

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 9/21/2020

Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER | 9:03PM

Matt: I'm calling this meeting to order. Hello everyone! Welcome back to another RHSA meeting.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY | 9:03PM

Matt: We are going to be doing a mock amendment because next week we're going to be presenting an amendment!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS | 9:29PM

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	Saturday, we are having a meme based event, What Do You Meme.
Bouton	2	0	0	1	We met last Wednesday and spoke about future programs.
Capen	1	0	0	0	None.
College-Shango	1	0	0	0	We're having a Throwback 2000's TV shows themed Kahoot on September 30 at 8pm. It'll be on our Instagram. At our meeting, we planned events.
Esopus	2	1	0	0	Our meetings are on Wednesdays.
Gage	0	0	0	0	None.
Lenape	4	1	0	0	We had our elections last Thursday. Our first Hall Gov meeting tomorrow at 7pm.
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	None.
Mohonk	0	0	0	0	None.

Ridgeview	1	0	0	0	We're going to talk about programming and setting dates for them at our meeting tomorrow.
Scudder	2	0	0	0	Our first meeting is going to be this week.
Shawangunk	1	0	0	0	We had our Hall Gov meeting today. Our elections were last Monday and we'll have reelections next Monday.

SENATE | 9:36PM

Matt: None.

NYPIRG | 9:36PM

Sue: Hi, my name is Sue. I'm an intern for NYPIRG and have been recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors. NYPIRG stands for New York Public Interest Research Group and we are the largest student directed nonpartisan not for profit organization in the entire state. We have chapters across New York, CUNY schools, SUNY schools, and private schools. We fight for social change on issues that impact us directly, such as climate change, environmental justice, voting rights, public health, reliable and affordable mass transit as well as affordable funding for CUNYs and SUNYs to make it accessible to everyone. I'm here tonight to talk to you guys about voter registration. Young voters between the ages of 18-35 are the least likely to vote out of any age group. Student voters are being enfranchised across the country. These decisions politicians make on issues such as funding for tuition and financial aid programs like TAP, criminal justice reform, climate change affect us in our daily lives. *When are the Regional Leadership Conference applications due?* NYPIRG helps young voters ensure that their voices are being heard on campus, in the community, and in politics across the state. We want everyone to be engaged every single year, this year is a particularly important election year. With this year's general elections, students can make a really big difference. NYPIRG's student voter registration project fights against civic injustice by educating students on the power we stand to gain by registering voters and showing up on the polls on Election Day. We're sending them in through the mail. It's very crucial SUNY students make our voices heard in upcoming elections and with more of us registering and voting will demonstrate the issues that really matter to us, such as funding for higher education, addressing the serious threat of climate change are a priority to the people to our elected officials in Albany and Washington DC. National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday Sept. 22nd. NYPIRG will table outside the SUB, near Snack Shack from 11am-4pm. If you have any questions about voter registration, absentee ballots, mail in voting you can ask us there. It will be socially distanced. If you have changed your room in the last year, you need to change your voter registration or else your registration might not match the address and they might not let you vote. You can register to [vote "from home."](#) You may drop the filled out form off in the NYPIRG office in SUB 311 or mail it to your local county board of elections. If your current address is the permanent address on your driver license, you can use the [DMV Online Portal!](#) This is some information about [absentee ballots](#) and information about [early voting](#). Due to the executive order Governor Cuomo passed this year, he allowed us all to vote absentee this year if you choose to. You can use this application for [absentee ballot](#). You can drop off your

absentee ballot at the poll or you can vote on a ballot scanner at the poll site during early voting or on Election Day. Join the [NYPIRG student network](#)! Feel free to follow us on social media! Our Instagram is @nypirgnpz and our Twitter is @newpaltznypirg.

Lenape: Thank you for relaying this information. With one of your points about changing your address, I recently changed my address and I went to one of the voter registration administration, SA. When would you say I would be receiving that letter in my mail?

Sue: The mail might be a little slower on that. You can go online to check your voter registration. If you Google “New York voter registration” you should be able to find it with your updated information. How long ago did you do it?

Lenape: This was earlier this month.

Sue: I would check it. If it’s not updated, you can always fill out a new form and bring it in.

NRHH 9:42 PM

Gigi: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS 9:42PM

Motion to Open: Bliss

Second: Lenape

Secretary

Emily: Hey y’all! Thank you to those that came to the RHSA Music Festival! It was awesome hanging out and jamming out with y’all! We hope to see y’all more at more Programming Committee programs!!! If you’re interested in putting on programs, join Programming Committee! Our meetings are on Wednesdays from 5pm-6pm! It’s super fun and I hope to see y’all there!

CCC

Jordan H.: Hey everyone! Emily and I are going to be running Safety Committee. The goal of the Safety Committee is to develop and promote a healthy and safe environment for all students here on campus. Throughout the year we will be holding meetings with the student body, in which all of you can discuss any concerns that you have, and then Emily and I, will attend a meeting in which we bring up these concerns with administration, so that we can find a solution. Emily, do you have the time for Safety Committee?

Emily: They are on Wednesday’s from 4pm-5pm.

NCC

Callie: Advertising Committee is going to be beginning to meet soon! This committee is being chaired by myself and PR Jordann McKenna and we are so excited! We’re going to be meeting on Mondays from 6pm-7pm and they’ll be hosted on Zoom. More information is to come on what the Advertising Committee is going to be looking like this year so keep on eye out. If you have any questions, let us know!

Secretary

Emily: Hi again! In the minutes, there are riddles and if you are the first three to answer them, you earn your hall GFP's. You can answer the riddles on our Facebook (@rhsa.newpaltz). Here are the winners for the last week's riddle:

Third Place: Lenape Hall

Second Place: Bliss Hall

First Place: Gage Hall

The riddle was What do GFP's stand for? The answer is Good Fellowship Points. Make sure to sign up for the AC Email Blast using [this link](#) to be the first three to answer the riddle and earn your hall more GFP's! Thank you!

CCC

Jordan H.: Last week on the Email Blast, the contact sheets were shared with all of you guys and your Hall Governments. If you did not receive a contact sheet, please message me with your name and hall so I can email you as soon as possible.

Motion to Close: Lenape

Second: Bliss

NEW BUSINESS | 9:47PM

Motion to Open: Shawangunk

Second: College-Shango

Buzz Hot Seat

Jess: Hello y'all! We are having Buzz Hot Seat where you can ask us your burning questions and you can answer some questions yourself. We're having that October 2nd from 7:30pm-9:30pm. Here's the link to the [form to ask your burning questions](#). It's going to be really fun!

Article 16

Matt: Hey everyone so in the spirit of the mystery activity and with everything else going on we have an actual amendment to bring forward that the Executive Board voted on over the summer. We did pass this amendment so it will be voted on next meeting. This is Article 16 and it's something that will be voted at our next meeting. I would recommend reading through it and asking questions and writing comments into the next meeting as it does quite a lot. Feel free to reach out to the E-Board if you want to ask about how the amendment process works.¹

RLC

Callie: Hi y'all! So exciting news: Applications for the fall Regional Leadership Conference are open! Here is the [link for the application](#), and the link will once again be sent out with the minutes in the Email Blast so make sure you sign up for that. The theme for this conference is SURVIVOR: MOOSE ISLAND! Once you open the link we send, make a copy of it, fill it out, and then email it back to us at the email I mentioned before so you can schedule an interview

¹ Article 16 can be viewed if you click [this link](#).

time with myself and Gigi! If you request edit access I will deny it, just so we can keep a clean copy for everyone else. If you have questions about how to make a copy, email me or private message me and I can show you. If you have any questions at all you can email us at newpaltznccs@gmail.com, or stop by our office hours on Zoom from 9am-11am on Fridays. I'm so excited, Gigi's excited, we're all excited!! Please consider applying, I would love to see all your applications and get to know you all some more. The last day to submit them is September 30th so please make sure you have them in ASAP. Check out the application and take a look at incase you might want to apply for the Spring Leadership Conference. RLC is a great leadership opportunity and I encourage all of you to apply!

Remind

Cassandra: If you want to stay up to date with all things RHSA, sign up for our Remind! You can use this link to sign up: <https://www.remind.com/join/rhsa202>.

NCC Fun Fact

Callie: Hello, it's me again! This week's fun fact is that back in 2017, New Paltz hosted our own conference here for the North East region. The theme was Marty like a Rock Star!

College-Shango: I'm curious when the minutes or the A.C. Email Blast will come out?

Emily: They're usually going to go out on Wednesdays!

GFP's

Jordan H.: Last week I mentioned that I was going to update the GFP counter, and I did so you guys can [check on the website](#) to see who's in the lead to getting First Place hall of the semester. For those who don't know, GFPs stand for Good Fellowship Points. Each hall earns GFPs throughout the semester by attending RHSA events, volunteering, sending in PUP sheets, and being active on social media.

Motion to Close: Shawangunk

Second: College-Shango

UPCOMING EVENTS | 9:56PM

- Buzz Hot Seat | Friday, October 2 from 7:30pm-9:00pm on Zoom

HALL CONCERNS | 9:57PM

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. 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

STUDENT CONCERNS | 9:58PM

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@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu. You can fill out this Google form for both hall and student concerns: <https://forms.gle/j7qrziK2aWq9guyt5>.

Shawangunk: Student concerns that Shawangunk residents have brought up are finding ways to engage mental health in Hall Government programs. From Sunday to Wednesday, the SUB closes at 7:45pm. If that's going to happen, is there a way to compensate that with bringing back late night in the dining hall. There's a lot of residents who have three hour classes and on Sunday through Wednesday, after 7:45pm, there's no way to dine.

Matt: With late night dining, I'll reach out to Steven Deutsch as well as Kevin Dicey and see what they think about it. In terms of the SUB, I can see if there's anything available for that. To my knowledge, the only late night thing going on at the moment is the Snack Shack, but that's not a meal. I will follow up with them on that.

College-Shango: A couple of students from Collango were reporting they were trying to run on the track and there was a party going on in the middle of it. This has happened multiple nights and the parties didn't include proper social distancing or masks so they didn't feel comfortable running on the track.

Matt: There is a hotline for people not wearing masks or who are not social distancing properly. They do have to ask for their names. If there is a party regarding any illicit substances, you can tell any RA or UPD, especially if you feel unsafe or go to the blue light system. You shouldn't call UPD unless it's illicit substances or immediate danger. If people are not wearing masks, call the mask hotline.² For that hotline, you do need to ask for their names. On weekends, there's a patrol on campus that goes around giving out masks and hand sanitizers. If they want to exercise and go running, I recommend running from Collango on the street path to the edge of campus. You can do an outside loop of campus.

Matt: Quick student concern follow up. With Shawangunk's situation with the elevator, hopefully it's working. I didn't hear anything back yet. I'm still following up with that and the mice situation. In terms of food in the SUB, apparently there's new red tape in the ground. I recommend going at off times. Hopefully people are going to social distance more. I'm going to be speaking with dining services as well as sitting on the Campus Auxiliary Services Board with Treasurer Jess to talk about some of these issues.

Shawangunk: To follow up on the elevators. They are working, but I did tell the residents what you said about not putting their hands in the elevators because they are still breaking down daily.

Matt: Hopefully that goes a long way. Even holding the door for too long with the push button will do it, but to my knowledge that's still better than holding it with your hand.

Matt: If your student concern wasn't addressed from last week, it means we're still in the process of it. Feel free to message us at rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu or you can also submit a [Google Form](#). We are looking at them and I want to address that we're working on them and getting feedback.

OPEN FLOOR | 10:03PM

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,

² The mask hotline is (845) 257-MASK (6275).

you can list your elections there, but we already have the other form so focus on that one. Are there any open floors?

Lenape: Tomorrow at 5:30pm. RA Joannie and I are going to be having a Tai Chi program. It will be on the grass field next to Lenape. Feel free to come, dress, and learn a little bit more about Tai Chi.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE | 10:07PM

Matt: Who has Molly the Moose? Ridgeview is not here.

Jordan H.: Being that Ridgeview is not here, I'll think of a number between 1-20. Whoever is the first one to guess the number will get Molly. Collango will get Molly the Moose!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK | 10:12PM

Jess: "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." - Oprah Winfrey

ADJOURNMENT | 10:12PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Shawangunk

Second: Bliss

Next meeting will be on Zoom!

