

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 1/25/2021

Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER | 9:03PM

Matt: I'm going to call this meeting to order.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY | 9:03PM

Matt: What was your favorite thing to do over break?

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS | 9:04PM

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. Also let us know when your Hall Gov meeting times are as well.

| Hall Name | Number Present | RHSA Shirts | NRHH Shirts | Conference Shirts | Hall Report |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
| Ashokan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | None. |
| Bliss | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nothing to report. |
| Bouton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | We have the Communications Coordinator elections on Wednesday. Our meetings are on Wednesday's at 8pm. |
| Capen | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nothing to report. |
| College-Shango | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Our meeting is tomorrow at 8pm. |
| Esopus | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Our meetings are on Wednesday. |
| Gage | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | None. |
| Lenape | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Our meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. |
| Minnewaska | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | None. |
| Ridgeview | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Our meetings are on Thursdays at 7:00pm. We have a GI on Thursday at 7:00pm. |
| Scudder | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Our meetings are on Mondays at 5:15pm. |
| Shawangunk | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | We're going to hold elections again. We'll choose our meeting time this week. |

SENATE | 9:09PM

Chet: One person, no shirts. We're meeting on Wednesday's. We're starting our meetings this week. I'm happy to be presenting to you guys again for the Senate this semester.

NYPIRG | 9:10PM

Chet: NYPIRG is also starting later this week. We are having a couple of big things that we're planning. Our big push in the beginning is going to be for our Higher Ed program. We're going to have a big thing, virtual lobbying with people. Later, we're going to be looking for people to sign on and help get the word out and support our SUNY and CUNY systems. The vote for the Activity Fee will be coming up this semester. It's where everyone gets to vote if the Activity Fee we pay at the beginning of the semester as part of our tuition is mandatory or optional. It's very important for all of the clubs on campus that it remains mandatory because otherwise people don't pay it and we don't have a budget. There'll be another big campaign for NYPIRG and the Senate.

NRHH | 9:11PM

Callie: No report NRHH this week.

OLD BUSINESS | 9:11pm

Move to Open Old Business: Ridgeview

Second: Shawangunk

Introductions¹:

Matt: I'm Matt. I'm the President. I use he/him pronouns. My Office Hours are Monday's from 2:00pm - 5:00pm or by appointment. You can email me and I'll gladly meet with you.

Serena: I'm Serena. I'm the Vice President. I go by she/her pronouns. My Office Hours are Mondays from 9:00am - 11:00am.

Jess: I'm Jess. I go by she/her/hers pronouns. I'm the Treasurer and my Office Hours are Thursday's from 3:00pm - 5:00pm.

Emily: I'm Emily. My pronouns are she/her/hers. I'm the Secretary and my Office Hours are Tuesday's from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Jordann M.: My name is Jordann. I'm the PR. I use she/her pronouns. My Office Hours will be Thursday's from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Callie: I'm Callie. I'm the NCC. My pronouns are she/her/hers and my Office Hours are Wednesday's from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Feel free to drop in!

Jordan H.: My name is Jordan H. My pronouns are he/him. I'm the Campus Communications Coordinator (CCC). My Office Hours are Wednesday's from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Please visit me during Office Hours!

¹ Here is the link to the [Zoom for Office Hours!](#) (Meeting ID: 943 4712 0887 | Passcode: RHSA).

Cassie: I'm Cassie. I use she/her pronouns. I'm the Historian and my Office Hours are Friday's from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Secretary:

Emily: Hey y'all! If you're not already signed up for the A.C. Email Blast, make sure you sign up! I email everyone weekly updates, the meeting minutes, and much more! *In what month is the Spring Leadership Conference?* Here is the link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/ATLV4L4ufPr1NLSw8>

Move to Close Old Business: Bliss

Second: Lenape

NEW BUSINESS | 9:15pm

Move to Open New Business: Lenape

Second: Shawangunk

NCC Fun Fact

Callie: Hi all! It's so good to see you back again. My NCC Fun Fact of the week is that there are two more conference opportunities this semester! The first one is Spring Leadership Conference and it's coming up in March. It's going to be an amazing time. I will have the application ready for you by next week's meeting. If you want to talk about what conference looks like or if you're interested in it at all, please come visit my Office Hours or email me!

Nominations

Matt: We are now moving to nominations.

Move to Reopen President Nominations: Bliss

Second: College/Shango

Matt: Emily, do you accept, table, or decline?

Emily: I accept.

Matt: Jordan H, do you accept, table, or decline?

Jordan H: I table.

Matt: Seeing no other President nominations, we're going to open up for all nominations.

Motion to Open All Nominations: Bliss

Second: Ridgeview

Matt: If you're nominated for a position, you can either table, accept, or decline. If you accept, you have to intend on running. We have a requirement that you can only accept two positions at a time. If you decline, you can't be nominated again. If you table, we'll ask every meeting leading up to the night before your election. You could keep tabling or you could choose that you either want to accept or decline the nomination.

Lenape: Lenape nominates Jordan H. for NCC.

Bliss: Second.

Jordan H.: I table.

Bouton: Bouton nominates Callie for NCC.

Ridgeview: Second.

Callie: I table.

Lenape: Lenape nominates Saskia for Secretary.

College/Shango: Second.

Saskia: I table.

Lenape: Lenape nominates Jordan H. for Vice President.

College/Shango: Second

Jordan H.: I table.

College/Shango: College/Shango nominates Jordan H. for Treasurer.

Lenape: Second.

Jordan H.: I table.

Ridgeview: Ridgeview nominates Jordan H. for Historian.

Lenape: Second.

Jordan H.: I table.

College/Shango: College/Shango nominates Jordan H for PR

Ridgeview: Second.

Jordan H.: I table.

Ridgeview: Ridgeview nominates Jordan H for Secretary.

Callie: I would be remiss if I did not mention that this is not funny. If you're taking it seriously, then I think Jordan H would be fantastic in all of these positions, but don't just nominate as a joke because it's not funny. There's other people and other A.C. Members who would do fantastic.

Jordan H.: I think what Callie is trying to say is that while I do appreciate you guys nominating me for the entire E-Board, there are still other members who may want an opportunity to run for an E-Board position. Rather just nominating someone who's currently already on the Executive Board, perhaps nominating someone else who you see on this E-Board or some people in your own Hall Gov that you think can serve the E-Board too. It's not just me, there's people you see all the time. Once again, while I appreciate it, please try to nominate others as well.

Matt: I will say, I have to take all nominations seriously, whether it is jokingly or not. Please take this as, you are wholeheartedly convinced that you would nominate them regardless and try

not to make it out as a joke. While it's going to happen, it's one of those things where I do really want to respect the traditions of this organization. I do ask, if you are going to speak up, please type an "x" in the chat.

RD Analysis: Professionalism is key right now. Think about what you're doing right now in a Zoom meeting. This also reflects your professionalism beyond this meeting. This is the first meeting of the semester, let's start it on a good note. Please do not chime in on other people. Write the "x" in the chat, do this professionally. No one but the speaker and Matt should have their mics unmuted right now. If we were in person, how unprofessional and rude would it be if someone just started talking when others were talking? I think what the E-Board is saying right now is very true and genuine, that you need to take it seriously. Even if it's a joke or even if it is serious, think about what you're doing right now and how it leads up to the future. Take it seriously. Also, on the note of putting "x" in the chat, you are all probably drained so keep it concise, be professional about it, and think about other people. Think about the opportunities that you all can create with nominations. This is a big thing and we always talk about recognition. The best way to recognize is to nominate people who have the leadership skills that you think would grow in these positions. Please don't speak up on everyone, especially when Emily's trying to take notes and minutes. It's very difficult when multiple people are speaking.

Jordan H.: One more point I want to make about nominations. Perhaps you guys don't fully understand which each and every one of our positions are. If that's the case, you guys can always visit our Office Hours and we could go more in depth with which positions we hold and what that looks like.

Matt: With all that said, I don't want to stop nominations there. If you genuinely think someone can grow from a position or you think someone among the Associate Council could do well in these positions, I strongly encourage that you nominate them as it is a life changing experience. Does anyone else have a nomination for someone in the Associate Council? 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

Motion to Table Nominations Until Next Meeting: Lenape
Second: Bliss

Move to Close New Business: Scudder
Second: Lenape

HALL CONCERNS | 9:31PM

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 | 9:32PM

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), 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>. Are there any student concerns?

Bliss: The chips at the Snack Shack are not dispensing. There's a ridiculous sign up.

Matt: Is there a sign in front of the Snack Shack that says, "Call this number?"

Bliss: I didn't see a sign like that there.

Matt: If it's not dispensing chips, I'll reach out to Campus Auxiliary Services.

Bliss: There is a sign on one of the compartments that says, "chips not dispensing." I would like to see the problem fixed sooner rather than later for the sake of everyone on campus.

Matt: I'll look into that, but if there's sign up that specifically says that, they might be working on it.

College/Shango: I've had a couple of students complain about the plastic that's being used to serve sushi. It's apparently really wasteful. They feel like there was a lot less plastic last semester. This semester, it feels like there's a lot more plastic and for the same amount of food. It can't recycle and it can take a long time to degrade.

Matt: I'll reach out to Lisa Mitten, who heads the Sustainability Ambassadors. I'll also reach out to Sodexo and see what they have to say on plastic usage. I could get the technical answers if you want. If you want, you can also email us.

Matt: Are there any other student concerns? 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR | 9:35PM

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>. Are there any open floors?

Ridgeview: If we need to have an election, do we need an RHSA E-Board member present?

Matt: If you need to have an election, you could email us and we can see if one of us could attend. You could also run it on your own or the RA Liaison can do it on their own if need be or they can have a different representative fill in for them, such as another RA or RD.

Matt: I just want to remind everyone to be careful when walking around, especially with the cold weather. Also check your campus emails everyday. You have to get tested prior to coming back on campus. An email went out that after a date, there will be weekly testing done by major.² I highly encourage everyone to do that and to follow SUNYNewPaltz Instagram for more information.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE | 9:38PM

² Want more information about weekly testing? [Visit this link!](#)

Matt: Shawangunk will get Molly the Moose!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK | 9:39PM

Jess: “The most important thing is to enjoy your life - to be happy - it's all that matters.”
- Audrey Hepburn

ADJOURNMENT | 9:39PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Scudder
Second: Bliss

Next Meeting will be on Zoom!

