next week's meeting!

**Kevin:** As you all may notice you have the white pieces of paper with your hall names on it. Hopefully, next week, you will have the proper placards. We are working with print shop on the new system to get placards made.

#### ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 10:04 PM

**Matt O:** Hey y'all! So when I call your hall, if you can give me the number of people representing your hall, how many RHSA shirts you have on, how many NRHH shirts you have on, how many Conference shirts you have on, and a hall report from your hall gov if you have one. If you have a meeting time, please let us know at this time.

Hall Name	Number Present	RHSA Shirts	NRHH Shirts	Conference Shirts	Hall Report
Ashokan	1	0	0	0	Our new meeting time was discussed but we have not determined one yet.
Awosting	3	1	2	0	We discussed our new meeting time with our new liaison and they are Thursdays at 9pm.
Bliss	1	1	0	0	We planned our GI for this Friday at 6:30pm.
Bouton	4	4	0	0	Our meetings are Sunday at 6pm and we discussed a program for Super Bowl Sunday.

Capen	1	0	0	0	We are holding elections on Wednesday at 8pm and that is our new meeting time as well.
College-Shango	2	0	0	2	We discussed future programming and our new meeting time is Wednesday at 8:30pm.
Esopus	5	1	0	0	We had a GI today and our meeting times are Wednesdays at 8pm.
Gage	11	8	0	0	We have a GI on Wednesday at 7 and we updated our board.
Lenape	1	0	1	0	Our elections are tomorrow at 7pm.
Minnewaska	2	0	0	0	We have discussed upcoming events and we have our same meeting time on Wednesdays at 8:15pm.
Mohonk	1	1	0	0	Our new meeting time is Tuesday at 9:30pm.
Ridgeview	2	1	0	0	We just had elections. We have a new vice president and treasurer. Our new meeting time is Thursday at 8pm and we have our GI tomorrow.
Scudder	4	0	0	4	We have a new meeting time. It's Tuesday at 5:15pm. We have a new PR, secretary, historian. We set goals and expectations and started to plan our Super Bowl Sunday event.
Shawangunk	3	0	0	3	Our meeting time is still Tuesday at 8pm. We elected a new secretary and it was our new president's first meeting.

SENATE 10:09 PM

**Clare:** Seeing none. Tune in next week for a senate report.

NRHH 10:09 PM

**Emily:** Our chapter meetings are bi-weekly. We just elected our new vice president, Eric Richeter. We are planning big things for this semester!

OLD BUSINESS 10:10 PM

Motion to Open: Shawangunk

Second: Gage

Secretary

**Matt O:** I'm starting a new folder for AC Meeting agendas to share with AC Reps and Hall Gov members. If you were on my email list from last semester, I just shared the folder with you. Please refer to the agendas during our meetings and also at your Hall Gov meetings as there is a lot of information to know. If anyone is new or you are just not on the RHSA email list, you can still join the email list. Please see me at the end of the meeting so you have access to the agendas, the minutes, and all the important information regarding RHSA right to your email on a weekly basis.

Motion to Close: Awosting

Second: Capen

NEW BUSINESS 9:11 PM

Motion to Open: Ashokan

Second: Lenape

Conference

**Serena:** Come up here and get these QR codes for your hall. The conference is March 6th to 8th. It's at the University of Maine. We are driving there. Everything is paid for. You gain an opportunity to gain leadership skills and see programs put on from people all around from the northeast region. All the food is paid for, there is ice skating, and it's a lot of fun! You should all apply! It's not a long application and you can sign up for an interview time. We are accepting applications until Wednesday, but if you put your name down for an interview, we will accept your application at your interview. If you want a physical copy of the application, email the RHSA email and I will forward one to you.

**Clare:** Even if this is your first time hearing about conference, ask anyone who has been to a conference! It is an awesome experience!

Yearbook

**Noah:** Hi friends! Social Media Challenges are starting up again tomorrow so keep an eye out for those. Also, don't forget to start searching on the Facebook page for pictures and making your memes and creative photos for February! I also would like all of you to tell your historians or anyone who just wants to join the yearbook committee to come speak to me or contact me so I can get their information for something exciting that's starting up again this semester. At the end of the year, we make a yearbook where every hall gets a page and we have pages for all of the events to show how amazing and beautiful our year with RHSA was! Please come talk to me.

**Clare:** Please come up and talk to Noah. If your historian isn't here, tell them to reach out to Noah because we really want the historians to be involved.

**Ridgeview:** Is that mandatory because we don't have a historian currently?

**Clare:** If you don't have a historian, it would be nice if you had one step in for the time being, but either way, if your historian can't, we get it, but it would be nice if they did it.

\*Can you name 3 different offices located in Capen Hall?\*

**Serena:** In each of your individual hall government constitutions, it will say whether or not it is mandatory. I think for most halls it is, but we strongly urge you.

**Ashokan:** Point of clarification, how would we contact Noah?

**Noah:** If you want, you can email the RHSA email and put the header as “for Noah.”

**Lenape:** I wasn’t sure if it was a thing, but was there a competition for meme and photo of the month for December?

**Noah:** Yes.

**Clare:** There was a snow day last semester, so things got funky.

**Noah:** I have the results! For the creative photo of the month, 3rd place was Bliss, 2nd place was Bouton, and 1st place was Lenape. For the meme of the month, 3rd place was Bliss, 2nd place was Mohonk, and 1st place was Lenape. Congrats y’all!

## Nominations

Motion to Open NCC Nominations: Ridgeview  
Second: College-Shango

**Clare:** Do I have any last minute nominations for NCC? You have to have your stuff here to accept. I’m seeing none.

Motion to Close NCC Nominations: Bliss  
Second: Mohonk

**Clare:** Anyone who is running for NCC please hand out 15 copies of the application and resume, one for each hall and one for the E-Board, and bring one copy of the applicant form and unofficial transcript to me. Please stand and hand your papers out.

**Sarah:** Point of information, if you are looking for the candidate form, it’s going to be on the RHSA website under election information, and you can scroll down to the bottom of the page where it says candidate form and application.

Motion to Close NCC Nominations Until Fall 2020: Esopus  
Second: Gage

Motion to Open All Other Nominations: Bouton  
Second: Bliss

**Clare:** This is time for you to nominate people who you think would be a good fit for the E-Board. You give a nomination and I ask for a second. Then, I ask if you accept, table, or decline. You have to say the person’s full name and preferred name and the position you are nominating them for. If you don’t know their full name, just say what hall they are from.

**Ridgeview:** We nominate Matt Kreuz for president.

**Minnewaska:** Second.

**Matt K:** Table.

**Scudder:** We nominate Jessica Jewel for treasurer.

**Bliss:** Second.

**Jessica:** I accept.

**Ashokan:** We nominate Kevin Merting for president.

**Shawangunk:** Second.

**Kevin:** I accept.

**Ridgeview:** We nominate Logan Bross for treasurer.

**Ashokan:** Second.

**Logan:** I accept.

**Scudder:** We nominate Grace Deas for CCC.

**Bliss:** Second.

**Grace:** I accept.

**Gage:** We nominate Heaven Torres for secretary.

**Ridgeview:** Second.

**Heaven:** I decline.

**Ridgeview:** We nominate Jordan Hennix for CCC.

**Ashokan:** Second.

**Jordan:** I table.

**Shawangunk:** We nominate Em Alber for PR.

**Awosting:** Second.

**Em:** I accept.

**Ridgeview:** We nominate Emily Yulo for secretary.

**Lenape:** Second.

**Emily:** I accept.

**Ridgeview:** We nominate Johnathan Fratus for VP.

**College-Shango:** Second.

**Johnathan:** I table.

**Scudder:** We nominate Marianna Oropallo for secretary.

**Awosting:** Second.

**Marianna:** Table.

Motion to Table Nominations Until Next Meeting: Ridgeview  
Second: Minnewaska

**Clare:** Next week, if you are running for president, you will need 15 E-Board applications, 15 resumes, a candidate form, and an unofficial transcript at the next AC meeting.

**Sarah:** To find the candidate application and form, go to the RHSA website, [www.newpaltz.edu/rhsa](http://www.newpaltz.edu/rhsa), click “resources,” and then, “election information.” At the bottom of the page, there are links for the candidate application and the candidate form.

Motion to Close: Gage  
Second: Bouton

#### UPCOMING EVENTS 10:30 PM

**Clare:** We don’t have any to tell you now, but we have some big things planned for this semester!

#### HALL CONCERNS 10:30 PM

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

**Clare:** Seeing none.

#### STUDENT CONCERNS 10:30 PM

**Clare:** If you have general concerns for things going on campus wide (something's broken, wrong, administrative concerns, faculty concerns), this is your moment to tell us so we can relay the information to the administration. However, if you have any food concerns (type, quality, price, location, general condition of Shop 24, etc.), we will not hear them at this point but you can email us at [rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu).

**Scudder:** That bathroom in the lecture center still has a hole in it.

**Bouton:** I heard from a friend that the elevator in the library is “slow and scary.”

**Clare:** If you want to email us with an experience, if it’s still functioning or works, email us the specifics.

**Shawangunk:** There is a rock outside of Ashokan covered in broken glass, on the side, the big boulder towards the bridge.

**Katie:** Call your RA staff member and it will get fixed tonight.

#### OPEN FLOOR 10:33 PM

**Clare:** If you have a program, meeting or any other announcement that you would like to share with the Associate Council, now is your time to share by raising your placard. You can also refer to the Tiny URL where you can post your events, but you are still welcomed to share your events. <https://tinyurl.com/nprhsacampusevents>

**Bouton:** We are having a Super Bowl party at 6pm in our main lounge. We will have competitions. J-Lo or Shakira? Which commercial speaks to you the most? There will be vegan and gluten free options.

#### PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:34 PM

**Clare:** We see that Minnewaska, Awosting, and Mohonk have not had Molly yet. We will put the halls in a randomizer to see who gets Molly. Mohonk is getting her!

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:35 PM

**Serena:** “Forget about the fast lane. If you really want to fly, harness your power to your passion. Honor your calling. Everybody has one.” - Oprah Winfrey

ADJOURNMENT 10:36 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Gage

Second: Serena

Next meeting will be in SUB 418!

