

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 9/14/2020

Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER | 9:04PM

Matt: I am calling this meeting to order at 9:04pm.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY | 9:05PM

Matt: We're going to begin with a mystery activity, Hot Seat.

Jordan H.: Hot seat is when someone is asked a variety of questions and they will answer as many questions as they can in under a minute.

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS | 9:09PM

Emily: 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
Ashokan	0	0	0	0	None.
Bliss	2	0	0	0	None.
Bouton	2	0	0	1	We had our elections last night and our first meeting is on Wednesday.
Capen	1	0	0	0	None.
College-Shango	1	0	0	0	We had our elections yesterday and our meeting is tomorrow.
Esopus	3	0	0	0	None.
Gage	0	0	0	0	None.
Lenape	3	0	0	0	We had our first G.I. today at 7pm and we will have our elections this Thursday at 7pm.
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	None.
Mohonk	0	0	0	0	None.
Ridgeview	2	2	0	0	We had elections Friday and our first meeting is tomorrow.

Scudder	1	1	0	0	We had our second G.I. meeting today and plan to have our elections on Thursday.
Shawangunk	1	0	0	0	We had our elections today and our meeting is planned for next Monday.

SENATE | 9:14PM

Matt: The Student Association elections open tonight at 11:59PM and close Thursday at 4:30PM. Feel free to go and vote!

NRHH | 9:14PM

Gigi: Follow our Instagram for more updates and to learn more about us!¹

OLD BUSINESS | 9:15PM

Motion to Open: Ridgeview
Second: Lenape

Office Hours

Matt: Hi everyone, I'm Matt. I go by he/him/his pronouns. I'm the President. My office hours are on Fridays from 11am-1pm. You can also arrange an appointment, I'd be happy to meet with you at another time.

Serena: Hello. My name is Serena. I go by she/her/hers pronouns. I'm the Vice President and my office hours are on Mondays from 9am-11am.

Jess: Hey y'all! I'm Jess. I'm the Treasurer, I go by she/her/hers pronouns. My office hours are on Tuesdays from 9am-11am. Maybe see you there!

Emily: Hey y'all. I'm Emily. My pronouns are she/her/hers and I am the RHSA Secretary. My office hours are on Tuesdays from 3pm-5pm.

Jordann M.: Hey everyone. My name is Jordann. I go by she/her/hers pronouns. I'm PR and my office hours are on Thursdays from 10am-12pm.

Callie: Hi everyone! I'm Callie. I'm the N.C.C. My pronouns are she/her/hers. My office hours are Fridays from 9am-11am. I'll be there with my Co-NCC, Gigi, who's in NRHH. We'd love to see you there so come hang out with us.

Jordan H.: Hey everyone! I'm Jordan Hennix. My pronouns are he/him/his. I'm the Campus Communications Coordinator, or C.C.C. for short. My office hours are on Wednesdays from 1pm-3pm. I hope to see you guys there.

Cassandra: Hi everyone, I'm Cassandra. I'm the Historian. My pronouns are she/her/hers. My office hours are Wednesdays from 10am-12pm. Stop by if you have any questions, want to get to know me, or anything like that.

¹ The NRHH Instagram is SUNYNPNRHH.

C.C.C.

Jordan H.: Congratulations to everyone who's here tonight, elections can be brutal! For the halls who have not had Hall Gov elections yet, please fill out the form I sent last week. Tomorrow afternoon, I'm going to be sending out contact sheets to all of you so we know who's part of your Hall Government. The moment your Hall Gov elections are over, you can fill out those contact sheets as well. Please fill out this form so we know when you are hosting your elections: <https://forms.gle/ZV4uLqWghz9z3qAZ9>.

Treasurer

Jess: Hey everyone! Since many of you have been asking about this at elections, we felt it was important to address it. Currently, Hall Governments this year will not be receiving a budget because of Covid. However, you can still host some awesome programs without a budget and if you have a program idea that you've dreamed of having that would require money you can always reach out and partner with the RA's in your hall to make those awesome programs a reality with their budget, plus you can get extra GFPs for those programs. GFPs, you might ask, what's that? C.C.C. Jordan, can you explain that?

Jordan H.: Yes, I can explain that. GFP's, or Good Fellowship Points, are points in which each hall can earn throughout the semester by attending RHSA events, A.C. Meetings wearing your RHSA, NRHH, or Conference shirt, volunteering for events on campus such as C.R.E.W., sending in PUP Sheets, being active on social media, answering social media challenges or riddles that's in the minutes. At the end of all that, I will compile a list of who got third place, second place, and first place. Whichever hall has the most GFPs wins Hall of the Semester. These will be announced at the end of semester Banquet.

Motion to Close: Lenape

Second: Bliss

NEW BUSINESS | 9:21PM

Motion to Open: Jordan H.

Second: Ridgeview

NCC Fun Fact

Callie: Two years ago N.C.C. Pharez did something called N.C.C. Fun Facts each week so everyone can get to know about what the N.C.C. does and a little bit more about the region and the national association that we're involved in. This is something I wanted to bring back! RHSA is part of a national organization called National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH), and is part of their northeastern affiliate NEACURH! In November there will be a Regional Leadership Conference hosted by the University of Buffalo, and myself and my Co-NCC Gigi will be choosing delegates to attend that conference. *What do GFP's stand for?* It's a great leadership experience and great to get to know other people from throughout the entire Northeast who are passionate about the same things as you! Applications will be dropping soon, and if you have any questions email us at newpaltznccs@gmail.com, or

the RHSA email, rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu. It's open to anyone who's involved in Hall Gov.

Buzz Hot Seat

Callie: Buzz Hot Seat is coming super soon. It's on October 2nd from 7:30 to 9:00pm! It'll be on Zoom, and you got to see a little bit about what a Hot Seat is like earlier in the meeting. We can't wait to hear all your awesome questions, so come hang out and make some new friends! Just to reiterate, the time and date is October 2nd, 7:30 to 9:00pm on Zoom. There's a link to a Google Form you can fill out to submit questions in advance.² We can't wait to see you there!

RHSA Music Festival

Emily: Hello! The RHSA Music Festival will take place this Saturday from 7:30pm-9:00pm! We'll listen to artists like Lizzo, Hozier, BTS, Beyonce, and Harry Styles together through Zoom! The Zoom info is on our Instagram (NPRHSA) and I will also send it in the Email Blast. To sign up for the Email Blast, use this link: <https://forms.gle/WwBWbPBTC6cdktew6>.

Programming Committee

Emily: Hi again! Programming committee works together to create, plan, and host programs! Our meetings are going to be on Wednesdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm. The link will be available in the Email Blast so make sure you sign up for that!

Social Media

Cassandra: We do not have any social media report but I encourage you all to keep engaging with the Instagram, NPRHSA, and keep looking out for events and social media challenges that may be coming out soon as well as the posts about the E-Board.

Amendment

Matt: Next meeting we are going to be presenting a constitutional amendment for our constitution. It's going to be Article 16: The Armageddon Protocols. If we go off-campus again because of Covid-19 or we have to respond to something on-campus due to Covid-19, it allows us to make on the fly decisions. It also allowed us to work with our constitution to change things if we're off-campus and even changing Hall Gov constitutions to the three positions we currently have. There's going to be more of that next week. It's going to be a lot of Parli Pro, but we have Callie to help us!

Motion to Close: Bliss

Second: College-Shango

UPCOMING EVENTS | 9:28PM

- Hot Seat Buzz | Friday, October 2 from 7:30pm-9:00pm on Zoom
- RHSA Music Festival | Saturday, September 19 from 7:30pm-9:00pm on Zoom

² Use the following link to submit questions to ask during Buzz Hot Seat:
<https://forms.gle/WwBWbPBTC6cdktew6>

HALL CONCERNS | 9:28PM

Matt: 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.

Jordan H.: I believe Capen had a concern? If you still have a concern, this would be the time to bring it up.

Capen: In the kitchen, when you go into the lounge on the third floor, there's a key card scanner where you have to swipe your card again. When it comes to cooking, I take giant bags and I go there. I don't think a lot of people are using the kitchen because it's a hassle for them. If we get rid of the key card scanner so you can get to the kitchen, people would be more inclined to cook and utilize the kitchen more to its full potential.

Matt: I think that has to be there for New York state policy. I believe that is mostly to prevent people from getting in that shouldn't be in the kitchen and taking anything. Talk to your RAs, SRA, and RD about it first because a lot of the concerns that we get, they would know the answer before we do. If they can't solve it, then we get involved. You can also reach out to us at rhasa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu.

Shawangunk: In Shawangunk, I've spoken to the RAs and SRA about our elevator issue. Every day the elevators will be fixed and by 2pm, the elevators are broken again. It's a struggle for other residents because some of us rely on that elevator to get us to and from floors; when we're doing laundry, etc. Some of the suites in the building, there's a very bad stench. When talking to the RA's and SRA, there might be a mice problem on the third floor. Facilities was called, but nothing was changed. There's still mice in the vents.

Matt: The mice, if facilities was called, they might be working on it. They might have to get an exterminator so that might take some time. I know it's frustrating, but they might still be working on it. I'll follow up with them. For the elevator, what might be the issue is that some buildings have contracts that we have to use the company to fix it. I could ask and see if there's anything they could do. If people hold the elevator doors with their hand, if they constantly press the hold button, if they ride the elevators constantly, or jump in the elevator, that breaks it. Encourage people not to do that if you see it. I could follow up with facilities and ask. Hopefully I'll hear something soon, but I don't know how immediate it would be.

Callie: The Shawangunk elevator beeps so loud if you hold the doors open because it'll break the elevator!! So like Matt said that's something to think about when it's broken.

Matt: It's keeping people safe and doing it's job but I understand why it's frustrating.

STUDENT CONCERN FOLLOW UP | 9:34PM

Matt: There's a bee situation on campus. There is not much we can actually do in terms of the bees. I'd recommend trying to stay aware from garbage pails if possible. A message was sent about indoor dining, hopefully that would help with the bee situation. They are expanding indoor dining. There was an email sent last week and I will try to give more updates on that. I will let you know.

Matt: I received a concern from A.C. members about walking around at night. I reached out to UPD. There is the blue light system. If you walk around campus, you will see blue lights with yellow boxes. If you open them up, they will start recording and you can dial the police through that. Typically, you will be able to see at least one other blue light from the blue light you're

standing at. There are also apps on your phone that you can download that alert UPD in case you don't check in to a location. In case of an emergency you can reach UPD at (845)-257-2222 or if off campus dial 911 and you'll get in touch with town or local police. Also campus escort services via walking can be reached at 845-257-3338. They will send someone to walk you back to your dorm that is hired through UPD and keep you safe.

Callie: Escort services hire students, not UPD.

Matt: Is that the case now? Are they still hiring students this year?

Callie: I believe they sent out an email regarding it and I think they're still hiring students. If you're looking for a job, that's a good thing to apply for. I can look into it and let you know!

Matt: In terms of food lines at the SUB, we're still working on it.

STUDENT CONCERNS | 9:38PM

Matt: 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. You can fill out this Google form for both hall and student concerns: <https://forms.gle/j7qrziK2aWq9guyt5>. Seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR | 9:39PM

Matt: 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 typing an x in chat. If you would like your Hall Gov programs and events to be advertised on the Hall Government Google Calendar, please fill out the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/LrwXyzJfyvX8SXby5>. If you want, you can list your elections there, but we already have the other form so focus on that one. Are there any open floors?

Lenape: Hi everyone! I wanted to announce my program that I'm having tomorrow, it's called Boxing Bash. I'm literally having boxes out on the grass field. You come, I'll give you a box, I'll provide gloves if you need them, I'll have hand sanitizer and we'll be social distancing. You let loose on the box. If you have any kind of anger or frustration, you let loose on the box. This is my wellness program. Feel free to come tomorrow at 6pm to the grass field to the right of Lenape.

Callie: Once you're done with Jaden's program, you can come down to my program at 7pm in front of Ashokan Hall. I'm hosting an RA program with the President of Swing Club, PR Jordann. It's called Swing Into a New Semester. We're going to sit socially distant in front of Ashokan Hall at 7pm, listen to swing music, and hang out and relax. It's BYOB, Bring Your Own Blanket. Bring it and relax with us. Hope to see you there!

Ridgeview: Hello everybody! You're all awesome! I am hosting a program this Friday. It's going to be an outdoor movie night. We're going to be watching Love Simon. It's going to be at 8pm behind Ridgeview. We're calling it the Ridgeview Quad. It's in front of the turf where the hall meets at the little triangle. There's a [signup](#) for it. It's BYOB and BYOP, Bring Your Own Popcorn too!

Capen: When it comes to making these programs, how do we get it officialized?

Matt: You would have to talk to your RA Liaison and RD about. That way they are both aware of it and can put it in both of their calendars. Hopefully, your liaison can explain this more when you have a meeting with them.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE | 9:44PM

Matt: Who has Molly?

Scudder: We put a [shark fin](#) on her! We'll give Molly to Ridgeview!

Jordan H.: Someone in the chat asked what's Molly.

Matt: Molly is our mascot for RHSA. Every single Hall Gov has a mascot. RHSA uses Molly the Moose after our Region, NEACURH, which uses Marty the Moose.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK | 9:48PM

Serena: "I like the night. Without the dark, we'd never see the stars." -Stephanie Meyer, Twilight

ADJOURNMENT | 9:49PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Bliss

Second: Capen

Next meeting will be on Zoom!



me: can you please round up my grade to an A

teacher: you have a 55% in the class

