

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 2/10/2020

Location: SUB 418

CALL TO ORDER 9:08 PM

Clare: Hey everyone! How are you guys doing? Are you ready for the election season to begin?

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:09 PM

Clare: Find someone who you don't know very well and for 2 minutes, talk to them about how last week was and how you hope this week will go.

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:11 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 new meeting time or you didn't confirm with us last week, please let us know at this time.

Hall Name	Number Present	RHSA Shirts	NRHH Shirts	Conference Shirts	Hall Report
Ashokan	4	3	0	0	Discussed our Valentine's Day program.
Awosting	2	0	0	0	We changed our meeting time to Sundays at 8:30pm.
Bliss	1	0	0	0	Discussed future programming.
Bouton	7	7	0	0	Discussed our Valentine's Day program.
Capen	2	0	0	0	Discussed future programming.
College-Shango	3	0	0	3	Discussed future programming, including our Valentine's Day program this Thursday.
Esopus	1	0	0	0	We are changing our meetings to Tuesdays at 8pm.
Gage	1	0	0	0	We will be meeting Thursdays at 5pm.
Lenape	1	0	0	1	We also have a Valentine's Day program.
Minnewaska	5	1	0	0	Discussed future programs.
Mohonk	1	1	0	0	Discussed future programming.

Ridgeview	4	2	0	0	Discussed future programs and welcomed our new Hall Gov members.
Scudder	4	0	0	4	Discussed a Hall Gov GI, a couple of programs, including a sustainability one.
Shawangunk	4	0	0	4	Last week, we had a Smash Bros tournament and I beat RD Cam.

SENATE 9:15 PM

Chet: At our last meeting the Student Association Senate passed a bill to move elections to March 31st to April 2nd. On February 20th, we will be holding a peace vigil at 6pm in SUB 100N. This is for pursuing the sustainability goals put forward by the United Nations. This is number 16, peace and sustainable institutions. On the 27th of February, we will be doing a higher education action day. It is a lobbying movement. A bunch of people all over the state will be going to Albany to talk to elected officials about how much SUNY and public schools need funding from the state. About 70% of public schools in higher education are paid by our tuition and about 30% by the state. We are bringing people to Albany to lobby for this. I have sign-ups if anyone is interested in coming with us to Albany to fight with us for education. We are also looking to expand the Excelsior program.

Scudder: If someone wasn't here to sign that sheet, how could they sign up?

Chet: The NYPIRG office is right next door, SUB 426. They will always have some. I'm sure you have seen NYPIRG in your classes talking about their GI and getting people registered to vote. Talking to those people will be able to get you on these sign-up sheets as well. I'll be caring these around as well if you see me on campus. Also, I hope everyone has been finding ways to stay hydrated. I have a petition to pressure the government to enforce higher water quality structure. Water quality in New York has an awful history. I'll pass this around too. Petitions like this are going around the state.

NRHH 9:19 PM

Emily: Do you need your vibe checked? Come to SUB 100N this Sunday, February 16th¹ from 7pm to 9pm. NRHH will be having a love throwback party to check your vibe. We hope to see you all there!

Serena: Isn't it March 1st?

OLD BUSINESS 9:19 PM

Motion to Open: Scudder

Second: Capen

Secretary

Matt O: I have results from the Facebook challenge for the riddle in the minutes! Can I get a conference clap? First place was Ashokan, second place was College-Shango, and third place

¹ The NRHH event is actually scheduled for Sunday, March 1st from 7pm to 9pm.

was Lenape. The question asked who the parliamentarian of the RHSA E-Board is. The answer is the National Communications Coordinator (NCC), which we will be learning about tonight!

Historian

Noah: Hey guys! I have the results from last week's social media challenge. 3rd place was Capen, 2nd place was Ridgeview, and 1st place was College-Shango! I also want to quickly go over the guidelines for the Meme of the Month challenge and the creative photo challenge. For the meme of the month challenge, you are supposed to take pictures off of the RHSA Facebook page and make memes out of them! For the creative photo challenge, I want you to send me a picture of your hall gov doing something weird or crazy or creative or with funny props, anything you think would be fun! Both of those are due to our email by the night of the last AC meeting of the month at midnight! For this month, that's February 24th. Thanks!

Motion to Close: College-Shango
Second: Ashokan

NEW BUSINESS 9:22 PM

Motion to Open: Minnewaska
Second: Mohonk

New Hall Gov Constitutions

Matt O: We know those Hall Gov constitutions are hard to read or confusing, but we got you covered! The RHSA E-Board sat down and made a new template to distribute to all of the halls. It is going to be emailed this Wednesday to all of the Hall Gov RA Liaisons. Johnathan has that covered. We went through all of the articles of a Hall Government constitution and gave it a universal structure for all you to follow and also it gives you some questions to address where you have to figure out, answering questions about impeachment, and aspects like that. Once he sends the email out and you see the actual document, it will make a lot of sense. Then, once you as a Hall Gov complete your own constitution, you will send it to us, we will put it on the website, and everyone will have a pretty good constitution.

Clare: This is something that we are not going to be asking from you until a long time, maybe until close to the end of the semester. It is something we want you to talk about a little bit every week at your Hall Gov meetings. We tried to make the template as clear as possible, but we are going to open up questions if you have questions. You can email us or come to our office hours as well. Our goal is to not make a universal constitution as every hall is different, but where the guidelines are the same. It would tell you what to do when there is an impeachment or how to fill a vacant position. This is to make sure that all of you beautiful Hall Government members have what you need to get through the year smoothly. It will be sent out to your liaisons Wednesday.

Conference

Serena: We picked delegates for conference! Congratulations to Brooklyn, Aesha, and Gigi! Right when we are back from this conference, applications for NACURH will be going out and that is the national one in Ohio, I think we are taking a plane, and it's lots of fun!

Yearbook

Noah: I don't really have any updates. Keep sending me information. I'm still looking for at least one person from every hall and next week, I'm going to start calling out the halls I don't have. Once I get more information about deadlines, there will be more information being put out.

Capen: How do we contact Noah?

Clare: If you are trying to get in contact with Noah, email RHSA at rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu and make the subject "For Noah" or "For Yearbook" so he sees it.

Shawangunk: What do we do if we don't have a historian?

Clare: If you don't have a historian, we would love if someone from your Hall Gov could step up and help do it. It can be more than just your historian volunteering.

Programming Committee

Sarah: Hey folks, so if you're interested in getting a taste of doing some programming outside of your hall, I'm having a GI meeting for Programming Committee this Wednesday at 5:00pm in the RHSA office, Capen B-16. If you want to join, or are thinking you wanna join, or have nothing better to do, or just wanna come hang out with some cool people, come by and see what it's all about.

Student Advocacy Committee

Matt O: Hey y'all! Next Tuesday, February 18th at 7pm in the RHSA Office will be our general interest meeting for the Student Advocacy Committee! You might have remembered hearing about this from last semester, but Matt K and I are really trying to make something out of this committee!

Matt K: We would like to prioritize food concerns, Project Pink (providing free menstrual products for the whole campus), promoting campus safety, and working with Student Association to help improve the campus!

Buzz Halloween Party

Kevin: On Friday, February 21st from 7pm to 9pm in SUB 100N, we are having a vintage Halloween party! There will be a prize for the best costume! There will be music, snacks, games, and all you could want from a Halloween party. You also got posters so please hang them up in places where people will see them. Think for your building for where the best places are. We also got placards today and I know they don't stand up well. I'm working on a solution and I'll be back with one. We also have a blurb at the bottom of the posters about accessibility and accommodations as we want everyone to be able to attend our events! If someone needs accommodations, direct them there, and they can email us and let us know.

Escape Room

Sarah: We are having an Escape Room again this year! It's from 7pm to 11pm on Friday, February 28th in SUB 100N! Come out and escape the room! We'll have sign-up information available for you soon and you can also sign up there, but we're going to be in 100N. That's where we'll meet for the event, and there will be some people taking you up to the fourth floor! You have to go solve puzzles and riddles and get out of the escape room! It's so much fun!

Solve the riddle: I am mighty. I am made of wood. I can be loud. I have many names. I can be found in the hands of the RHSA president at every AC meeting. What am I?

Clare: There are going to be plenty of rooms for plenty of people. You can either sign-up ahead of time or show up at the event to get a spot.

Clare: We are going to give everyone a 10 minute break before the election. Please use this time to review candidate applications and resumes. We also sent the email with those applications and resumes. When we come back, there should only be 2 AC Reps sitting as a representative for each hall. If you only have one, that's okay.

Ten Minute Break 9:34-9:44

Election

Clare: We are about to begin our first election. That means from this point until the end of our election tonight, no one who leaves the room can re-enter. There should be no verbal communication anywhere in this room, and no technology. If you are seen using a phone, laptop, Nintendo Switch, 3DS, etc., you will be asked to leave the room until the end of the election. We will have one person in the back of the room watching for tech, and also to hand any notes you may have up to the AC rep of your hall. These can be discussion points or questions for Q&A. During elections there will be a 3 minutes speech, 5 minute Q&A extendable up to 3 times followed by the rest of the candidates. After all candidates speak, we will have a 5 minutes discussion period extendable up to 3 times, and we will go to a vote by secret ballot.

I'll now ask all candidates to stand up and head out with Johnathan.

We are using a speakers list. If you want to speak, raise your placard, and Matt K will let you know that your name is on the speakers list. If you raise your placard for a second time, and someone else raises it for the first time, they will speak first. You'll see how it works once we get into it! If there is no one left on the speakers list, you will make a motion to close Q&A or discussion. However, if there are still a few people on the speakers list and you think it is time to end it, you can "move to exhaust the speakers list without additions" if there is a second, and no dissent I will run through the rest of the speakers and then move right into the next portion. However, if someone still wants to speak, I will ask for dissent, and you can dissent so you get the chance to speak. It's a lot of listening to what I'm saying, so pay attention and you will all definitely be able to keep up.

Now, Emily, could you please tell us the responsibilities as NCC as she is a co-NCC.

Emily: The National Communications Coordinator must complete all duties in conjunction with the National Communications Coordinator on the NRHH Executive Board; Serves as the voting representative on behalf of SUNY New Paltz in NCC Boardroom at NACURH, Inc. affiliated conferences; Relays information from the regional and NACURH level to SUNY New Paltz, and vice versa; Affiliates SUNY New Paltz with NACURH, Inc. through the NACURH Corporate Office; Selects and prepares delegations to regional conferences and the NACURH Annual Conference; 1. Coordinates preparation of all conference materials; 2. Collects evaluations from the delegations to send to the Assistant Director of Residence Life; 3. Coordinates and prepares regional and NACURH-level bids as per Article Twelve, Section Five of this Constitution; Attends the NEACURH Regional Leadership Conference and NEACURH Spring Leadership Conference; Attends the NACURH Annual Conference at the close of their term (if still a current student); Attends the Fall and Spring Sub-regional meetings, if able; Plans the annual New Paltz

Leadership Conference; Serves as the parliamentarian at all Associate Council meetings and Executive Board meetings; Serves as a NACURH voting representative from NACURH Annual Conference to NACURH Annual Conference. Attends a NRHH Executive Meeting Bi-Weekly.

Clare: We will now have 5 minutes to list any expectations you have for your next NCC.

Expectations of NCC

- Great communication skills
- Open-minded and accountability
- Organized
- Good time management skills
- Professionalism
- Good commitment
- Integrity and being reliable
- Passionate
- Adaptability
- Innovative
- Regional and national knowledge
- Honesty
- Enforces parliamentary procedure
- Inclusive
- A good advocate
- Approachable
- Charismatic
- Knows what NEACURH and NACURH stand for
- Excellent teamwork and problem solving skills
- Resilient
- Punctual
- Good representation of New Paltz community
- Prepared to keep growing
- Experienced in similar positions
- Brave
- Humble

Candidate 1: Jordan Hennix

Jordan: Hello everyone, my name is Jordan Hennix, I am a psychology major with a double minor in communications and black studies. My pronouns are he, him, his and tonight I am running for National Communications Coordinator for RHSA! The National Association of College and University Residence Hall (NACURH) which is RHSA's parent organization, was founded in 1954 and holds the following 8 regions: CAACURH, GLACURH, IACURH, MACURH, PACURH, SAACURH, SWACURH, and last but not least NEACURH, which is in fact our region and stands for the North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls! These regions are the formal basis for the NCC position. As NCC, I would be communicating with the region through a series of monthly chats, and will have a direct line of communication with the Associate Director of Administration and Finance, Adam Coshal. I

would choose delegates for conferences, plan out the processing for regional and national conferences, oversee the creation of bids, be the primary representative of SUNY New Paltz on a regional and national level, work together with the NCC of National Residence Hall Honorary, plan out the New Paltz Leadership Conference, serves as a parliamentarian, and complete all my general e-board duties. I have been active in RHSA since my first semester as an AC rep for Ridgeview hall. I applied for CCC last year, and, although I didn't get the position, I knew that I still wanted to be on this executive board, so I didn't give up! This year, I ran for and was elected Ridgeview Hall Government President. Throughout my experiences in Hall Government, I gained a lot of knowledge and an immense passion for RHSA! What makes me qualified to be your NCC is the experience I obtained while going to the 2019 Spring Leadership Conference, my firm understanding of parliamentary procedure, my time management skills, my experiences in Stepping into Diversity, the skills I've gained in Emerging Leaders, my communications minor, AND my in depth understanding of NEACURH and RHSA. I've also been reading the regional policy book, a book on Robert's rules, and have an extensive understanding of the RHSA's constitution. Throughout the year, I look forward to advancing SUNY New Paltz in the region. I intend to assist in the creation of writing bids for regional awards that will make our organization recognized and properly represented in the boardroom. The passion that I have for RHSA has given me many ideas on how I can continue to improve our community, such as the P.R.O.U.D committee that I proposed in my application. The objective of the P.R.O.U.D committee will be to represent ALL communities! As an organization striving for inclusiveness, something important we need to learn to acknowledge moving forward is intersectionality and diversity within all communities! After all, NACURH, our parent organization, creates environments that empower, motivate, and equip residence hall leaders by providing them with skills and resources in order for them to excel and positively impact their campus communities. It would be a pleasure to make all of you, the Associate Council, be more included in what we do as an E-Board. As NCC, my goal will be to incorporate new ideas, bring a new perspective, and represent ALL of you on a campus, regional and national level! My name is Jordan Hennix, and I yield to questions!

Question and Answer

You mentioned at the end of your speech that you want to bring a new perspective. What do you mean by that?

Jordan: Everyone's perspective is very different no matter who you are and what your upbringing is. Personally, being everything that I've gone through, especially in Hall Gov, etc., the person I am, I can bring a new perspective to RHSA, no matter who the E-Board member is, I feel they can bring a different perspective.

You mentioned the P.R.O.U.D program, can you tell us about it?

Jordan: I talked to President Clare and the previous NCC Mike Hebert, his term was 2015-2016. Throughout the academic year, there was a problem with the diversity in RHSA at some point. RHSA is an organization that fights for inclusiveness. That doesn't mean that we can't have diversity within the organization itself. Also, that doesn't mean that we can't fight for diversity. When Mike Hebert was talking to me about when he was NCC, especially that he's a grad student now, he wished he had more inclusiveness as NCC so he could spread awareness. My hope for the P.R.O.U.D Committee, by the way, P.R.O.U.D. stands for Programming, Respect, Outreach, Unity, and Duty. My hope is to have more diverse-oriented programs no matter who

the background is because although RHSA fights for inclusiveness. I believe that if I'm able to have that committee, no matter what background you have, you would feel welcome in RHSA.

It seems you did a lot of research when it comes to the constitution and all of your responsibilities, but I was wondering who you spoke to about this position and who gave you great advice?

Jordan: I talked to the whole E-Board and I talked to Clare three times. In regards to the NCC position, I talked to the current NCC of NRHH, Emily Yulo, Serena Cruz, Pharez Varlack, Brandon Knowles, and Mike Hebert. For general E-Board duties, like I said, I talked to Sam, I already said Pharez, Rui, Elee.

You said you were president of Ridgeview Hal Government, how do you feel that will help you for the NCC position?

Jordan: As president, I've learned about delegation. Being a neutral resource, I'm supposed to be delegating tasks. One thing I should be actively aware of is my team members' weaknesses and strengths. So, if I am to delegate a task, I would rather have two people who not only bring out each other's strengths, but who cover for each other's weaknesses. One of the prime examples for an NCC is to choose a delegation for conference and since they have to work together to make clothespins, a chant, etc. One of the biggest responsibilities would be choosing the best delegation possible. That's why my presidency will help me as NCC.

On E-Board, if you do have a conflict with another E-Board member, how would you approach that situation?

Jordan: If I were to have a conflict with an E-Board member, the first thing I would hope to do is give each other time to cool off because it's never good to talk to someone when they are upset. Next, I will try my best to meet with that person privately because we are on E-Board and our first priority is to be a person first, a student, and then, an E-Board member, which means I need to actively get along with my E-Board. When I meet with them in person, I'll express my concerns as well as give that person the platform to speak for themselves and if we are unable to find at least one, two, or three solutions together, then, I will bring it up to the future president, and if somehow, it's still not working out, the advisor.

What has been your biggest struggle as Ridgeview's president and how did you conquer it?

Jordan: I'll say being indecisive at times.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

Jordan: Definitely, indecisiveness. There would be times when the liaisons would text me saying it's time to make an important decision, but I feel that my weakness is kind of covered with one of my strengths being communication. Whenever, I am faced with an important decision, I rely on my E-Board and we will have a conversation based on what the decision is, so instead of me making the decision based on assumption, I am actually getting multiple perspectives in order to make that a sound and concise decision.

What about you would you say is a good representation of the New Paltz community, not just simply RHSA or things like that, but as a person?

Jordan: Me as a person, I feel that I am a very diverse person myself. I grew up in the city, I'm black, and I'm also a part of the queer community. I feel that accurately represents people on this campus. Now, I could refer back to my P.R.O.U.D. committee because I do not represent all different backgrounds, but I do represent a set larger community, myself, being black and queer.

So, with that P.R.O.U.D. committee, my hope is to get more knowledge on multiple backgrounds, so when I am representing New Paltz on a regional, national level, I am not just representing myself, but I am representing an entire school body.

What is your definition of intersectionality and why is it important to you?

Jordan: I'll say that being on the standpoint of different backgrounds, for me, for instance, I'm going to use me because I don't like using other people. Like I mentioned before, I'm black and I'm queer. There are points in which the communities would conflict because sometimes in the black community, people don't support queer people and sometimes in the queer community, people don't support the black community. There is underlying racism sometimes, so I feel that my definition of intersectionality would be acknowledging all different backgrounds without bias and any sort of prejudice.

Is there anything that you wanted to say during your speech you didn't get the time to say?

Jordan: No.

How do you hope to grow from this position?

Jordan: What I hope to grow from this position is professionalism and networking. Furthermore, being that I am a communications minor and this position is called the National Communications Coordinator, I hope that my skills in communication will definitely be enhanced. Back to say what I said about networking and bringing a new perspective, by going to these conferences and going to boardroom and meeting with student leaders, I, myself, will be building on my own leadership skills to be able to bring back to this campus.

Why did you choose the NCC position over all the other positions?

Jordan: So, in fact, I'm going to go back to what I first said in my speech. Last year, I did choose the CCC position, but that was because the NCC position was already filled and I wanted to be on E-Board so, so badly. After I lost my election, I did some reflecting and I thought that maybe this position would be right for me because back to what I said earlier about delegation, I feel that I am really good at that. I really love that this is up in my ally with the communications minor, especially with the networking, talking with the administration, and NACURH, NEACURH, and last by not least, the idea on getting different backgrounds on how to be a better leader.

You mentioned intersectionality and being black and queer. Those are aspects of your identity, but what about your personality, what personality traits do you have?

Jordan: I know I'm definitely an extrovert. Me, I think I'm an extrovert and I'm very friendly and when I go back to what I said about being open and inclusive and having that platform for all communities to join together. Being that I do represent different communities and I am friendly, I am outgoing, and I am an open-minded person and I love people. I feel that those personality traits will complement this position for me.

Would you rather stand up for what you believe in against the majority or would you rather just side with the majority and be cohesive and try to delegate correctly or just present to other people?

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

Jordan: In regards to the majority, are you asking the E-Board or the Associate Council?

In both senses.

Jordan: In regards to delegation, I will be delegating alongside the co-NCC of NRHH, so in regards to delegation, one of my tasks would be to communicate with them. If my idea of what would be the best delegation for RLC, the Regional Leadership Conference, or SLC, the Spring Leadership Conference, or NACURH, the National Conference, if my idea of a delegation does not fit with their idea, then we will have a discussion about it. Try to pinpoint which skills each candidate has that would best bring out this position and try to come to a consensus.

You talked about your P.R.O.U.D committee idea before. You said what the idea was, but how would you carry it out? Would that be with the E-Board or just an NCC thing?

Jordan: I want to be very interactive with both E-Board and the Associate Council. Like I mentioned earlier, I want the next E-Board to be more interactive, so I am trying to do that with the P.R.O.U.D committee is for the Associate Council. I would want to do weekly meetings with possibly E-Board members, hopefully, Associate Council members and we will try to plan out the type of events we can have in the SUB, the residence halls, actually, not the residence halls because that's hall bias, in the SUB.

How do you plan to better the relationship between NRHH and RHSA?

Jordan: Being that the NCC of both RHSA and NRHH currently sit on office hours in the RHSA office and I have to attend bi-weekly meetings if I am elected the NCC, I feel that the relationship is strong already, but one thing that I will definitely strive for is bonding. In RHSA and NRHH, recently, NRHH just had bowling, RHSA does bonding right after their summer meeting, but the two organizations never really bond together. So, if I am NCC one thing I could definitely have is bonding with the NRHH E-Board. Also, one of my biggest tasks is NPLC and NRHH's biggest thing is about recognition. RHSA is also about recognition at banquet and NPLC at times with the participation awards. I feel that would be the perfect platform for NRHH to start recognizing other people as well.

What kind of skills do you possess that qualify you for the position and E-Board?

Jordan: For the position, I will definitely say my communication skills. I feel that I have a strong communication presence. I am able to receive information and relay it back to other people in a concise manner. In regards to E-Board, I feel that I am a teamplayer. As I mentioned earlier, the communication, delegation, etc. One of the things you do as an E-Board member is listen to what other people have to say. Yes, you have ideas of your own, but listen to what other people have to say. With that being said, one of the biggest things I mentioned about communication is that if you guys are unable to make a consensus, we will take a vote, etc.

How comfortable are you with working with a group, when you have to relay information back to the bigger group? Are you willing to speak up?

Jordan: I'm very comfortable. Two, both of my classes, interpersonal communications, intro to communications as well as public speaking. All of those classes require me to refer back to smaller groups. Also, small group communications. We have to refer back to smaller groups, chat, and later on within a class period, or if it's a big project, I'll either present by myself or we will all talk together. Also, since I've been an AC Rep all of last year, one of my biggest tasks was to take information at these AC Meetings and relay that back to my own Hall Government. In regards to taking information, let's say I was NCC, from NACURH, NEACURH, I feel that relaying it back to RHSA would be very easy.

How would you go about generating interest in applying for conferences?

Jordan: The first thing I want to do is that you guys know how we play the NACURH video at the beginning of the term? That's the first thing I would do. Another thing, I'm not going to say

bring back, but last year Pharez he did this thing called NCC fun fact. I want something a little more exciting. You know what Kahoot is?

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

With Kahoot, I feel that if you are being more interactive with the game, you are definitely picking up more information. Also, you guys know how in Kahoot, whoever is first, second, and third place wins? One thing I definitely want to do with the future historian is social media challenges. First, whoever wins the Kahoot game gets possibly more GFPs, if the CCC is fine with that because not only are you more excited to get GFPs because of it and GFPs are for winning hall of the semester. With the social media challenges, every once in a while, I hope that the future historian will ask what does NCC stand for, what does NEACURH stand for, or how many regions is there, etc. With that, you are learning more about my position and you are earning GFPs.

You talked about Stepping Into Diversity and Emerging Leaders. How do you think your experience with those two organizations can help you in this position?

Jordan: The first thing I learned in Stepping Into Diversity is that we do trainings and a whole bunch of group meets and talk about how do you accurately represent yourself and the difference between cultural appropriation and borrowing other people's cultures. One thing I learned in Stepping Into Diversity is that when it comes to representing other cultures, you need to either ask for permission or have someone else accurately represent what that culture is because let's face it, we don't know every culture in the world, and if you have someone else who is actually presenting, they will do a much better job and much better time doing it versus you, who could possibly offend them. In regards to Emerging Leaders, I learned that there is a ray of different leaders. You could have your introverted leader, your ambroverted, extraverted, possibly others, as well as learning how to work on different teams and how to bring out your best ability on every team as well as everyone else's best ability and trying to be a perfect fit and also not taking it to heart if you are not the best fit for a certain position or E-Board.

Do you have any specific program ideas to bring?

Jordan: In regards to the P.R.O.U.D. committee or general?

In general.

Jordan: Although this is a Ridgeview thing, one thing I wanted to bring was the prom program, but that's more of a Ridgeview thing, but in regards to the P.R.O.U.D committee, one thing I did in high school that was very successful was this big dance in who you represent who you are. Let's say you want to represent the fact that you are queer, you would have a queer flag or queer colors, if you want to represent the fact that you are Columbian, Jamaican, etc., you go to that dance to represent your culture. It was really expensive because you have to take into consideration that there are a whole bunch of different backgrounds so planning out food and accurately representing everyone, but that's definitely one thing I really want to bring back, a nice dance where everyone feels welcome and everyone feels appreciated.

Clare: Just a reminder that we have used up all three extensions so once the time is up now there are no more extensions.

What experiences outside of RHSA and Hall Gov have you had that you believe will help you succeed in your role as NCC?

Jordan: Definitely Emerging Leaders and Stepping Into Diversity. I'm going to talk about Stepping Into Diversity first. It goes back to representing the larger community and realizing that

you are just not New Paltz, that each and every one of us in this room has a different background and in regards, to representing them, with Emerging Leaders, I understand that when you are representing other people, it is much bigger than yourself so you have to put your pride aside and accurately represent everyone.

How would you describe campus diversity and community?

Jordan: I am going to start with the campus. I feel that the campus is very inclusive. Now in regards to diversity, diversity means any human difference between you and the next person. Although the campus is very inclusive and very diverse, I feel like we could definitely keep pushing for more. It is very inclusive, very open, and very welcoming, and diversity is any single human difference between one and another person, so that is why with that question said, my idea was to go into RHSA and keep pushing for more inclusiveness, more diversity, and more open-mindedness so we could all have a platform in which we feel welcome.

If you could change one thing about RHSA, what would it be and why?

Jordan: I guess to be more actively present with the Associate Council. I feel that when they are planning programs there are times where we might have ideas because I know there were several times where my Ridgeview Hall Government will come up with extraordinary ideas that would be awesome if they were to throw it on.

Clare: Because the timer ran out, we do not need to close question and answer.

Capen: I have a suggestion. It would be best if people didn't ask questions that were similar to questions that were already asked.

Clare: On that and for discussion, if I get you on the speaker's list and you feel that your question has already been asked and the answer was given to you, you can YTR, which means yield to redundancy.

Sarah: If you have a really good question that you want to ask to one candidate, it's probably also a really good question you should ask any other candidate. Try to ask people the same questions and give everyone the same opportunity to answer.

Clare: Please keep your placard up high to get on the speaker's list.

Candidate 2: Serena Cruz

Serena: Hi, my name is Serena Cruz, I go by she, her, hers pronouns and I am running to be your next National Communications Coordinator. Some of the jobs of the National Communications Coordinator are to affiliate our school under NACURH, to pick and prepare delegations for conference, attend mandatory Zoom chats, which is their own type of Skype call between all of the other NCCs of the region, prepare for conference, I manage my own budget under RHSA which is about \$12,000 for me this year. I coordinate and run NPLC. I vote and I'm the voice of New Paltz in boardroom. I bring information back to my E-Board similar to how you bring back information to your E-Boards for these meetings and I work collectively with the NRHH NCC. Some of the skillsets I have that I believe make me qualified for this position are that I'm organized, I have good time management skills, I always like to lend a helping hand whenever possible, I'm passionate and I speak my mind as often as I can as well. Also, I'm really good at spelling. Now, Serena, why do you want this position again? This position has inspired me, the people from the region, all the support from everyone around, NCCs at other schools, Abby who is the regional director, Pharez when he was my NCC. Being a first semester freshman when I got picked for my first conference, I knew from then on out that this is

something I wanted to do. Nothing brings me more joy in my heart than going to these conferences, meeting people, exploring, and going to the programs they have where they talk about diversity and inclusivity, etc. I really believe I have been doing my best this semester, but I want to do better than my best and push myself beyond my own perspective. I felt really compelled since then and I still have the same love for it as I had then. It has even inspired me. I took a class called mathematics in the modern world, a math literacy course about different methods of voting. I know it sounds boring, but it was actually really cool, and crowds and the wisdom of crowds. I am taking a public speaking class this semester. I'm trying to help myself. I know I'm a little shaky. And it's inspired me to meet people, talk more, and cry less and it's inspired me to consider changing my major from math, which I know is really fun, to higher education or something along those lines. My goals are to eventually become part of the RBD, which is the NEACURH E-Board, possibly fulfill higher education and I love this position.

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Question and Answer

What unique characteristics do you have as a person that we can't get from either the candidates or somebody else?

Serena: That would be information on the other candidates. I wouldn't be able to speak on behalf of myself over somebody else, but I think I'm someone who is very creative, I think I am someone who is super passionate. I love to talk about things that I feel passionate about, I could go on forever. I will debate for as long as I feel fit to get what I think is right. I have a love for things like this.

Are there any events or programs that you didn't put on this year that you would like to put on next year if you are elected?

Serena: One program I think would be good is both a diversity and interactive program, which would be fun, it would be a world hunger day program, which I know is around October. I saw this idea from Northeastern. They talked about it, so the program was basically very interactive where everyone got a different card, you walked in. It's supposed to be where you each get a different plate of fake food and stuff like that. It just shows how a majority of the crowd you will see has less than everybody else. It really gives you a perspective on food insecurity and what people have to deal with because I applied to NACURH's alternative spring break where they are going to a food bank to volunteer. This is something I'm very passionate about. I volunteer at the school's food pantry. I know that in Ulster County, one in six people go hungry and the one in New Mexico is one in four.

What is a way in which you feel you have progressed in your position and how you can further it in the future?

Serena: As a person myself, I feel that I have definitely progressed. As a freshman coming up here to run in my first election, it was very nerve-racking, my heart felt like it was going to fall out of my chest. Today, because of all the people that I have met and all the people that I have built up the courage to talk to, collaborate with, and all these chats that I have had to do, I feel that I've come out of my shell a bit. I am definitely not that same scaredy cat. I've come out of my shell. As for new things I have to offer, coming into it this year, it was a little confusing as it for any other new position. I did it to the best of my ability, I didn't have an NRHH NCC for a

second, I didn't know who it was going to be, so I didn't have that time to bond with them at NACURH or talk to them over the summer. We both came into this brand new and I think coming into it again, I think I would be a very good helping hand, provide my support, and have this new perspective on what the position is rather than the perspective I had when I first started.

Did you have anything you wanted to say in your speech that you didn't have time to say?

Serena: Another program idea I had that I was going to mention during my speech was away from the diversity program and more of a fun program. I kind of like tournament style. I feel that a lot of programs have you go around the tables, you come back to front and get a shirt, and you go, but I think a really fun and interactive program would be tournament style against other halls and it brings you together more. I was thinking something like "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?," something that tests knowledge of different areas so we can make it educational.

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Serena: It can be like privilege, food insecurity, etc., things of that nature to really gain new perspectives on things that we may not have had before.

What new things will you bring to the table since you would be in the same position that you were last year?

Serena: Like I said before, I have a new perspective on the position, it's not entirely what you would expect going into the position at the same time and I have a lot of new ideas that I would bring to the table like program ideas. We already planned our programs for the semester so some of these are already outside of the question. I am going to NACURH. I applied for the alternative spring break, basically I applied for the region's alternative spring break. I'm the only person from NEACURH who's going, from our region who's going. That's what has made me want to do programs like this because I have been having these weekly meetings with them about the spring break that's coming up. We are going to New Mexico and we are going to be volunteering at a food bank. They have a lot of tribal land there. It's about 19 different tribes. We are going to be learning about them and gaining new perspectives on who owned this land and where it came from, etc., which I think is really cool to bring back to the school.

To clarify, we mean personality-wise, what changes have you made to your personality that could have an effect?

Serena: I've come out of my shell a lot more, I'm talking to people, it took a hot second, but I am hoping to bring this. I just feel that overall I have become a different person, a better person, and I want to bring this person to this E-Board and do even better than I could have done this year in my position.

If you could change one thing about RHSA, what would it be?

Serena: Our budget, I would make it higher. I think we have so much potential. We have such an outreach of students we reach to heart. We have every Hall Government. We have off-campus people. There's always that off-campus owl on our page that replies to the Facebook post, and make my outreach bigger. Having a bigger budget, you get publicity, you put it all out there, you have more people showing up. I really like that we have done a lot of collaborations this year which I think is a great way to get people to come to our programs.

How do you plan to strengthen the bond between NRHH and RHSA?

Serena: I'm a big advocate for the bond between NRHH and RHSA. I think that one of the big things that we should do is that I think we should have access to each other's offices. I think it's very kind of mean. We show up to each other's meetings, but we don't have access to each

other's offices. Is something wrong going to happen? That's something I think we should strive for, making people feel a little more welcomed and working together better.

How do you think diversity and inclusion is on campus, furthermore, how do you feel you can improve it?

Serena: I think we have a few resources on campus to make sure people are getting all the resources they need. I think that things aren't being as diverse as possible, but as I was saying before, a big thing we can do is programming. Diversity is a number of things, it's not only race, it's not only accessibility, it's everything because combating things, I'm going to say this for the 100th time, but food insecurity is my biggest thing. While I'm going to be learning about the Native Americans during spring break, I think just in general, being able to hear the voice of students, hearing from the AC more opinions. We plan these events and meetings, but we don't have the voice of the whole student body. It's up to the E-Board and I think we can do a lot more things to be interactive with the AC and really get your guys' opinions, bring it back to us, and see what the whole body wants, not just the eight people.

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You mentioned that you wanted to have the voices of the student body. What programs or in what ways would you be able to bring that to the table so we can have more of a voice with you guys rather than just being bystanders?

Serena: We have these meetings every Monday. I think there should be a new thing added for sure that we can get program ideas like you guys do in your own hall governments that you guys contributed different voices and you had a bunch of programs going on. Again, I think reaching out to the AC is something I think we could have done better and we can always continue to improve on. Getting your opinions through forums, word of mouth, etc. can be a great idea to put out there or even an anonymous tip box if people don't want to say something in front of people, but they have a strong opinion and they want it to be put out there.

Looking back on your time as NCC, how do you think you can improve?

Serena: I have actually started writing since I started being NCC. I call it Serena's Declassified NCC Survival Guide and I have been writing about everything I've gone through being an NCC. The timeline of things is hard to get a grasp on when I was just applying to be NCC at the time and all the conferences got pretty booked for me. I need to make sure everything is all set and perfect for everybody else. It's a lot harder than it looks. I've been putting my own words into it rather than it just being a verbatim do this, this, and this. I have a section for when interviews come up, it's like dress nice, remember they are more nervous than you are, and make sure you are being friendly and fun. It doesn't have to be so strict, make sure it's light-hearted and a lot of notes that I think were helpful for me to relook over doing interviews again already and I think it would be helpful in the future.

What was one challenge you faced as NCC and how did you overcome it and how did you learn from it?

Serena: Definitely the timelines of things. I didn't realize conference comes up so fast. One issue I had recently was December 17th or 18th, they said registration is opening up. We all just left and I said okay, so I had to email the SLC chair, I talked to them, their name is Aiden, they gave me all the advice that they needed. They let me make sure that I had enough time to make sure that I had enough time to come back and set everything up and I still got the invoice on

time. We are all set. It really just took that reaching out and making sure that I was doing things right when they came up and being on top of it.

Can you elaborate on your alternative spring break?

Serena: Basically, this alternative spring break, I applied to during the last conference. They said, everyone apply, it'll come out. We are going to be spending a week in New Mexico and we are doing food insecurity. Albuquerque is a food desert which means that they don't have any kind of good food that isn't all full of preservatives, etc. Again, one in four children go hungry. It's not a good place. We are going to be exploring privilege, we are going to be talking about the native and invasive plants in the area. That area is also below the poverty line which is something we have been talking about. We have these meetings every weekend leading up to it and after, we are going to have post-weekends to talk about it. Again, we are seeing the 12 Native American tribes, actually, there's 19 tribes. We are going to ask questions, gain new perspectives, we are doing a river clean-up. We are also going to be going through the ways that people hike. Again, the plants and things that keep it from flourishing as an area and what we can do to prove that and how it will give us that perspective, and things to bring back to campus on all these things.

What ideas, if any, do you have for NPLC next year?

Serena: I didn't think that far, but give me one second. I think one of the biggest things I want to change is that I put it all on my plate

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Serena: I didn't get to ask the opinions of other people. I should have definitely asked about the opinions of way more people. I should have done something for the theme where people could have put something in for the theme where we vote them off, pick something else, and I could have went with creative freedom that way rather than just taking it to myself and coming up with it. I also like doing it in the fall. You get the option of doing it in the fall or spring. I think the spring would be kind of cool because people have been to their first conference and then, they go to NPLC actually. This semester, I want to put it in the spring and not the fall because I thought the fall would be great, but because it came before conference, people didn't have that full grasp. I think having people who have been to that first conference with me would get the hype and help out with the crowd and make it something where more people could be involved instead of me spearheading the whole thing with my co-NCC and making sure everyone is involved and we get different perspectives in there.

Clare: Just so everyone knows, that was the last extension so when the timer ends, it's the end of question and answer.

How do you handle conflict within the E-Board or another club or organization?

Serena: A year ago, I would have said cried. During my first conference, I had a bit of a conflict with my delegates and it's something I can readily admit because that was the biggest learning experience for me. From then on, us being passive aggressive to each other was not it. After that first conference, I have been taking it to a whole different level. I realize that you don't know how to deal with conflict until it comes up in a higher setting. In high school, it's way different. I've been taking a more direct approach. It's definitely way easier to go up to someone and be like hey, can we talk, are you in the right state of mind to talk right now and make sure they are in a good space and have a great conversation about it. It's really helped me.

How have you innovated or improved the NCC position this year?

Serena: This year, maybe not to the NCC position as a whole, but to the E-Board as a whole, I've definitely been a sort of asset. I feel that I can provide my own perspective on things, which is typically a little different from their perspective as I'm one of the first people to debate things. I feel that in case I have gotten a few things changed. One of the ideas for Spirit Week was that they wanted to do a hair in the bucket challenge and squeeze the hair as a sponge. First of all, if my hair gets wet, it's going to be wet for the next three days. Not everybody's hair works like that. It was really for it for a second. I thought we were really going to be doing that. Just things like that I was able to weigh in on and I feel that people on the E-Board were able to weigh in on how to change the perspective. Perspective is a really big thing that I can offer.

Can you define intersectionality and how can you improve the intersectionality of RHSA and NEACURH?

Serena: I think that we are not as involved as we could be with NEACURH. We definitely go to the conferences, we are affiliated. I try to go to as many chats as possible, but I feel that beyond the people who go to conference, they don't get that same experience and I definitely think there are things that we can do, so something I think would be a great idea is that we do spirit points. As a school, we gain points that go back up to NACURH and NEACURH and I think that involving more people will get us more points for our school, the region, a little more involved directly rather it just be me and my delegates. We had to make Tik-Toks for points. Seeing the AC make Tik-Toks would have been so many more points and so much more fun and that would have been a great idea.

I don't know if that answered the question. Can you define intersectionality and how you can improve it?

Serena: I think intersectionality is the cross-road between the two and how you can merge them together a little bit better and really get them to be a little bit more of a collaborative.

Clare: That is time.

Ashokan: Point of personal privilege, is there a way to make it more clear on when you pick on somebody on the list so you can kind of see who's next to speak?

Clare: You can't see this?

Matt K: We can move the cart.

Candidate 3: Callie Quinn

Callie: Hi! My name is Callie Quinn, my pronouns are she/her/hers, and I'm running to be your next NCC. I'm a sophomore Communications Major and I've been involved in Hall Government since my first semester at New Paltz. When I lived in Bouton, I was a floor rep, then, I became an AC Rep. I ran super big programs there and it was fun and great. At the beginning of my sophomore year, I became Shawangunk Hall Government President. As Hall Government President in Shawangunk Hall, I helped the Hall win spirit week and that's where I got to see the NCC position up close. I went to the Fall Leadership Conference through NEACURH in Syracuse, and that's when I really decided to run for NCC. My program was picked to be presented there, and our delegation worked together to win 3rd place for the roll call video. As an NCC, you're essentially the AC representative for the whole school, by bringing important information to the Regional Board of Directors and having information to bring back to your school. I got to do these things and work with a really great delegation. There were so many people who loved NEACURH and NACURH as much as I did, and that's something that I

wanted to bring back to our school and further. Some duties of NCC are sitting in Boardroom during conferences, affiliating the school with NACURH, selecting a delegation, attending NRHH meetings biweekly, and participating in NEACURH Zoom chats or GroupMe chats with the Regional Board of Directors and other NCCs within the region. All of these things are things that I feel very comfortable and capable of participating in and doing. I also have ideas for the NCC position as a whole. I really want to further expand NPLC, by working more with the NRHH EBoard and RHSA EBoard, and work closer with the Historian. NACURH and NEACURH both are very active on social media, and by working with the historian we can make ourselves more well-known within the region by participating in the activities they have on social media. As a Communications major, I'm always learning better ways to communicate effectively and with the best results possible. Communication and good leadership go hand in hand, and I'm really comfortable in leadership positions. I participated in Foundations of Student Leadership last year, and I have been a summer camp counselor for the past five years and oversee a group of counselors and delegate jobs to them. I have continued to find ways to grow my leadership skills and hope to find new ways as well through this position! I hope that you will consider me for next year's National Communications Coordinator. I yield to questions.

Question and Answer

Are you prepared to represent our college in a charismatic way and if so how do you plan to do it?

Callie: Yes, definitely. I feel that my experiences as an AC Representative have prepared me to start representing the school on a bigger level. Like I did mention, I'm a communications coordinator so that involves a lot of public speaking, so I'm really prepared to bust out those skills and get everyone to know me.

What is your knowledge with parliamentary procedure and all that?

Callie: I am a little familiar with parliamentary procedure and I know that's a big role of NCC and I really hope to continue learning about that if I am elected, but even if not, I am still always learning about that and interested in what that entails.

How do you stay organized?

Callie: I have a planner and 3 calendars in my room, which is a little overkill, but I love it. Literally, everywhere I look when I'm laying in bed, I always see a calendar so I know what I'm doing.

What is your definition of intersectionality and how you do you involve in that being a future NCC?

Callie: I feel that I am an intersectional feminist. I think if your feminism is not intersecting, it is not feminism, so I feel that intersecting identities are a lot of forms of diversity coming together and I think that's really, really important. Being NCC, I understand that I may not be the best representative for all people, but I really want to make everyone's voices heard and I'm really prepared to work and that and make sure both voices are heard.

What skills do you possess that make you qualified to be NCC and beyond RHSA E-Board?

Callie: I know that I keep coming back to that, but I'm a communications major, so I do a lot of work with the public. That's what I want to do for the rest of my life, so I think that's really important because you have to have confidence and you have to show yourself off to a lot of groups of people, so I think that's really important and that's a skill that I possess. I'm also

really, really organized and I think that's important as NCC, which is picking a conference and sticking to a deadline of when you have to get things done, and I am also working on getting a lot of connections around campus and stuff, which I think is important and helping you get things to together for things you host like NPLC and stuff.

If you could change one thing about RHSA, what would it be?

Callie: One thing I would change is that I think we could do a lot more advocacy. I think we do a lot of it, but I think there is a lot more we could do.

Who did you speak to about this position and what was the best advice that either one person or you got as a whole?

Callie: I reached out to a bunch of people. I reached out to Serena, I spoke to Brandon Knowles, and I reached out to Pharez and Mario, who was before Pharez, I talked to Catherine Callan and I talked to Sam Halligan and I thought all of their advice was really important. I really like what Brandon Knowles told me. He said that sometimes you may not be confident in what you are saying, but also, you know what you are saying is right for your campus and for the people that you are representing and you should always keep pushing that and know what you are saying is right.

What are some of the new ideas for NCC you referenced in your speech?

Callie: Like I said before, I would really want to work with the historian on NACURH and NEACURH social medias. They do a lot of challenges where you can gain spirit points and I would love if we could do that. I also want to expand NPLC a little bit more and work with the CCC on collabing with other organizations because it is a leadership conference and while it is mostly for RHSA, I do think that a lot of clubs on campus could benefit from learning a lot more leadership skills, so I think that would be really important.

How do you plan to strengthen the bond between RHSA and NRHH?

Callie: So I think the relationship between the RHSA NCC and the NRHH NCC is a really, really important one and I would love to kind of be more involved with the NRHH meeting and just kind of learn more about what's going on. I think keeping open lines of communication is really important and I would love to have a really good friendship and relationship with the NCC whoever that may be when they are elected.

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What exactly do you think makes you a leader or what gives you an advantage for this position?

Callie: I wouldn't call it an advantage because I think everyone should have an equal opportunity to run for these positions on campus so I wouldn't necessarily call it an advantage, but I feel like I am really kind of personable. I feel that I am really cool to get to know, so that's really important. I am always looking for ways to expand my leadership and grow from that, so I think that's really important to always be willing to grow and move forward with your work, so I think that's super important.

You mentioned that you did a lot of positions on Hall Gov and we are wondering what skills you acquired and how will you plan to use that and incorporate that in NCC?

Callie: The really big thing that I learned was event planning as president and AC Rep. When I was an AC Rep for Bouton, I planned a program that had over 70 people in attendance, which had the most attendance out of all RA and Hall Gov programs, which I thought was super cool and I thought event planning is really important, especially coming to something like NPLC

because I want to make it bigger and I want to make it better, so I think that's important. I also learned from president how to delegate, which is important, when you are selecting a delegation, to let them do things, so I think that's super important for the NCC position.

Is there anything that you wanted to say that you didn't get the chance to say in your speech?

Callie: I really want to push the fact that I'm here to help represent everybody through NEACURH and NACURH and that we have a lot of regions in NACURH that aren't necessarily in the country, we have regions in China and one in the United Emirates, so I think it's really important that New Paltz is kind of out there and people get to know us more and I'm really prepared for that.

Do you have any program ideas for RHSA?

Callie: I was talking to someone and we kind of collabed to come up with a really great idea that would kind of get people to know what the NCC position entails a little bit more, which is like a letter writing program, but to other campuses, which I think would be really cool and you can kind of exchange the letters at conferences so people can kind of do a program where people write them as a passive program or somewhere in the RHSA office where they would come and get GFPs. We would write them and exchange them at the next conference and bring them back to people, so it's kind of like an inter-campus pen pal kind of thing.

How do you think this position will help you grow?

Callie: I really think this position will help me grow because I will get a lot of connections and get to know a lot of people and it would definitely make me more confident as a person knowing that I'm saying what I feel very strongly about, so I think that's one thing that would help me grow.

How do you handle conflict whether that be on the E-Board or with another organization?

Callie: I do think conflict can kind of depend on what the situation is, so I think that's really important. If it was with a delegation, if I had an issue with them, I would want to talk to them and we would want to sit down with them and talk about what our goals for the conference are and what we would like to work on. For the E-Board, I would wait 24 hours because we are kind of working together on a daily basis so I would wait 24 hours to think about it and have a conversation with them about what my feelings were towards that if it's still kind of going on and my feelings aren't settled, I would talk to the president and kind of have that settled.

How do you plan to reach a wider variety of people and hear and represent different voices?

Callie: One thing I want to do to reference the larger variety of people, I really want to start working with transfers more because I know that a lot of transfers may have had something like RHSA in their old school and I really want to make sure that's accessible to them. There's a transfer living learning community on campus so I would love to kind of go to that class or something and just kind of show what conference is and what RHSA is and show what that's all about. I think that's something cool. In terms of getting your voices heard, I want to start talking about conference a lot earlier. I know that we show a video, but I think it would be cool to be really accessible to people and let them know that I'm here if they want to talk about it, so they can tell me their ideas for everything that I can bring out to them.

How would you go about generating more interest in applying for conferences?

Callie: I would love to go to community classes because they have those in Esopus. I would love to go to those classes because those are people who are just kind of interested in leadership and

who may want to be involved in RHSA and get more involved here at school, so I think that would be something cool, too. I also would love to bring something back that Pharez did, which is NCC fun facts where at every meeting he would just kind of give a fun fact about NCC whether he would be naming all the regions or just things that work on in boardroom, so I think that would be something interesting that people would want to learn more about.

As NCC, how would you best describe New Paltz as well as you spoke about advocacy and diversity...

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to other campuses and regions?

Callie: I would just kind of describe New Paltz as one big community. I know that we do have separate opinions in there, but I think we all get along very well, we're all pretty cool with each other, so I think I would describe it like that. I think I should mention that I'm not the best representative for all groups and walks of life and also, not all diversity is visible, so I would like to get a lot of people just talking to me about diversity and advocacy so I can personally learn a lot more about that and bring that to people when describing what New Paltz is and showing who we are as a whole.

What is a challenge that you have faced recently and how have you overcome it?

Callie: So, when I first applied to be an RA, I did not get hired and that was like a real challenge for me. That was very hard for me to do, kind of like a blow to the confidence. That really hurt, so I just want to show myself that it's okay to not get everything you want. It's okay to just trust yourself and this is best for you and your on your own path and you are learning as you go along. I taught myself that.

We have seen that you have already accomplished a lot. What else do you think you will accomplish in the next five years?

Callie: For the rest of my life and career-wise after I graduate from here, I really want to work with baseball and social media and basically, fan outreach. That's something I would like to accomplish. I would also like to get more involved here at school, apply for more positions, like student ambassador. That's other things that I would like to accomplish in life.

Clare: Try to keep the questions a little bit more pertaining to the position and what she will be able to do on the Executive Board and NCC.

Will you be able to stand up for what you believe in, in any way that you think is really important? Let's say you have a majority of people who disagree with you, how would you confront that and would you be able to confront that?

Callie: I'm definitely not the type of person to crack under pressure. I stand for what I believe in and I stand really strongly in my belief so I don't think I would just kind of fold because everyone thought something differently. If I feel what I think is right, unless they have a good argument against me, I'm not that stubborn, but if a lot of people are against me, I just know that what I'm thinking is right for me and my campus.

What would you say is your greatest strength and weakness?

Callie: My greatest strength is my ability to talk to people and just kind of make connections, just got to be personable, that's a big strength of mine. I love meeting new people and making new friends, so that's a good strength. I'm also really good at organizing, which is super important. My weakness is that I can be pretty self-critical. Everyone says that you are your own

biggest critic. I'm definitely self-critical, so I'm really working on that, figuring it out as we go along.

How do you deal with stressful environments or public speaking because if you get this position, you will end up in a lot of places where you will have to be speaking publicly with people and dealing with a lot of different opinions everywhere.

Callie: I think just being able to come up here and run, I think that's a pretty good example of how comfortable I am with making my voice heard. Also, I'm a summer camp counselor so sometimes you got to say something that people don't want to hear, you got to tell them, so I'm really comfortable with that, just making my voice heard and letting people know what I have to think.

Can you tell us what NEACURH and NACURH stand for?

Callie: NEACURH stands for North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls and NACURH stands for National Association of College and University Residence Halls.

Move to Exhaust the Speaker's List Without Additions: Ashokan
Second: Capen

Clare: Is there any dissent? Is there anyone who didn't get the chance to say something that they wanted to? Seeing none.

Now that Callie is out of the room, we have seen all of our candidates for today, which means that we will move into a period of discussion. Discussion can only be concerned with the application, the presentation, and the answers that the candidate put on their application, and the answers of the question and answer. Don't bring any outside information into this. You are going based on what you saw today and what you saw on the application and resume.

Motion to Open Discussion: Ashokan
Second: Minnewaska

Clare: Put your placard up high if you have something to say. This is extendable up to three times.

Discussion

- We believe that RHSA talks a lot about inclusivity and diversity and that is something that should be instilled in the people running for NCC. We think that's an expectation for the NCC.

Clare: Speak of the devil. We will review this very quickly. These are the things we said that we wanted to see in our NCC. I am not going to read through all of them again, but can you generally see them? Is this reminding you of things that you wanted to see? We are going to go back to the speaker's list. Start the timer again.

Point of clarification: Are we supposed to speak about individual candidates?

Clare: Yes, you are supposed to speak about individual candidates. Speak about anything that you think is important to the discussion. We want to hear points about all the candidates. Good points, bad points, and speak about all of them.

- We appreciate Callie's quick and substantial answers to questions.

- We appreciate that it seems that Jordan took a lot of time and effort on doing his research into all the constitutional aspects and informational parts.
- Jordan's speech was very compelling and all about inclusivity, which is very important. Serena has the most experience with NCC because she was in that position, but we also feel that Callie is confident despite not running as much as Serena.
- Jordan has a lot of inclusivity ideas and concepts to bring to the table of the E-Board and RHSA as a whole.
- With Serena, there is not a lot of improvement to be made in the position because she already had the position last year.

Clare: That isn't something you can judge based on the speech. Make sure you take into consideration things she was talking about in her speech. She claimed that she can grow, so did Jordan, he claimed that he can grow, and Callie claimed that she can grow.

- We would like to commend Callie for everything that she said about accessibility, specifically, her point about reaching out to transfer students. That was an important point that not all the candidates spoke about.
- Serena seems super passionate about the position and that she might be able to grow in the position.
- Jordan does bring a lot of fresh ideas into the plate when it comes to performing the NCC position. We also want to emphasize Callie's proposition when it comes to being accessible to transfer students. Being a first-year student and being friends with a lot of transfers, it is difficult for transfers to get a feel of the New Paltz community and come into this community. It would be much more appreciated if transfers and first-years would be more welcome into the community and all be on the same page.

Clare: Good comment, but make sure we are speaking on behalf of our halls, not ourselves.

- We are impressed with Jordan's commitment to the P.R.O.U.D. committee and we feel that he expressed it very well.
- We appreciate that even though Callie did jump in at the last minute, she made as much of an impact as the other two candidates did.

Clare: We don't want to take into consideration the timeline of when the candidates applied and when they were nominated because that wasn't actually in their hands at all, so don't worry about that.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

- Contrary to what Callie had in her application, she was very confident in her ideas and decision making and going for this role in RHSA.
- We second the idea of Callie's confidence in her speech and also appreciate Jordan's variety of experiences.
- We appreciate Callie's idea of the pen pal notes to other schools.

Clare: The speaker's list is now open. Please raise your placard. We are totally not done making discussion yet because there are a lot more things to be discussed during this election.

- We appreciate that both Callie and Serena are traveling. Callie has gone to Syracuse and Serena is going to Mexico, so it shows that they are very passionate and dedicated.

Clare: Just to point out, all the applicants have been to conference.

- We like how honest and transparent Serena is. She wasn't afraid to ask for clarity on questions and we feel that is a good quality to have as NCC.

- Jordan and Callie had strong definitions of intersectionality.
- Serena has a vast amount of volunteer work and extracurricular activities. It shows that she has great time management.

Clare: If no one has any more comments, that means that you all feel very confident about who you plan on voting for or abstaining for, but I think that there can be a little bit more discussion so everybody else can have more insight on what everybody else is thinking.

- Serena's idea about the TikToks was a nice idea for RHSA.
- We appreciate Serena's charm and humor in her speech as well as Jordan's confidence in his answers and how he was able to answer almost all of them immediately and confidently.
- Serena's program for the Kahoot and Jordan's program for the international food culture night is a good idea.
- Point of clarification: We believe it was Jordan's idea for the Kahoot.
- Although Jordan spoke extensively about inclusivity, which is important he did not describe many specific ideas for the future. Callie spoke on many future ideas as to include not only residents, but transfers. We feel though that the main role of NCC is to represent all walks of SUNY New Paltz life.

Motion to Close Discussion: Capen
Second: Bouton

Clare: We are going to have a motion to open voting by secret ballot. When that happens, it is going to be silent in this room, no phones, no one is talking to each other. I want to make sure we understand this before we go into it. I am going to go through who your voting options are.

Ashokan: Are you voting with your fellow AC?

Clare: Yes, you are all voting individually, so if we have 24, I think I counted, there should be 24 papers up by me by the end, so everyone gets their own vote. You don't have to vote the same as your fellow AC Rep, but there shouldn't be any discussion of what the vote is going to be now. The other thing I would like to make a comment on is that you have the option to vote "no confidence" if you believe none of the candidates today would be capable of holding this position. Your other option is "abstain," which we ask you to vote if you have a strong connection either for or against any of the candidates. If you came in today knowing how you were going to vote, then we strongly recommend and ask that you abstain.

Clare: Now, as they pass out the papers, I'm going to read through your voting options. Jordan Hennix, Serena Cruz, Callie Quinn, no confidence, or abstain. Their names are up here as well as their spellings. Again, we strongly advise if you came in today knowing who you were going to vote for, please abstain and if you truly believe any of the candidates today were not good candidates, you can vote no confidence. These are your voting options. Once you have finished your vote, please put your head down so we know you have finished your vote and we will come around to you.

Voting

Jordan Hennix: 11

Serena Cruz: 0

Callie Quinn: 12

No Confidence: 0

Abstain: 0

Clare: We did not reach the % that we need in order to elect someone today. What that means is that we are going to reopen discussion for another 5 minutes, non-extendable. However, when this happens and there are more than 2 people running, we eliminate the person with the least amount of votes, so we are going to reopen discussion, but we are just going to be discussing Jordan and Callie.

Motion to Open Discussion: Ashokan

Second: Ridgeview

Discussion

- Callie has grown over her role and positions in RHSA over the last couple of semesters.
- Although Callie was very, very confident in her speech, she seemed a little bit nervous at times and Jordan has a little bit more experience with...sorry, I can't think right now.
- Callie showed her qualities of being able to do this position through all the past positions she has done in the past and the ways that she was able to show that she excelled in them. Specifically for the fact that her program got selected and that she had one of the most highly attended programs out of her hall, when it comes to Hall Gov and RAs.
- Callie was able to fully define what intersectionality means to her and how she was able to represent that on campus.
- Although she wasn't very to the point with diversity, when she was asked it, she wants to learn more about diversity and share what she learns with more people on RHSA.
- Both of these candidates have dealt with rejection in the past and they both worked hard to grow from it and become better.
- Jordan had a lot to do with inclusivity and had a lot of personal experiences that deal with inclusivity and reaching people from other communities.

Clare: The speaker's list is now open. I will hear a discussion point with the next placard.

- Although Callie was obviously nervous, she could speak in a very confident manner. It's sometimes hard to stand up in front of a group of people and stay completely still. It's obvious she wants to work on this. To further this, although Jordan had the answers to everything, we feel that a lot of his answers were repeated, whereas Callie found new and different solutions.
- We appreciate that Callie admitted that she doesn't have all the answers and will not do everything 100% correct, but she will still do it with confidence.
- We appreciate Callie's organization and eagerness to share her skills.
- We appreciate as well as acknowledge her experience with Res Life. Looking at her resume, there is a lot of Residence Life here, so I would assume that she would be knowledgeable in this position.
- A lot of things that Callie mentioned in her speech were on our expectations list, such as her ability to communicate properly as well as her organization and approachability.
- We appreciate Jordan's program idea for the inclusivity dance.
- Callie had knowledge of the region and all of the acronyms without having to look down at a paper.

Clare: Knowledge of the region and all that memorizable information isn't necessarily a good judge of the character of the NCC, so don't talk about who had the acronyms memorized, but who's passionate and who's ideas call to you more.

- Callie is a public relations major, so she is studying how to talk to people in large groups and she is also a deaf studies minor, which is also very important if we are talking about people with disabilities and advocacy and inclusion.
- We appreciate Callie's enthusiasm for transfer students.
- We appreciate Callie's ability to define intersectionality, but we also want to acknowledge Jordan's ability to have experience in intersectionality, instead.

Clare: That is time. We are now going to go into another period of voting. I will now give you the voting options.

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

Clare: Again, if you feel you should vote no confidence or you feel that you should abstain, we recommend that you do. Again, I want to remind everyone that you should not be on your phones at this time. The election is not over yet.

Voting

Jordan Hennix: 9

Callie Quinn: 14

No Confidence: 0

Abstain: 0

Clare: I would like to congratulate our new NCC, Callie Quinn!

Motion to Open Nominations: College-Shango
Second: Ridgeview

Clare: First, I'm going to ask these people who have tabled nominations. I'm going to ask if you accept, table, or decline.

Clare: Matt Kreuz for President.

Matt K: I accept.

Clare: Jordan Hennix for CCC.

Jordan: I table.

Clare: Johnathan Fratus for Vice President.

Johnathan: I accept.

Clare: Marianna Oropallo for Secretary.

Marianna: Table.

Clare: Are there any other nominations tonight?

College-Shango: We nominate Chris Gillin for Treasurer.

Ashokan: Second.

Clare: He tables because he's not here.

Shawangunk: We nominate Alyssa from Minnewaska for Historian.

Minnewaska: Second.

Alyssa: Table.

Motion to Table Nominations Until Next Meeting: Lenape

Second: Bouton

Motion to Close President Nominations Until Spring 2021: Ridgeview

Second: College-Shango

Clare: Any people in here who are running for president of RHSA, will you please stand up? Please hand out your applications and resumes to everybody and bring me your candidate form and a copy of your unofficial transcript and the other stuff you need to give me.

Motion to Close New Business: Minnewaska

Second: Capen

UPCOMING EVENTS 11:45 PM

- Buzz Halloween Party (Friday, February 21st at 7:30pm to 9pm, SUB 100N)
- Escape Room (Friday, February 28th at 7pm to 11pm, SUB 100N)

HALL CONCERNS 11:45 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.

Minnewaska: I haven't brought this up to the RAs, but I thought I would bring this up. In our basement bathroom, the soap dispenser won't stay on the wall anymore.

Clare: Speak to your RAs about that first.

Johnathan: I'll tell Katie.

STUDENT CONCERNS 11:46 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, or the water), we will not hear them at this point but you can email us at rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu.

Ridgeview: At Ridgeview's last hall meeting, the lecture center bathroom was brought up in the hallway, 102 to 113. There have been privacy concerns. There is a visible window in a stall where you can see through other people and it's been like that since last semester.

Clare: We are going to keep trying to get that fixed.

Ridgeview: I have a video of it.

Clare: Can you send it to me?

Ridgeview: My PR sent it to me.

Clare: Please send it to me, if anyone has any pictures or a very vivid description of where it is. I have seen it, but if it's in an email for me, it's a little easier for me.

Mohonk: The Peregrine side entrance is still not accessible for students that are on crutches or in a wheelchair. It's the accessible entrance near Shawangunk.

Clare: Up by the ramp?

Mohonk: Yes.

Clare: What is not accessible about it?

Mohonk: The card thing.

Clare: The door, right. Have they spoken to both card services and the disability resource center about this?

Mohonk: I'm pretty sure.

Bouton: I keep getting kicked off the Wi-Fi on my computer every time I shut it off. Is that happening to anybody else?

Clare: Raise your placard if this is happening. Okay, I have a mission for you all. Submit tickets.

Matt K: If you log onto your My New Paltz, you can actually submit tech support tickets if you Google New Paltz tech support and it should come up. If it is in your residence hall, you could also write a work order to your SRA and they put a router in my room, so that fixed my issues. If you are in that situation, you could try writing something to your SRA, which is in My New Paltz under Residence Life, work order or you could search tech support and hopefully, they could fix it or they could also look at your device.

Clare: You can write to Tech Support, asking them to fix your Wi-Fi, but I will try to contact them though.

Bouton: Is it on the side of My New Paltz?

Matt K: If it's for your SRA, you go to My New Paltz and then, you go to Res Life, submit a work order, and that would go to your SRA and approved by your RD and they might be able to get you a router.

Clare: But if it's anywhere else around campus, you want to submit the ticket.

Bouton: How do you do that?

Matt K: You can just search for it.

Bouton: So, it's not on My New Paltz?

Sarah: It's on there at newpaltz.edu, right?

Matt K: I don't know. I just type in New Paltz Tech Support and it takes me to the page.

Clare: Next week, I will come with all the details of where to get to that.

OPEN FLOOR 11:49 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 welcome to share your events.

<https://tinyurl.com/nprhsacampusevents>

Emily: I made an oops before. The program is actually March 1st, it's a Sunday, 7 to 9pm, in SUB 100N.

Awosting: We have two programs, one on the 19th is self-love for Valentine's Day, I don't know the time yet, I will tell you later and then there's 2/30, a leap year party on leap year.

Capen: We are having black history month event two weeks from now. We are not going to give the time yet, but we will give you updates on that next week.

College-Shango: We have a Palentine's Day program coming up. It's 8pm on Thursday the 13th in Shango B-lounge.

Mohonk: On February 19th, that's a Wednesday, from 7pm to 8:30pm, we are having a game/card night so come to the main lounge.

Shawangunk: Student Ambassador applications are still out!

Ridgeview: On Tuesday, February 18th, we are having an active game night where people can move around and play games at 7pm.

Ashokan: Come to the Mohonk and Ashokan NPAD this Saturday, it's The Boring Party, it's going to be interesting.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 11:52 PM

Clare: Where's my moose?

Awosting: We put a onesie on her that says "smile crocodile"! We are giving her to Minnewaska!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 11:52 PM

Noah: "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
-Nelson Mandela

ADJOURNMENT 11:52 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Serena
Second: Callie

Next meeting will be in SUB 418!

