

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 4/6/2020

Location: Zoom Chat

CALL TO ORDER 9:07 PM

Clare: Hello everyone! I'm using a can of yams as my gavel.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:07 PM

Clare: For today's mystery activity, we are going to sing happy birthday to Kevin and Jordan!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:08 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. Please put everything in one message. Put an x and what shirt you are wearing. If you have a hall report, unmute yourself to vocalize it.

Hall Name	Number Present	RHSA Shirts	NRHH Shirts	Conference Shirts	Hall Report
Ashokan	0	0	0	0	
Awosting	1	0	0	0	No report.
Bliss	1	1	0	0	No report.
Bouton	5	3	0	1	No report.
Capen	0	0	0	0	
College-Shango	3	2	0	1	No report.
Esopus	1	0	0	0	No report.
Gage	0	0	0	0	
Lenape	1	1	0	0	No report.
Minnewaska	2	0	0	0	No report.
Mohonk	1	1	0	0	No report.
Ridgeview	2	1	0	0	No report.
Scudder	2	2	0	0	No report.
Shawangunk	3	0	0	0	No report.

SENATE 9:14 PM

Chet: I hope everyone is taking care of themselves and staying safe during this time. The Senate is still trying to find its footing. A lot of our stuff has been thrown off because of this. Most notably, our Student Association elections have been pushed off until next fall, so the current officers and senate members will be holding their positions, probably until the election in September next semester. Other than that, a lot of things are in flux right now. We have decided that our budget and finance committee weekend where we decide what our budget is going to be for the next year. It's going to be taking place this semester so we are still going to have a budget and things are going to go as planned, so we are still working on making things happen even in the craziness of what's going on? Other than that, we are still really in flux, but if anyone has any questions, I would be happy to answer what I can and pass on what I can't so that I can bring them next time. If you know any of the senators for Student Association, we would be happy to help and answer any questions that come up.

Bouton: Is there a date for BFC yet?

Chet: Yes, BFC is happening on the 17th. It should be presented. It's going to be announced after that and it's going to be holding appeals from the 20th to the 22nd.

NRHH 9:17 PM

Emily: I hope you are all safe and healthy. NRHH did not meet last week, so tune in next week for an NRHH update.

OLD BUSINESS 9:17 PM

Motion to Open: Bouton

Second: Bliss

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 Shawangunk, second place was Awosting, and first place was College-Shango. I asked who our current Vice President for Student Enrollment is and the answer is David Eaton, who is known as the founder of RHSA at SUNY New Paltz!

Historian

Noah: Hey everyone, I have the social media challenge results!! Can I get a conference clap? For Monday's Insta challenge, third place was Ridgeview, second place was Minnewaska, and first place was Lenape! For Wednesday's Remind challenge, third place was College-Shango, second place was Scudder, and first place was Shawangunk! And we're going to be doing something new! The last social media challenge of every week is going to be something interactive to post on your story, and everyone who posts earns GFPs! Keep an eye out for those, and last Friday was an RHSA bingo board! That's it for me!

Club Penguin

Sarah: Hey so I was so excited to see so many of y'all coming through and playing Club Penguin with us! You will be delighted to hear I now have a golden puffle! Stay tuned to hear

about future programs! It was a lot of fun and I'm looking forward to seeing y'all at the next one!

Motion to Close: Bliss
Second: College-Shango

NEW BUSINESS 9:21 PM

Motion to Open: Ridgeview
Second: Awosting

#itsonNACURH

Serena: We mentioned this week, but we decided to wait until this week because this is the first full week of April to do it. After this meeting, we will be posting the link to pledge against sexual assault and everyone will have the opportunity to put it on their story and encourage others to take the pledge and it's really important so we hope you take the pledge along with us.

Hollywood

Sarah: So, like I mentioned last week, Hollywood is going to be seeing a new format this spring! You are going to be submitting Tik-Toks instead! You can submit one per person, and if you win, you represent your hall. Please keep them PG-13 and don't do any dangerous stunts when filming. The due date will be April 18th and you can email the links to rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu before 11:59 PM on April 18th! I'm looking forward to seeing your videos!

Mohonk: Can it be about anything?

Clare: Yes, as long as it's appropriate and that you aren't doing anything dangerous. You can have other people in your video as well.

Zoom Bingo

Kevin: On Friday, April 17th at our normal start time of 7:30pm, we are going to still be doing bingo this semester and we are going to have a virtual version of it and you can come chat! Hopefully, y'all can win some cool prizes!

Ridgeview: Where is that taking place?

Clare: It's most likely going to be on Twitch. It's going to be after our next AC meeting so all the specific details will be available to you by then. It's next Friday.

Hall Gov Social Trivia

Matt O: It's Sunday, April 19th at 2pm on Twitch! We are going to have Jack Box and some other cool trivia games for you to play in! We will send out all the details as we get closer to the date, but it should be a really fun time and we hope to see all of you!

The Discord

Serena: We made a discord server for all of us to interact in. There are categories like Club Penguin and Kevin on there. It's like an advanced Skype. You don't need video or an account to talk. You can join through the link that I'll send. You can come talk to us if you ever want to. If

you want to play funmathgames.com, I can put something in there and everyone in the AC who wants to play fun math games can join you. I put the link in the chat and it will be in the email blast as well.

Constitution

Matt K: Hey everyone, I wanted to let you all know that we are extending the deadline for constitutions until next semester. This will allow those who stay in hall government to think about this a little more and not have to rush or worry about it during this semester. I hope you all have a lovely rest of the evening!

Clare: If you finished it already, feel free to email it to us at rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu. We will revise it and make sure it looks good. If you do need to make revisions you can, but if you have it done already, we would love to have it. If you don't have it done, don't rush it in with your Hall Gov, unless you want to. Don't overwhelm yourself with it.

E-Board Buddies

Johnathan: Your E-Board is here for you during these times and if your Hall Gov is up to it, you can make a group chat with us. Feel free to email the RHSA email to get our contact info. Here is a reminder of your E-Board Buddies:

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

Election

Clare: So we are now going to start our election. We have our second virtual election! Make sure your name includes a \$ sign and what your hall you are from so I can keep track of who is voting. Usually, we would ask you all to keep you technology away, but obviously tech is necessary for these AC meetings. However, that doesn't mean you can be texting people during this election, messaging each other, or using any other source that is not the speech, Q&A, the application, or the resume. Apps and resumes were sent out over email last week, if you would like to pull them up.

We will start with an expectations list, where we will ask the candidates to leave the chat until they are invited back in. Then there will be a 3 minutes speech, 5 minute Q&A extendable up to 3 times. After all candidates, we will have a 5 minutes discussion period extendable up to 3 times. After a Q&A the candidate will leave the chat, but sit by ready to come back in.

Sarah: The Vice President shall serve as Acting President in the event that the President is unavailable or the position is vacant as per Article Six Section 2.A.1 of this Constitution; Attend all President's Cabinet Meetings; Works closely with the Student Activities and Union Services (SAUS); Contracts all campus venues using the Facilities Use for Scheduled Event (FUSE)

form; Attends all individual/group event consultation for all events; Contracts all security and crew for events with SAUS; Contracts transportation needed for off campus events; Contracts catering for events as needed; Books, coordinates and plans both the Fall Associate Council Retreat and Spring Associate Council Retreat; Maintains and organizes all information needed for events on and off campus; Prepares and disburses evaluations for large programs (i.e. Spirit Weekend, Condom Casino etc.); Prepares and facilitates scoring for large programs (i.e. Spirit Weekend, etc.) *Which RHSA E-Board member's birthday is next? Hint: They mentioned it during this meeting.*

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

Expectations of Vice President

- Dedicated
- Punctual
- Responsible
- Delegation Skills
- Positive Mindset
- Passionate
- Dependable
- Professional
- Amicable
- Good Communication Skills
- Supportive
- Approachable
- Organized
- Creativity
- Good Time Management
- Inclusive
- Willingness to Learn
- Ambitious
- Unbiased
- Innovative
- Detail Oriented
- Consistent
- Swagger
- Team Player
- Lively
- Prepared for changes at any time
- Hard Working
- Advocates for Everyone

Candidate 1: Serena Cruz

Serena: Hi, my name is Serena Cruz, I go by she, her, hers pronouns, and I'm running to be the 2020-2021 Vice President. This is currently my second year involved with RHSA. I was an AC Rep my freshman year and now I'm the NCC. I'm an intended math major with a minor in deaf studies. The duties of Vice President include FUSEing all the rooms for the RHSA events, coordinating Spirit Week, taking the place of the president in their absence, fostering a spirit of unity among members, providing social, cultural, and intellectual development, I handle all the contracts, plan retreats, maintain all event and contact information, I would attend Pres Cab, and basically, anything to do with programming as well as evaluations after the programs. One thing in specific I would be doing is working with SAUS closely. I love Emily in the office. I did Emerging Leaders with Emily and she was great. Some personal goals I would have as the Vice President would be to make the bond between RHSA and NRHH stronger, put forward the professional and programming skills that I learned from conferences and other schools and what they've done and doing some community outreach and getting opinions. Again, I'm in charge of evaluations and like I mentioned, previously if you were there, I think it's really important to reach out and get information because I can only represent what I know I need to represent, if that makes sense. So, really, it takes a lot of feedback and interaction and working with all of you. I yield to questions!

Question and Answer

Since you are already on the RHSA E-Board, what is something that you expect of this possible new position to be different or difficult and how are you going to handle that?

Serena: From talking to Sarah, who is the previous Vice President and hearing what she had to say and things that she learned from other Vice Presidents, buses are apparently really hard and a big challenge in this position. Some of them are not really good at responding and then, you have instances where the bus broke down, so finding reliable companies in general and making sure that I'm sticking to what we know is going to work and try to work around what doesn't work. I think it's very different from the position I'm currently in. I think it's going to take a lot of bringing from the region and working with bringing it back to my E-Board. Now, I think it's going to be a lot more interaction with you guys and bringing what you have to say to the table and your ideas and how we can fix things in the past and things like that.

How do you keep yourself organized?

Serena: I'm one of these people who carry an hourly calendar, solely because I do RHSA and other things. I can be a little forgetful sometimes so I'm sure to make up for that by writing everything down and I'll color code, RHSA is going to be this color this year, and I make sure to incorporate time for school work and time for myself also, just making sure that I have everything spread apart. Some other advice that Sarah gave me was to make sure that I'm setting specific times daily to put in time to be Vice President. Some things will come up out of nowhere and she mentioned that working around these companies and whatever times they have. So, setting time apart during the day to make sure that I'm responding to these people as soon as possible and their schedule to make sure that we get the services that we need and that everything goes according to plan.

What do you hope to gain from this position?

Serena: From this position, I hope to gain a better sense of professionalism because I would be working with contracts with different companies and working amongst business people. Learning professionalism from that and figuring out how to be the best version of myself, how

am I going to represent our organization as a whole in regards to these companies. I also want to gain leadership skills. I do think that this is a very different position than the position I was in last time as there is so much to learn. A lot of experience in planning, budgeting, numbers, and making sure that these become more precise every year because we do the food for banquet and everything like that.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

I believe you said you wanted to build the bond between NRHH and RHSA. How do you plan on doing that?

Serena: There were 3 kinds of things that I was thinking of; Get more involved with their programs, I've been fighting to get a shirt between the two of us that's cool RHSA/NRHH shirt combo, that special shirt that you can only get once a year, it would be really cool to make that worth GFPs, if possible with possibly Jordan. I also think that once a month or once a semester, depending on how the future E-Board would have seen it, doing joint office hours, especially around the time that election season comes around in order to get perspectives from both point of views and how you could make that bond stronger as well as connecting us as members, two treasurers together, etc. We share a budget, we share everything else, so I think it would be really cool to do that even if it's only like once a semester as well as people who are applying for NRHH, if they want to show up to office hours and stuff like that because NRHH doesn't hold their own personal office hours. I think that would be a great way to get information and then, the third thing, I think would be hosting a GI with them. We automatically start our meetings at the beginning of the semester and Hall Gobs hold their own GIs so I think it would be a great way to reach out and do it together. It would be cool if we had our own GIs, in the SUB or people looking for clubs to join beyond just seeing our posters for events immediately, just kind of like how they are seeing their GIs and doing a joint GI along with them.

How do you plan to innovate the position?

Serena: Taking evaluations to a whole other level. I think beyond just Condom Casino and Spirit Week. Those are the two, genuinely, every year that they do these evaluations for, but I think beyond those, asking more in general about reaching out. I was thinking about having a feedback Friday or something with social media or some sort of anonymous way for people to give feedback that maybe they don't think everyone will agree with or they wouldn't want to agree with. I know that if I had an opinion that I wasn't comfortable sharing or talking in front of a crowd of people at the meetings and even possibly calling someone out. I think this outlet would be a really good idea, so putting that out there and having it be interactive on Fridays, like a feedback Friday I was saying would be really cool or just a general kind of forum I wrote down because again, I think that just having that kind of feedback roll in where we can all look at it as an E-Board and get to know what our AC is thinking and putting a face to it because there doesn't need to be a face to it and by doing this, I think we will have a lot of retention and raise awareness so we can advocate for students like you and I to the best of our ability.

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

Serena: I think I got most of what I wanted from my speech, but thank you for the question. I appreciate it.

What makes you excited about E-Board next year if you were to get the position?

Serena: I think that it's exciting to be able to go through the experience with a whole new group with all new perspectives and ideas. We all want to grow in our positions as well as expand the E-Board beyond what any previous year has done and beyond what my E-Board has done this year and go above and beyond. I would be able to look back at the mistakes I made in my other position and realize how I can apply those to do better in this position myself and really, I'm excited to do that and have that bond with a group of seven other people and make these friends, I absolutely love talking to my E-Board. I love them to death, not Kevin as much.

How important is student advocacy and student voice to you?

Serena: I think it's pretty important. That's a majority of what I'm hoping to get from this position. Being able to do that outreach and talk to people and figure out what we can do better as a whole. Like I said, the feedback thing is really huge. I was also trying to think of ways that we can get...I know we have a kick-off at the beginning of the year for freshmen, but I also think that having that retention is a big portion of our numbers and getting people who thought, "I don't know if I'm going to do this again for a second year and come back." On top of that, I know we have off-campus owls who like Spirit Week and can answer our questions, but a lot of people who live off-campus once lived on-campus and were probably the same people like you and I who did Hall Gov and making sure that we are not reaching out for the people who live on campus with student concerns, but off-campus and reach as many people as we possibly can because I feel that we are an important resource and not everybody knows about it, especially a concern was brought up early in the year that it's very...it almost seems kind of exclusive. Some people don't really understand what we're talking about when we're talking about Hall Gov and it's kind of hard to explain so I think making sure that we're having that outreach on a level that's school-wide and reaching diverse an amount of people that we can and really advocate for all the voices on-campus and off-campus.

Part of your position is working with the SAUS office and using Engage for FUSEing spaces and things like that. What experience do you have working with the SAUS office and on Engage and how will you go about learning new things that you don't yet know?

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

Serena: I have had experience with the SAUS office, but on a very basic level and I'm ready to work with Sarah to finish off this semester strong even though we have had a couple setbacks with everything going on to make sure that training gets in there and we figured out it's an online form now for FUSEing rooms and stuff, so hopefully, it will be easy to screen share and walk me through it. I love Emily Bazinae in the SAUS office and I definitely cried in there before so I got that experience and just in general, some other experience I have with Engage, I did for last semester and this semester, I don't know where it's headed now, but with SA, I did programming board and council board so they both use Engage very heavily because they have to do it with all the student clubs and organizations. On council board, we did the moving of clubs into different houses and the merging of clubs and stuff like that so again, we are heavily on there, using it. It was kind of weird to get used to it at first. For programming board, we also use Engage very much because that's where clubs request money to be able to put on programs and get food, etc. so we approve and deny through there. The last semester is probably the most I've been on Engage because that is something that the school has been trying to use a lot more, but again, beyond that, just working closely with Sarah and making sure that I learn as much as I can. I'm probably going to keep her on speed dial if anything goes wrong.

Move to Close Question and Answer: Ridgeview
Second: Lenape

Clare: Any dissent? Seeing none. Again, discussion should only pertain to things Serena talked about during her speech, things she answered during question and answer, things in her resume or application, which are provided to you guys.

Discussion

- We appreciate Serena's thoughtful and concise answers to all the questions and her adaptability.
- We really like her feedback Friday idea because it shows that she is willing to our ideas and input and having a space to address concerns without putting a space to it shows professionalism.
- We appreciate and noted the fact that she came very prepared for this.
- We appreciate her attitude towards the position.
- We appreciate Serena is striving to promote RHSA and making it more inclusive, which we did mention as an expectation earlier. Also, it should be mentioned that she has experience with Engage and RHSA and we believe that she is very positive.
- We appreciate her good time management skills when she mentioned that she has an hourly planner and her willingness to have extra time devoted to the position.
- One of the expectations we had was a willingness to learn and we feel that Serena shows that because she is hopping back on the E-Board a second time and using what she knows from this year to apply to next year and that shows a willingness to learn.
- We appreciate that she took time to think about her answers to these questions. Not often in the elections do we see someone to take a second to really think about the question. Also, we appreciate that if she didn't understand something, she would ask for clarity, which shows that she has great communication skills and wants to be as clear as possible to everyone.
- She had good communication skills and made sure to answer all the questions thoroughly, get good answers for that and she also seemed very hardworking.
- On top of the communication skills, she also said that she was willing to go to Sarah or any other member of the E-Board if she had an issue, which shows that she realizes that she is not going to know everything and it's okay to ask for help when she needs it.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

- We appreciate her professionalism and creativity when it comes to combining and connecting NRHH and RHSA with the t-shirt idea and with other activities.
- We also appreciate her mention of advocating because it's really important to make sure that everyone is represented and has a seat at the table.
- We appreciate how passionate she is for RHSA.

Motion to Close Discussion: Ridgeview

Second: Lenape

Clare: Do I have any dissent? Seeing none.

Motion to Open Voting By Secret Ballot: Bliss
Second: Mohonk

Voting

Serena Cruz: 10
No Confidence: 2
Abstain: 2

Clare: Congratulations, Serena, on being the 2020-2021 Vice President!

Motion to Open Nominations: Bliss
Second: Bouton

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.

Minnewaska: She said she is going to decline.

Clare: Are there any other nominations tonight? Seeing none.

Motion to Close Historian Nominations Until Spring 2021: Bliss
Second: Ridgeview

Motion to Table PR Nominations Until Next Meeting: Lenape
Second: Mohonk

Clare: If you have your election materials to run for Historian, please email them to rhsa@hawkmill.newpaltz.edu, before Wednesday, April 8th at 12pm. The PR materials will be due the following Wednesday, April 15th. That's your resume, your application, your unofficial transcript and your candidate form.

Motion to Close New Business: Awosting
Second: Minnewaska

UPCOMING EVENTS 10:26 PM

- Buzz Bingo (Friday, April 17th at 7:30pm)
- Hall Gov Social Trivia (Sunday, April 19th at 2pm)

STUDENT CONCERNS 10:27 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.

Mohonk: This is in the process of being taken care of. I'm a Night Host and Student Assistant and they are trying to figure out who wants to work for the rest of the semester remotely and if they get paid, I don't know, I haven't heard back from anyone. Hopefully, I'll have it soon.

Bouton: I think I have an answer. I was figuring this out with my job. My supervisor sent me a link and there is a whole protocol for student assistants. Basically, you are going to average your last two paid periods and that's what you are going to be paid for the rest of the semester. If there is no remote work for you, you are still going to be paid.

Mohonk: Do we have to fill out the timesheets?

Bouton: You have to fill out your timesheet with that number of hours that is considered your average per pay period.

Mohonk: I was thinking about doing that, but I wasn't sure if I needed permission from my supervisor.

Bouton: If you send in a timesheet and they think it's wrong, they can always deny it. You don't need anyone's permission to fill out a timesheet because if you are wrong. They will correct you. I'm going to drop the link in the chat and that's the information for work study and student assistants in regards to getting paid this semester.

Clare: For anyone who is still on campus, you can mention hall concerns during student concerns.

Bouton: Something I noticed is that the last time I used the Snack Shack it did not accept my dining dollars. It was less than 2 weeks ago.

Callie: The Snack Shack is working. I was there today.

Ridgeview: My friend is still on campus and he was wondering if the PCC services are still open. How is that working exactly?

Bouton: I was on the phone with my person at the PCC today. They are doing online and phone, but they are not doing in-person.

Clare: I would give them a call and ask directly. Also, a lot of answers related to COVID-19 and how things are changing on campus because of it are on the newpaltz.edu website. There is an FAQ, which includes different things on campus.

Kevin: If you are on campus, be sure to thank the Sodexo workers because they are doing some vital stuff for the students.

Matt K: In response to food concerns, if you send us an email, I will try to read it as soon as possible. I have the numbers of the head of Sodexo as well as Steve Deustch, who handles all of that and I'll try to get you a response if need be. If you want and you know somebody that has that concern, I'm also willing to give out my personal number if that's the case and I'll gladly try to call them. If it's anything involving food, immediately let them know. I'd be happy to let them know if need be.

Lenape: I don't know if anyone else has been having this issue. I feel that sometimes I'm really overwhelmed by the amount of work that my teachers are putting on me and I feel that when I try to talk to them, they say that I'll be fine or that I should keep trying. Is there a way that I can be more persistent about it? Just because it's easy for you, it doesn't mean that we are understanding this because we have to teach ourselves.

Clare: If you have already done a lot of self-advocating directly with your professor and they have been very dismissive, you can go to the director of that department and say that you are

personally having a really hard time with this professor's teaching methods. While studying and doing work digitally is a new thing, a lot of us have never taken online classes before or have and don't like this method. It is a method we are going to continue to have to use for the rest of the semester so it's important that everybody learns the best way for them when they are using it and so that will be talk to your professor and blatantly being like this method isn't helping me learn. I would love to work with you personally to find a better way for me to learn because right now this isn't going to benefit me. If your professor is dismissive, go to the director. Something that the departments understand is that an issue for everybody right now is again, we are all adjusting to this new way of learning so you really have to be advocating for yourself directly, but again, if it gets more serious. You talk to your professor and you've talked to your director and they're still not following through with the questions you have and the things they are requiring to benefit you in, whatever field you are in. Then, I would say report back to us and we will be on top of that, but during this weird time, I will strongly advise a lot of self-advocating. Be really communicative with your professors, directors, and things like that.

Lenape: Do you know if it's possible to potentially have something, like at the end of the semester we get to message our teachers about their methods and stuff because personally, I have no problem self-advocating, but I know there are a lot of people in my position who wouldn't self-advocate for themselves if they were in the same position. How we give feedback at the end, can we have one in the middle

Clare: So, you are thinking of an SEI, but earlier in the semester?

Lenape: Yes, potentially, because if teachers see that a lot of people are struggling with the same issues, potentially, they could lessen the work or have it in a different way.

Clare: One thing we need to remember that as stressful as it is, professors probably won't be able to necessarily lighten the workload just because it is the work that they were going to have been doing in-person anyways. They are doing their best to not change the things that they were going to be teaching. What you should be asking them is how they can help you to better learn that information. They probably can't teach you less, but they can maybe take it a bit slower. You are still going to get all the information, the same amount, by the end of the semester, but I will find out if we can do an early SEI or something along the lines of that. I will ask about it though.

Scudder: Honestly, as long as you pass your classes, you're fine because they are doing the pass/fail option and my advisor said that you still get the credits. Basically, she said it's different from the S/U option in that you still get your credits, and as long as you don't get a D-, you will get a P for pass so as long as we all get higher than that, we could put P for pass. You could get an A in one class and put a P for every other class and you will have a 4.0 GPA and it will raise your whole GPA. Just a life hack for those of you who might be struggling.

Ridgeview: I'm not going to say which course. I consider this course pretty difficult. I don't know if I'm going to...I think I'm probably going to end up in the D- range, which I think is an F with that policy because I think it starts with D, at least that's what it said on the page. Another follow-up, one of my professors literally cut stuff out and said we don't have time for it. So, there are some professors who will cut stuff out, but there are courses where you can't do that. The professor who cut stuff out is a history course. They are not going to spend time talking about one certain thing, but in a math or science course, it's difficult to cut stuff out.

Minnewaska: Is pass/fail just an option or are all classes doing that?

Clare: You will have that option and if I read it correctly, you get to decide if you want to do pass/fail after you get your grade back. You can find out that you got a C and once you know, you can get a pass for the class instead of getting a C or whatever it might be. They've sent some emails about it so make sure you are checking your email every day. Obviously, it's something that is kind of expected from you from the school, but they're sending so much vital information to everybody right now, pertaining to your education, students on campus, and all these other things. Make sure you are checking your email frequently.

Sarah: On my.newpaltz.edu, there is a whole section explaining the pass/fail option and I believe you have until October 15th of next fall to decide if you want to choose that, so no pressure to make that decision early.

Clare: A lot of the information that we are sharing with you isn't information that we are getting privately from President Christian. This is information that we are getting in our email. Make sure you are reading your email. It's super important.

OPEN FLOOR 10:42 PM

Clare: If anyone has any digital events they want to share with us, it could be your event, it could be an event you heard about, it could be something fun that's not even RHSA or school related, just something to brighten our mood, let us know.

Ridgeview: I just wanted to thank all of you, not just the RHSA E-Board, but all the people attending. Right now, the world is crazy and I'm the type of person when I feel isolation, I feel isolation when I'm in a group of people so...just having some sort of normalcy does brighten up my mindset whenever we do things like this so I just want to thank everyone for that.

Clare: Serena mentioned that in our Discord, once you join it, there is a stay motivated section to drop some cute memes or quotes or feel good stuff. That's in the Discord. Thank you everyone!

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:45 PM

Clare: We have a digital Molly so the hall who gets it can photoshop something on Molly! We will send it to your hall group chat when you email us and ask us for our contact information so you can add your E-Board buddy or just email it to us or DM it to us, but we will send it to you first. You are going to send it back to us before the next AC meeting. College-Shango had her last, so you are going to choose who gets her next. Put an X in the chat if you have not gotten Molly this semester.

College-Shango: We will give her to Bouton!

Clare: We will email it to College-Shango and then, to Bouton, so Molly will have two items on her before the next AC meeting and we will continue passing her for the rest of the semester.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:47 PM

Serena: "Never follow anyone else's path. Unless you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path. Then by all means follow that path." -Ellen DeGeneres

ADJOURNMENT 10:50 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Sarah
Second: Serena

Next meeting will be on Zoom!

