

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 3/9/2020

Location: SUB 418

CALL TO ORDER 9:12 PM

Clare: Hey everyone! How are you doing?

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:15 PM

Clare: We are going to have our crazy hat contest, so if you are willing and able, come up here and show us your crazy hat!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:16 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.

| Hall Name | Number Present | RHSA Shirts | NRHH Shirts | Conference Shirts | Hall Report |
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| Ashokan | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | We picked a winner of our corny pick-up line contest. |
| Awosting | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Discussed programs. |
| Bliss | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Discussed Hollywood and programs. |
| Bouton | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | Discussed future programs. |
| Capen | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Discussed Hollywood and our game night, March 11th at 8pm. |
| College-Shango | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | Discussed future programs. |
| Esopus | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | No report. |
| Gage | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Lenape | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Discussed our open mic night for this Thursday. |
| Minnewaska | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Discussed Hollywood and our swinter program at 8pm. |
| Mohonk | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | We had a hot seat event last week that was successful. |

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| Ridgeview | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Our last meeting was cancelled. |
| Scudder | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | Nothing to report. |
| Shawangunk | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | We discussed a really cool program coming up. |

SENATE 9:19 PM

Chet: Hello everyone! It was a big week for the senate last week. As of our last meeting, the Student Association is now a non-profit corporation. What that means is that legally we exist now. Instead of being totally subordinate and eclipsed by the college, we are our own entity, which allows us to represent the student body more evenly in our negotiations, our contract has validity. We still require the budget of the student activity fee that we get from the college, but it's much more secure that we get that fee from the college.

Ashokan: If all of you don't get that money, where is my money going?

Chet: We do get that money, but the contract we have with the college that means that we get that money is now solid and legal. We now have our own layers and consultants, so we are nice and official now.

We are also having a forum about that student activity fee, so everyone knows what happens with it and what it is, why we pay it, there's also a resolution here for the student activity fee, so there is going to be a vote on whether it is voluntary or mandatory and we are going to be having a forum tomorrow at 6:30pm in SUB 418 discussing that. We are also having elections soon for next semester, so if you are interested in being a general senator or an E-Board member, we are having a GI this Wednesday at 4pm in SUB 62/63.

NRHH 9:22 PM

Emily: NRHH applications are out right now. They can be found on our Instagram bio, @sunynprh, if you want to learn more about joining, come talk to me or check out a GI and tabling sessions. We are tabling Thursday, March 12th at 7:30pm in Ashokan Hall and Wednesday, March 25th at 6pm in Capen Hall. We are tabling in the SUB, on Tuesday, March 10th, 1pm to 3pm. Applications will close Thursday, April 2nd at 12pm.

OLD BUSINESS 9:19 PM

Motion to Open: Ashokan

Second: Capen

Secretary

Matt O: I have results from the Facebook challenge for the riddle in the minutes! Can I get a conference clap? Third place was Lenape, second place was Shawangunk, and first place was College-Shango. I asked who was the MC of last year's Coffee House and the answer is RA Thomas from College-Shango, who did an amazing job! This year, we are working on getting another great MC(s)!

Historian

Noah: Hey friends! I have the social media challenge results for the past week so bring the conference clap back. For the Remind challenge, 3rd place was College-Shango, 2nd place was Awosting, and 1st place was Shawangunk! For the Instagram challenge, 3rd was Lenape, 2nd was Ridgeview, and 1st place was College-Shango!

SLC

Emily: Hey everyone! SLC2020 at UMaine was amazing! We got through a lot of legislation! Everyone had a great time but somehow we lost Serena. Thank you to all of our delegates, Brooklyn, Ayesha, Gigi, and Fresia for working so hard to make this conference great! Y'all rock!

Motion to Close: Awosting
Second: Mohonk

NEW BUSINESS 9:25 PM

Motion to Open: Bouton
Second: Shawangunk

Student Activity Fee Forum

Matt K: As Chet said, the Student Activity Fee Forum will be tomorrow, Tuesday at 6:30pm in SUB 418. I will be helping run it along with the VP of Finance for the Student Association. Please come and ask questions!

Yearbook

Noah: Hey everyone, so I promised to call y'all out today if you didn't give me a name for the Yearbook Committee. I seem to be missing people from Esopus, Capen, and Lenape! So those halls PLEASE send someone up or email the RHSA email with your information!

Capen: I already gave you my name for the group chat.

Noah: Sorry, I see it now.

Ridgeview: I'm in that group chat, but can you add other people to represent Ridgeview?

Noah: Yes, I just need at least one person from each hall.

NACURH

Emily: Hey y'all! The next conference coming up is NACURH, the national conference! It will be at the University of Dayton in Ohio! It's from May 22-May 25! We will be sending out the applications soon so keep a look out for those!

Programming Committee

Sarah: We have a programming schedule of all the things going on this semester. If you want to do them, you need to come to programming committee! Please come! We meet at 5pm every Wednesday in the RHSA office.

Student Advocacy Committee

Matt K: No meeting next week. We are all going to be on spring break. Stay safe.

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs – Candidate Student Sessions

Clare: These meetings are open to all students so you can go and meet one of the candidates for the assistant VP for Student Affairs position. We hope you will consider taking part in this process to learn more about the candidates, provide them with valuable input on your role as a student leader at SUNY New Paltz, and submit feedback following the session. There will also be Pizza! These meetings are tomorrow at 12:15 in SUB 100N, Wednesday 12:15 in SUB 418, and Thursday 12:15 in SUB 100N! We hope to see you there!

Hollywood

Sarah: If you didn't give me the Hollywood idea form for what you are doing, please give it to me. Please email it to us if you don't have the sheet in yet. By Friday, we should have your ideas. If your video idea is good, I don't need to let you know, but I will let you know if your video idea can't be accepted!

Coffee House

Matt O: Hi, everyone! Coffee House is Wednesday, March 25th 8pm to 10pm in the College Terrace. We will have coffee, tea, snacks and entertainment! You can sign up to perform on the link in our Instagram bio, on the posters/flyers, and the QR codes we gave out last week! All are welcome and it's going to be an awesome night! Please tell you friends, especially those who like to perform!

Kevin: The big posters we normally put in the folders will go to Res Life because it's quicker that way. The normal, standard-size paper posters we give you can go somewhere in your hall like your office door or your Hall Gov board. The RAs will put up the big posters.

Bingo

Kevin: On Friday, March 27th from 7:30pm to 9pm in the College Terrace, we are going to do Buzz Medieval Bingo. It is going to be a classic bingo night with fun prizes!

Clare: In reference to the prizes, we are doing something different this year! Instead of spreading the wealth of the prize money evenly where we get medium prizes, we are going big with the prizes! You better be there because we are going to have some insane prizes!

T-Shirt Contest for Campus Clean-Up Day

Clare: This year, for our Campus Clean-Up Day, we are collaborating with NRHH, and in honor of that, we want to make you guys some super cool RHSA, NRHH t-shirts!

These shirts should include:

- Names and/or logo of both orgs
- The words "Campus Clean-Up Day 2020"
- Make it cute!

Send it to RHSA@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu as a PDF File by this Friday please and thank you!

Ridgeview: Who decides which design gets picked?

Clare: The E-Board will decide and we will let you know at the first Monday meeting after spring break.

Ridgeview: Is there a certain size you want it to be?

Clare: Have it in an 8½x11 format, it can take up or not take up that page, and we will be able to crop it. A transparent image is best. Making a design with a transparent image is best.

Lenape: Does it have to be a digital drawing if it's uploaded digitally?

Clare: If it's a PDF and clean, you are still good.

Minnewaska: Are there a certain amount of colors you are okay with printing?

Clare: We are not sure about the colors, so if you want, you can submit a file with the colors and one in black and white. Definitely submit a black and white one, but we are not sure if we are going with a colored one.

Ridgeview: Are the acronyms going on the shirt?

Clare: Include it on the design. The shirt is going to be made up of the design. This isn't our typical t-shirt with a logo on the front and design on the back. It's like our last semester shirt with just a design on the front.

E-Board Buddies

Johnathan: Hey y'all, I've finally gotten your E-Board buddies here, so sorry for the delay. Just a little refresher, your E-Board buddies will be paying visits to your meetings and they may even bring some goodies with them. They're there for any questions there may be about RHSA or life in general because we have solved the mystery of life. Are we feeling another conference clap?

Clare: Ridgeview

Sarah: Capen & Shawangunk

Matt K: Scudder & College-Shango

Matt O: Bliss & Awosting

Kevin: Esopus & Minnewaska

Serena: Gage

Johnathan: Bouton & Mohonk

Noah: Ashokan & Lenape

Ten Minute Break 9:41-9:51

Election

Clare: We are about to begin our 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, etc you will be asked to leave the room until the end of the election. We will have Kevin 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, we will have a 5 minutes discussion period extendable up to 3 times.

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

We will be using the speakers list during the election, but you are all pretty well versed in this by now.

Now Matt O, could you please tell us the responsibilities as Secretary.

Matt O: Responsible for recording minutes at all Executive Board and AC meetings; Must post minutes from AC meetings on the RHSA website no later than 48 hours after each meeting; Must email minutes from Executive Board meetings to the Executive Board, Advisors, and Assistant Director of Residence Life no later than 48 hours after each meeting; Works with the President to create the agenda for each AC meeting; Posts the agenda for each AC meeting on the RHSA website; Leads roll call at AC meetings; Keeps an inventory of office supplies and purchases them when necessary; Must be familiar with basic computer and typing skills.

Clare: Next, I will pull up a doc and for 5 minutes, we will go through our expectations for our future Secretary.

Expectations of Secretary

- Detail-oriented
- Organized
- Quick typer
- Approachable
- Compassionate
- Dependable
- Fast and punctual
- Good time management
- Experienced
- Good listener
- Friendly
- Can spell
- Focused
- Cares about the campus
- Easygoing
- Good at working with a team
- Clear and concise
- Good communication skills
- Adaptable
- Passionate
- Personable
- Conflict resolution skills
- Innovative
- Swagger
- Confident
- Willing to learn/open minded
- Good person

Candidate 1: Emily Yulo

Emily: Good evening, my name is Emily Yulo, my pronouns are she/her/hers, and I hope to become your next secretary of RHSA. As secretary, I would be responsible for recording all the minutes not only at the AC meetings, but the executive board meetings as well. I would make them available within 48 hours to the AC and the E-board as well as the RD advisors,

respectively. In preparation for the AC meetings, I would assist the President to create an agenda as well as make it available to the AC. During AC meetings, along with taking the minutes, I would also lead roll call. As secretary, I would also keep an inventory of office supplies in the RHSA Office and purchase them whenever necessary. Why do I want to become secretary y'all may ask? Well, I was first introduced to RHSA during my first semester here when I joined College/Shango hall government. I started out first semester as historian but then became secretary spring semester of my first year. This is when I began to become very passionate, not only about the secretary position, but RHSA overall. I was excited to go to every hall gov meeting to take down the notes and I ensured the notes were clear and precise. I also attended RHSA meetings regularly to see what was happening throughout campus. This academic year, I was granted the opportunity to become the National Communications Coordinator of NRHH as well as President of College/Shango hall gov. Both of these opportunities have helped me grow my leadership skills, as well as my interpersonal skills. I was able to ease my anxiety with public speaking, better my communication skills, and become more organized. Some ways I can innovate the secretary position of RHSA would include a google calendar that all of the AC can utilize. While I would continue to send out the weekly AC Email Blast, I would also color code a calendar detailing all of the RHSA events occurring that month, as well as reaching out to NRHH and Student Senate to include their events. This would help ensure that there is less conflicts in regards to dates of the events. For example, NPLC and Black Solidarity events took place on the same day so hopefully this calendar would ensure that to not occur again. I would also want to consider moving Spirit Week into the spring semester. Having Spirit Week and NPLC back to back is very stressful, especially when they take place during midterms. Having them in separate semesters would not only give the AC more time to focus on their studies as well as other clubs and organizations they might be a part of, but it would also ensure that these events are well- thought out and planned to be the best they can possibly be. I have learned so much from my past and current positions. I'm not only creative and outgoing, but I am also very organized and can bring a new perspective to the table. If elected, I hope to keep innovating and ensuring that RHSA is the best it can possibly be. I yield to questions.

What percent of student leaders does NRHH honor?

Question and Answer

Why made you choose this position?

Emily: I generally love being secretary. In hall gov, I became secretary. I love typing the minutes and making sure that everyone's voices and opinions are captured into one document. I think it's very cool for future people to reflect back on it.

What makes you most passionate about RHSA?

Emily: I would definitely say the planning of programs. I love planning programs, seeing everyone enjoy it and being able to get something out of it is something is really appealing. I am also pursuing it as a career, so this is a great stepping stone.

How do you manage your time and stay organized?

Emily: Google Calendar. It may seem that I have a promo deal with them, but I do not. I absolutely love them. Not only do I plan when I have classes, I plan all my extracurriculars as well as when I have study time as well.

Have you spoken to any previous secretaries about the position and if so, what did you learn?

Emily: I spoke to pass secretary Sarah, who is currently VP, as well as Matt Orlander who is the current secretary. I learned so much from talking with them. Matt told me to make it fun, which is very meaningful to me because I can take things really personally or I could just be very hard working and make sure everything is working well while having fun sometimes, but he told me to have fun with it and that is something I take to heart. Sarah told me that when you do take the minutes, it's hard to have a voice because you are so busy taking the minutes. However, I'm president of Collango hall gov and since we currently have a small hall gov, I've been taking the minutes so I've come to realize the balance between talking and taking the minutes.

How can you strengthen the bond between RHSA and NRHH?

Emily: I think RHSA and NRHH can do more programs together. They could collaborate more, especially with self-care programs as half of NRHH is recognition and it would be a great opportunity for the AC to get to know NRHH better and have NRHH chapter members know the AC better.

You listed some parts about position, so what do you think is the hardest part and how would you overcome it?

Emily: I feel that it might be difficult to get the minutes out in a 48 hour period just due to how big the meetings can be as well as long and time length. However, being in NRHH, I've taken on the position of secretary when the secretary was not available so I do have some experience in that area.

If you could do anything to better the AC meetings, what would it be and why?

Emily: Something to keep up hype during AC meetings would be cool, little breaks. At conference, they have the spirit stick, so every hall could participate and scream as loud as they can and get as much energy and excitement as they can and they would get the spirit stick. It's similar to Molly the Moose, but we could pass it around more during AC meetings and we could post stuff on the Instagram as well.

If something happened where you didn't hear something or you didn't catch something, what would you do?

Emily: I would ask them again to repeat it because I feel that it is vital for secretary to make sure that they got...

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

Emily: It's vital for the secretary to hear everything, especially the concerns, so I would ask them to speak again so I can make sure that is in the minutes.

What are your strengths and weaknesses?

Emily: One of my strengths is my passion and dedication to RHSA. Once I went to a RHSA meeting, I haven't stopped. It's kind of insane, but I love the programs they do and I'm ready to innovate it. One weakness I have is that I criticize my work a bit so I think about the cons more than the pros. However, I've been trying to realize that everything has a positive to it and I've been focusing on that more recently.

How has your experience as hall gov secretary and president help you with this position?

Emily: During secretary, I've learned a lot about the position and I learned my style when I'm writing, which is very good because I don't have to search for that anymore and being president, I feel that it helped my communication skills because now, I can stand in front of you all and talk. However, talking while taking the minutes is very difficult because you're focusing on

making sure that everything is captured as well as what you're saying, but I've practiced a lot due to how I could be secretary and president, so that has helped a lot.

Do you have any experiences outside of hall gov and RHSA that you think could help you?

Emily: I had a past job as a customer service representative and it was a very fast paced environment, so that made me very adaptable to everything.

If you could change one thing about RHSA, what would you change and how?

Emily: I would change the type of programs that we're doing. This year, it's been mostly self-recognition programs, like self-care, while that is great, especially for the AC to unwind, I definitely want to implement more fun and enjoyable programs, especially ones with diversity in it. One program idea I did have was called Shades where you get a huge puzzle and everyone gets a piece of the puzzle. They color it with what color represents them and write a couple of words that represents them, we put it back together, and display it somewhere.

I saw on the paper that your words per minute is 60. Just out of context, what is an average?

Emily: It should be 80. The average words per minute for a typography is 70 to 90, so I'm in the middle. However, I would still work to make sure that my words per minute gets better.

Move to Exhaust the Speaker's List With Additions: Ashokan

Second: Capen

Clare: It's been exhausted with additions, so I'll take any more questions that people have and put them on the speaker's list.

What are your career goals and how will they relate to the position?

Emily: I want to become an event organizer/planner as my career and I feel that RHSA would help as it is planning very campus-wide programs.

Motion to Open Discussion: Capen

Second: Minnewaska

Discussion

- We appreciate Emily's experience with NRHH, customer service, and other work experience. We said that you have to be personable to be secretary and she has a lot of good qualities.

Clare: Since you said that, I will bring up the list of expectations that we have.

- We appreciate Emily's activism, confidence and honesty with what she could bring with her current positions.
- We like her idea of incorporating a color-coded Google Calendar to keep RHSA organized.
- We appreciate Emily's eagerness and passion in the position.
- We appreciate her ideas and innovativeness.
- We appreciate the Google Sheets she handed out to us.
- We appreciate her impressive typing speed.
- We appreciate the program idea that everyone can decorate a puzzle piece and put it together as a school.

- We appreciate her willingness to learn and innovate while bringing the student body together.
- We appreciate her different program ideas.
- We like her ideas for programs, including moving Spirit Week to the spring.
- We appreciate her passion for RHSA and Hall Gov.
- We appreciate the strategic way of separating events outside of RHSA and inside of RHSA so the student body can participate in as many campus events as possible.
- We appreciate her former secretary and president work while also multi-tasking.
- We appreciate that she reached out to past secretaries to learn more about the position.

Motion to Exhaust the Speaker's List Without Additions: College-Shango
Second: Ridgeview

Motion to Open Voting By Secret Ballot: Bouton
Second: Scudder

Clare: Here are your voting options. No confidence is a valid choice if you feel the candidate is not fit for the position and abstain is if you have a personal bias towards the candidate.

Voting

Emily Yulo: 14

No Confidence: 0

Abstain: 5

Clare: I would like to congratulate our next secretary, Emily Yulo!

Motion to Open Nominations: Awosting
Second: Minnewaska

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: Alyssa from Minnewaska for Historian.

Clare: She tables because she is not here.

Clare: Matt Orlander for Vice President.

Matt O: Table.

Clare: Emily Yulo for Vice President.

Emily: Table.

Clare: Logan Bross for CCC.

Clare: He tables because he is not here.

Clare: Are there any other nominations tonight?

Seeing none.

Motion to Table Nominations Until Next Meeting: Bouton

Second: Capen

Motion to Close Public Relations Officer Nominations Until Spring 2021: Mohonk

Second: Ridgeview

Clare: Any people in here who are running for Public Relations Officer 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. If you have been nominated for CCC and plan on running, they are due the Monday after spring break. That includes 15 copies of your resume, 15 copies of your applications, 1 copy of your unofficial transcript and 1 copy of the candidate form. You can still nominate someone after spring break if they have their materials at the meeting.

Motion to Close New Business: Capen

Second: Bouton

UPCOMING EVENTS 10:32 PM

- Student Activity Fee Forum (Tuesday, March 10th, 6:30pm, SUB 418)
- Vice President Candidate Sessions (Tomorrow, 12:30pm in SUB 100N, Wednesday, 12:30pm in SUB 418, Thursday, 12:30pm in SUB 100N)
- Programming Committee (Every Wednesday, 5pm, RHSA Office)
- Coffee House: An Open Mic Night (Wednesday, March 25th, 8pm to 10pm at College Terrace)
- Buzz Medieval Bingo (Friday, March 27th, 7:30pm to 9pm at College Terrace)

HALL CONCERNS 10:33 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.

Seeing none.

STUDENT CONCERNS FOLLOW-UP 10:34

Matt K: In reference to a concern we received about faculty receiving diversity training, there was mandatory training over winter break for all faculty. They are required to do certain sessions that relate to compliance of the college that involve Title IX, gender discrimination, ADA (disability discrimination), and many more. If you have any questions, you can reach out to us or Haley, the VP of Student Affairs for Student Association.

STUDENT CONCERNS 10:34 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.

Shawangunk: There is broken glass on that rock still that I mentioned several weeks ago. My SRA called it in twice and nothing has happened.

Clare: Okay. Thank you.

OPEN FLOOR 10:35 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>

Shawangunk: Are you looking for a volunteer experience? Join CREW to help out at Open House! It is a great leadership opportunity to have! The training sessions are this week and our last one is this Wednesday at 6pm in SUB 418! They give you shirts, water bottles, and sliders! It's a great time!

Awosting: Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm, we are doing a Shrek movie night!

Capen: We are having a game night March 11th at 8:30pm. We have Twister, Uno, Cards Against Humanity, and many more! There will be snacks and drinks!

Matt O: If there is anyone out there who would still like to join the RHSA email blast, please see me after the meeting. It is a great way to get all important RHSA information sent to your email.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:39 PM

Clare: Where's our moose?

Ridgeview: She's got a piercing and her antlers are tied. We are giving her to College-Shango!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:39 PM

Matt O: "May the flowers remind us why the rain was so necessary." -Xan Oku

ADJOURNMENT 10:40 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Matt Orlander

Second: Emily

Next meeting will be in SUB 418 on Monday, March 25th!

