

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 2/8/2021

Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER | 9:03PM

Matt: I'm calling this meeting to order.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY | 9:03PM

Matt: What's your favorite phase of the moon?

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.

| Hall Name | Number Present | RHSA Shirts | NRHH Shirts | Conference Shirts | Hall Report |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
| Ashokan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | None. |
| Bliss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nothing to report. |
| Bouton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nothing to report. |
| Capen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | None. |
| College-Shango | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No events yet but we have a couple in the works. |
| Esopus | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | We have an event this week about sharing literature from Black authors about love for Valentine's Day. |
| Gage | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | None. |
| Lenape | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | We hosted a Super Bowl event with our RA staff and we're planning more. |
| Minnewaska | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nothing to report. |
| Ridgeview | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | We're planning our first program. |
| Scudder | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nothing to report. |
| Shawangunk | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | We'll be having elections this Thursday. |

SENATE | 9:07PM

Chet: Hello everyone! The Senate will be meeting this week on Wednesday so next week I will have a much more thorough report to give to you all. It came to me today that I had never offered that anything you all want brought up at Senate meetings, I can bring it there as well. If there's ever anything that you all want me to say to the Senate, just let me know. You can shoot me an email or let me know in these meetings. That's all from the Senate, thank you very much.

NYPIRG | 9:06PM

Chet: The RSVP for link for our higher education action week is still live, but it expires this Thursday night. If you're interested in that, sign up (<https://bit.ly/HEAWNPNZ>). Like I explained last week, this used to be the Higher Education Action Day where we went to Albany and we talk to legislators from the state to make them put in the budget more funding for higher education for colleges, SUNY schools and CUNY schools, so that we don't have to pay ridiculous tuition every year. If you're interested in not paying higher tuition and helping other people not pay higher tuition, I highly recommend you sign up for this so that you can talk to your Assembly people and Senators in the state capitol and convince them not to charge you ridiculous amounts of money to learn.

NRHH | 9:10PM

Matt: Tune in next week for an NRHH report.

OLD BUSINESS | 9:10PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Ridgeview
Second: Bliss

Secretary

Emily: Hey y'all! Once again, the only winner of last week's riddle in the minutes is Lenape! The riddle was, "what motion is used if a candidate does not yield to questions?" The answer was, "Motion to open question and answer." Make sure sure to follow our Facebook to answer the weekly riddle in the minutes to earn GFP's!

Motion to Close Old Business: Bliss
Second: Esopus

NEW BUSINESS | 9:11PM

Motion to Open New Business: Shawangunk
Second: Esopus

NCC Fun Fact

Callie: My fun fact is that SLC applications are due tomorrow. Get those to me or you won't be able to come to SLC, which is the most fantastic time ever. Most of us have been to a conference so you can ask any of us about it. Definitely apply! If you have any questions, message me because SLC is so much fun! Actually Matt K and I are on the board to help run it. I am the

Educational Sessions chair. I love programs and programming so the Educational Sessions Chair figures out what type of educational session, which are essentially programs, should be hosted at SLC. If you have any questions, let me know!

Matt: I'm the Philanthropy Chair. I'm in charge of helping work with our regional philanthropy, which this year is food insecurity. I'm going to be doing a lot of different interactive stuff as well as getting us to work with local food pantries or Food Bank of America. Be on the lookout for that and there's stuff that you could do to help New Paltz and the region in that. I'll be passing that along in the upcoming weeks.

Spirit Weekend

Serena: As you all know, Spirit Weekend was put off from last semester so next Monday, you'll be getting a packet full of instructions and a timeline so lookout for that!

SLC

Callie: Seriously, apply or ask me how to apply and reach out to me before tomorrow! *Quick! Name one duty of the NCC position!* The theme is serving up leadership so if you like food puns, this is the conference for you!

Ten Minute Break | 9:14PM - 9:24PM

Amendment & Election:

College/Shango: When you go to the election website, you have 2 forms on there. One was a Word file but the other is a PDF. There's 2 issues with the PDF. It says 2019 - 2020 and it's a year off. The other thing is since it's a PDF without text boxes, I can't fill it out.

Jess: Don't worry about the 2019 - 2020 thing, we literally just couldn't change it. You can completely disregard that. In terms of the PDF thing, you can print it out and fill it out. If you want to send it as a PDF, my helpful tip of the day is if you have space on your phone, there's apps where you can take pictures of things and make them into PDFs. If you don't have space, you can take a picture of it and send it to us since the candidate form is just reviewed by Matt.

Matt: We are going to start the election process and we have one person running for President tonight. Before we go into that, I do want to set some ground rules. You're only allowed to talk if you type an "x" in the chat. If you need me to speak louder or want someone to speak louder, you can say, "point of personal privilege." If the timekeeper, which is Jess, says "one minute" as long as it's not during a candidate's speech, you can just shout out "move to extend by 5 minutes" and you can shout out "second" and then we'll just set the timer for 5 minutes again. This can happen up to 3 times. You will be able to vote potentially up to 3 times and only one person from each hall is allowed to vote. If there's more than one person representing your hall tonight, you do have to decide who is voting. I will be counting the votes and if your hall ends up voting twice, that is a problem especially if they conflict. I'll message one of you to say how it works. One of you has to say that you are no longer going to vote and I'll recount the votes. If you don't come to a decision after 3 times or if the election goes to 11:30pm, I am choosing to uphold the fact that if we were in person, it would go to the Executive Board. If the Executive Board doesn't can't come to a decision, it goes to myself and an advisor. One thing the E-Board has done that I want to get clear with all of you is, I wrote an amendment specifically to give

voting rights to any person here in the advisor's place as long as they were decided by ResLife and are a part of ProStaff. Tonight, that is RD Bobby. In the case that it does come to that, it won't be just me choosing if one of our RHSA advisors are present. That means me and Bobby, if we are given the right to vote this meeting, we will decide it and he has full voting rights as if he was an RHSA advisor. Those are the changes to the amendments and everything going on. Are there any questions before we begin? I also ask that you don't leave the election or communicate with anyone else during the election. Keep everything confidential and you do abstain if you have a personal bias for or against the candidate or candidates. Are there any questions? If not, I will move on to start the election. Will the candidate who is running for the President of RHSA for the 2021 - 2022 school year please state their name?

Emily: Hi. My name is Emily. I'm currently the RHSA Secretary. My pronouns are she/her/hers.

Matt: Please look at her election materials and I will be sending Emily to the waiting room.

Matt: We are going to now create an expectations list. We're going to set the timer for 5 minutes and we will begin with the first "x" in the chat for expectations of the next RHSA President for 2021 - 2022. This is your chance to speak about what I could've improved on.

Expectations of President:

- Passionate
- Creative
- Creative problem solving
- Organized
- Timely
- Willing to work with making connections with administration
- Works well with others
- Good conflict resolution skills
- Devoted
- Confident
- Innovative
- Professional
- Willingness to learn
- Unbiased
- Patient
- Appropriate humor
- Shows an opportunity for growth through the position
- Adaptability
- Empathy
- Good communication skills
- Great leadership skills
- Great time management
- Logistical skills
- Delegation skills
- Advocates for the student body
- Personable
- Meditation skills

- Facilitation skills

Candidate 1: Emily Yulo

Emily: Hello everyone! My name is Emily Yulo. I'm a third year. My major is Sociology with a minor in Business. My pronouns are she/her/hers and I'm running to be your next President of RHSA. I've been involved in RHSA since my first semester here at SUNY New Paltz and my passion for this organization has not stopped growing. When I first started in Hall Government, I was Historian and then moved up to Secretary the semester afterwards. My second year I was elected President of College/Shango Hall Government as well as NCC of NRHH. All of these experiences have not only helped me grow as a leader, but it also helped me acquire so many skills, which include how to time manage as well as be an effective communicator both virtually and in person. These skills would be very beneficial to the duties of President. These duties include acting as the liaison between administration offices on campus and the residence hall student body, schedule monthly meetings with each individual Executive Board member, attend bi weekly meetings with an advisor and the Assistance Director of Residence Life, attend and serve as a voting representative in the both regional and national conferences, facilitate both A.C. and Executive Board meetings, as well as help in the creation of next year's budget. Overall, I will maintain the integrity of the organization and be a neutral resource to the Executive Board and to all of you as well. Most, if not all, of the skills I stated would help me excel in this position. I'm very organized and manage time efficiently by maintaining multiple calendars and to do lists to know exactly what I have to do as well as what time commitments I have. I'm also an exceptional communicator, whether it's online or in person, which can be seen not only through every A.C. Meeting, but through the weekly A.C. Email Blast as well. I'm also very experienced in Google Suite and Microsoft Suite, which would be useful in creating documents and agendas as well as making them as accessible as possible. I'm certain that if given the opportunity, I would complete these duties exceptionally well, implement new and creative ways to host programs as well as advocate for students, and aid students in their leadership journey. With that, I yield to questions.

Question & Answer:

In your application materials you had mentioned that you would like to bring in new ways of advocacy for students. Can you expand upon that a bit more?

Emily: One thing I helped implement this year was the Google Form that we have for students. I think another way we can advocate is to have a survey at the end of each semester to see how students would like to report any concerns that they have which would be accessible.

What is your main method of time management?

Emily: I keep a lot of calendars and to do lists, which has made me very committed to my time commitments as well as complete every task I need to in a timely fashion. This has also made me very reliable.

Is there anything that you want to bring up in your speech that you didn't get the chance to?

Emily: Not really, I said everything I need to but thank you. I'm just very excited and passionate about RHSA and would love to continue doing it as President.

Who did you talk to in preparation for this election?

Emily: I talked to both our current President Matt as well as last year's President Clare and they both gave me really great advice. I think one of the things that I really took to heart was that you're E-Board's going to be there for you. President and all of their duties may seem daunting but when I spoke to Claire, she said that you can delegate the duties accordingly and trust your E-Board, which was a breath of fresh air.

In the case in which you may have unforeseen events take place in your life, how do you plan to communicate with your team and maneuver through those unforeseen events?

Emily: I'm one who is very transparent so I would let them know every detail that I would know. Not only would I prep and have these creative ways to solve those problems, but I would also get a sense of what they would like to do as well so we can work as a team together.

Matt: Just to clarify, she can't really see unforeseen events per say. Try to keep it more in the realm of tangible stuff. It could be anything from stuff that we've experienced in years past or stuff that we're experiencing currently this year.

Are there any other experiences besides your past experiences that can help you as President?

Emily: As I mentioned before my major is sociology and I have a minor in business. Both of these have allowed me to have learned to not only see how people interact but also how to effectively manage them. I took courses like social interaction, principles of management, and organizational behavior so I'm very well equipped in leadership skills and can lead a team very efficiently and effectively.

Motion to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

Can you tell me one strength and one weakness and how do you plan to overcome that weakness during your presidency?

Emily: One of my greatest strengths is that I'm very organized. Being a secretary role has really helped me with my organizational skills, whether it comes to planning my time commitments, to do lists, or just organizing documents. One of my weaknesses is that I'm very critical of myself and I have been working on that by focusing on the big picture instead of all the little details.

What would your number one priority be as President and why?

Emily: My number one priority would make sure that the A.C. is very engaged and having fun as well as focusing on the students' concerns that they have.

Do you think RHSA can be improved in any way, shape, or form? If so, how can you improve it?

Emily: I'm of the mentality that anything can be improved. I think one thing that we can definitely improve on is reaching more people, whether it's through engagement or retention or getting more student concerns that are from not only the A.C. or Hall Government members, but people who live within the residence halls. I think that's one way we can improve RHSA.

There's a lot of people who live on this campus who have no idea what RHSA is or does. Do you have a plan to reach out to those individuals?

Emily: My thought was that we would start advertising in the summer as well as work with orientation leaders to really ensure first years and transfer students that coming in

are aware of RHSA, what we do and what we stand for. I think it would also be really great to work with our liaisons more and have them put up posters for A.C. Meeting and stuff like that where we can get a lot more engagement out of an audience that we don't really see.

What are three goals you have that you want to accomplish as President?

Emily: One of my goals is to have a bigger retention and engagement rate. I think RHSA is such a great organization and I want everyone to hear about it. I think that would definitely be one of my goals. A second one was making sure that we stay connected with other organizations on campus. We haven't really done anything with other organizations in a while and I would really love to have not only those embers involved in our organization know more about what this campus has to offer as well as other people who are in other organizations see what RHSA has to offer as well. My third goal would be to have fun. I feel like RHSA has to do a lot of work when we're advocating for people and I definitely want people to know that there's also a fun side, that RHSA is professional, personable, and a fun organization to join.

Matt: We're out of time. Emily, I'm going to send you back into the waiting room. We're now going to open discussion. It's 5 minutes that can extend up to 3 times. Discussion points have to pertain to anything that the candidate said in their speech, question and answer, and the materials they have provided to you at the start of the meeting.

Discussion:

- We feel that Emily gave very clear answers to the questions about advocacy and reaching out to new people, which we feel is admirable for this position.

Matt: Are there any other discussion points? I would like to see a fair bit, around 10. Please put an "x" in the chat. Unfortunately, the Executive Board cannot give discussion points so the A.C. does have to give it. Is there something you agreed with or something you didn't? I'll reopen the expectations list.

- We're confident in this elector. We would be happy to support them. We think their points are good. We believe they have a devotion in their past experience in RHSA. Our main focus is that she has a lot of experience in RHSA and she's been Secretary for a while and has done an amazing job with that. We believe that she will be very good for President from her past experience and devotion.
- After looking at the expectations list, we feel that as time goes on Emily will become more confident in the position. We did notice a little bit of nerves but that's completely normal in our opinion.

Matt: Are there any more discussion points? I would like a couple more.

- We feel confident in this President as well. We especially liked how she brought up student engagement with students outside of RHSA, specifically talking to first years and transfer students and their OL's. We think that's a really great way to let students know that RHSA is here because we were not aware of it in our own orientation.

Matt: Are there any other points? If so, please type them. I'd like to see at least 3 more points. Any one of these expectations you think they met in their speech? Did you think anything was outstanding from their application?

- We believe that Emily's candidate speech was extremely well prepared and she was able to answer all questions that were asked in an extremely professional manner. That shows a great level of organization and professionalism, which we think would be suited towards running meetings such as this in the future.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

Matt: I would like to see a couple more discussion points. Everyone, feel free to voice it. Is there anything here that you think she covered? I know a couple of things have been mentioned, but these are really good things to say to this candidate in their speech.

- We appreciate the skills listed in the resume such as teamwork skills, adaptable, and diligent.

Matt: This is going to the President of our organization, which is a year long position so consider it is a really important thing to do. I do a lot and bring up any points that you think why this person will or you don't think will do a good job in this role.

- We think Emily is super confident. She's got a lot of key aspects and she has the organization behind her with a great team on the E-Board. Not only that, she's amazing on her own, but with the help of her E-Board, we're certain she's going to do an amazing job. For the full year long position is going to give her a long time to learn to excel and to do an amazing job. She said that she's organized and I have no reason not to believe her. She's done an amazing job as Secretary. If you look at the minutes, they're always perfect. She always types them up amazingly and I think that she's going to be an amazing President.

Point of Personal Privilege: I do agree with everything that was just said, but should we be talking about the minutes that were sent outside of tonight

Matt: Since she mentioned that she was Secretary, I believe we can. We can't discuss specific points of the minutes if she didn't mention it. We could just say, as a whole, were well. We can't say this one specific meeting was great because she didn't specify that.

Motion to Close Discussion Without Additions: Ridgeview

Second: Esopus

Motion to Open Voting by Secret Ballot: Esopus

Second: College/Shango

Matt: If there are two people from your Hall Gov, only one person can vote otherwise I have to recount the votes which would make it a lot longer. Keep in mind that if you have any personal bias for or against the person, you do have to abstain and we would like you to do so. If you don't support the candidate or candidates, you can vote no confidence. If no confidence wins, that person does not get the position.

Votes:

Emily: 7

Abstain: 0

No Confidence: 0

Matt: Congratulations RHSA's new President for 2021 - 2022 year is Emily Yulo!

Nominations:

Move to Open Nominations: Ridgeview
Second: College/Shango

Matt: Jordan H for NCC.

Jordan H: I table.

Matt: Callie for NCC.

Callie: I politely decline.

Matt: Saskia for Secretary.

Saskia: I table.

Matt: Cherith-Renee for NCC.

Matt: Since she is not here, she tables.

Matt: Someone has pointed out to me that the election schedule states that NCC is next week. I will specify at last week's meeting, I didn't put in the stipulation that you had to present the materials at this meeting. That is something I do want to apologize for. What I have considered doing and what I talked about with the E-Board is if no one accepts the position for NCC but someone has all the materials for the Vice President position before the time we send out the minutes, we will move the Vice President election up and then NCC back. Because of that, seeing as how one person is not here for the NCC election and the options would be to accept or decline. Jordan H, as the person who is here, do you accept or decline? If you genuinely don't want to make that decision now, I will allow you to table and then we'll swap the elections around if the materials are present or not. There will not be an election next week.

Jordan H: I table.

Matt: I am going to allow this with the executive power I have and due to the fact that we did present requisite notice of all the materials being needed. That will be moved back and swapped places with the Vice President election. If a candidate does have the Vice President materials, please send them at the end of the meeting or share it as soon as possible with our RHSA Executive Board no later than past 5:00pm tomorrow. That said, both candidates will be tabling.

Matt: Are there any new nominations? The position of NCC can still be nominated for and you can nominate people for every position, especet for President.

Lenape: We nominate Johnathan Fratus for Vice President.

Ridgeview: Second.

Johnathan: I accept.

Matt: Bear in mind because we technically move the date around, the materials would have to be in by 5:00pm tomorrow. I will be convening with the E-Board to consider

extending a time due to unforeseen circumstances. If that doesn't work, please let us know as soon as possible and then we can work around that.

Motion to Table Nominations Until Next Meeting: College/Shango
Second: Esopus

Matt: Next meeting, the NCC materials are due and depending on the stipulation we have, the Vice President materials are due. If both materials are due, we will be having the NCC election first as they are required to go to conference. I want to give ample time to all the people because it's the last time to accept or decline. I will also want the Vice President materials due in case we don't have the NCC ones.

Motion to Close New Business: Ridgeview
Second: Esopus

HALL CONCERNS | 10:16PM

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.

Ridgeview: I've been getting a lot of reports of the water machine on the second floor is not working, the part that fills up your water bottle and that you hold it up to. It's been like that for months. It's been brought to their attention of RA's, SRA's, and RD's to my knowledge and it hasn't been fixed yet.

Matt: To clarify, what wing is it in? I imagine you mean the refillable water bottles so you would press a button and then fill it with water. Can you specify what's broken about it?

Ridgeview: I believe it's not detecting the water bottle. I have not personally tried it, but it's on the 3rd floor. It's in the left wing. It's the one closer to Lenape.

Matt: One last thing I'd ask of you is if you could take a picture of the front of it? I want to make sure the filtration status is lit up or if there's a computerized display all of which I could submit then a request for. That's something that I'll be following up with, all of the info I have helps when I send it to them. If you get it to me at some point tonight, I can promise you that by 11pm tomorrow, it will be sent.

Ridgeview: I will send that to the RHSA email.

Matt: Bobby, do you know anything about that? If that would be a facilities concern or not?

RD Bobby: I would think it'd be facilities, but it could possibly be environmental health and safety. I would go to facilities first.

Jordan H: If our last Safety Committee Meetings, Gerald who's the Assistant Director of Facilities, told me and Emily that if there are any concerns around campus, rather than always waiting for the next RHSA or Safety Committee meeting, if it needs immediate attention you can always call 845-257-3301.

Jordan H: My concern is the whole light situation that I mentioned last week, I don't think we've seen any resolution with that.

Matt: Has your RD gotten back to you at all?

Jordan H: No, but I do have a meeting with her tomorrow about it.

Matt: What I will ask is that you let me know if anything comes from that meeting, if not I will be following up with that as well.

Ridgeview: I actually had a meeting with Fresia. I don't know when you sent your email but I informed her of the electrical issues and there was a specific room that lost complete power. She was unaware and this was on Thursday before I told her. I don't know if communication has occurred since then or if anything has been done, but the last time I spoke to her was on Thursday and she told me that she was working on it.

Jordan H: You're saying that she said she never knew about the light situation in the first place?

Ridgeview: I was aware of a certain situation where it wasn't just the lights, it was also someone's power shut off someone's room completely shut down and it was only one room. She was unaware about that. She was aware about the light issue, but when I talked to her she said that she is in the middle of getting it fixed.

Matt: Follow up on it and let me know what comes about it. I'll write an email to facilities around that time. Let me know if anything comes from that meeting and I'll reach out to facilities.

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

STUDENT CONCERNS | 10:22PM

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? 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR | 10:23PM

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: We're doing a program that everyone can attend because it's up to 70 people. We're doing a Netflix Watch Party. The movie has not yet been determined. We are having a serious debate about it where we each bring in two options and decide at our next meeting. It's going to be the Saturday after this upcoming Saturday, on February 20th. Please come, it will be fun to have people from other halls interacting and we can all watch a good movie together. I'll let you know what the movie is next week.

Matt: Do we have any other open floors? 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE | 10:25PM

Matt: Where's my moose?

Esopus: We gave her an elephant tattoo!

Matt: Who are you giving Molly to?

Esopus: Ridgeview!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK | 10:26PM

Jordann M: "Trust, honesty, humility, transparency and accountability are the building blocks of a positive reputation. Trust is the foundation of any relationship."

- Mike Paul

ADJOURNMENT | 10:26PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: President Matt

Second: President IT Emily

Next meeting will be on Zoom!



