

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 4/19/2021

Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER | 9:02pm

Matt: I'm calling the meeting to order.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY | 9:02pm

Matt: Please [vote for superlatives](#) for this year's yearbook!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS | 9:03pm

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	1	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Bouton	2	0	0	1	Nothing to report.
Capen	0	0	0	0	None.
College-Shango	0	0	0	0	None.
Esopus	0	0	0	0	None.
Gage	0	0	0	0	None.
Lenape	0	0	0	0	None.
Minnewaska	2	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Ridgeview	2	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Scudder	0	0	0	0	None.
Shawangunk	1	0	0	0	We have an easter event on Sunday, April 25th!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 2.0 | 9:06pm

Matt: Happy E-Board Appreciation!!! The prize that each one of you is going to be receiving as members of the Executive Board is your very own little Molly the Moose. I got one for every

Executive Board member. Everyone will be receiving this sometime this week. Special thanks to Serena for keeping it a secret. Thank you for all the work you have done!

SENATE | 9:09PM

Chet: Thank you everyone who voted for our elections recently. Our vote for the mandatory student activity fee went through so we have budgets again. Yay! We have some events coming up. This weekend on the 24th, we are having a couple of events. We are having HawkFest, which is a celebration for the end of the year. The link should be going up tomorrow at 12:00pm. The RSVP will be on our Instagram. There's going to be food trucks on Old Main. It's going to be a fun time if you want to come in person. If you don't feel like getting out, there's also SUNY Fest, which is an online event. This is also featured on our Instagram. It's going to be like a concert put on SUNY wide. According to the flyer, it features Ke\$ha and AJR. Both of those are going to be very fun.

NYPIRG | 9:11PM

Chet: We have a very busy week coming up because Earth Day is very soon and we have a few events planned. We have a public health petition going out and around. Basically, it's a call for manufacturers of animal products to stop using unnecessary antibiotics. This is an issue, it makes viruses more resistant. It's an overuse and misuse of antibiotics. If you're interested, [here is the link](#). This Wednesday at 6:00pm we are having a film screening of the Story of Plastics. It's an environmental educational event. You can RSVP with [this link](#). We are having a talk on Thursday at 5:00pm. It's called People Power for a Livable Future. We are having a special guest, Judith Enck, who's someone that NYPIRG does a lot of work with. They're very active in the local environmental justice community. You can RSVP using [this link](#).

NRHH | 9:13PM

Matt: Tune in next week for an NRHH report.

OLD BUSINESS | 9:13PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Bliss
Second: Ridgeview

NCC

Callie: My fun fact for this week is that I'll be coming out with information about the NACURH national conference very soon. Also, I want to pass it over to Matt to talk about our regional philanthropy buddies because he knows a ton about that and it's important, so I wanted to talk about it.

Matt: Our original philanthropy this year is on food insecurity, our movement, we're calling it Herd Against Hunger because each of our regions uses an animal mascot. Our mascot is a moose so we are teaming up with MACURH, whose mascot is a cow. Together, we are working to try and do our Herd Against Hunger by helping local food pantries wherever we are and trying to raise awareness on food insecurity, as well as food. It's a lovely project that we're working on and hopefully, us as an institution could

start to work and strive towards making it a better place and doing our part in our Herd Against Hunger.

Motion to Close Old Business: Bliss
Second: Ridgeview

NEW BUSINESS | 9:15PM

Motion to Open New Business: Ridgeview
Second: Shawangunk

Banquet

Matt: Next meeting is our last meeting of this semester. As some of you remember, in the fall, we had a banquet this year. This semester, we're having our spring banquet. It's a time for all of us to dress up, get together and recognize the greatness that we have all achieved with one another, transition over to a new Executive Board, as well as thank you all for being here and move on towards our next year where some of us will be graduating. It's all around a good time. Our theme for this year is going to be fruit salad. If you want you could wear fruit, you can eat fruit with it. You could have a smoothie and get up yogurt. It's fruit themed. It's not affiliated with the Wiggles, it's just the food. If you want you can sing the song, go ahead. We're gonna do fruit themed so eat healthy. Your entire Hall Government is invited so it's a great way that everyone can bond get together. I look forward to seeing you all there. It is going to be next Monday at 9:00pm on Zoom using this link.

Social Media

Cassie: Hey everyone! The meme challenge is due by 9PM on Sunday, so make sure to get those in for GFPs! We look forward to seeing what you all come up with! Remember you can submit them through our email, or through instagram DMs! *What is our region's (NEACURH) mascot and their name?*

Paint & Sip

Cassie: Hi friends! This Friday, we're hosting our hybrid Paint & Sip at 7:30pm! You can attend virtually if you prefer, or if you're comfortable with joining us in person, you're welcome to come paint with us in SUB100N! We will be tabling at 6:30pm to give supplies to virtual attendees, and if you want to attend in person, make sure to [sign up on Engage](#), as it will be a first come first serve basis.

5 Minute Break | 9:19pm - 9:24pm

Election

Matt: May I please ask that our candidate come forward now and state your name.

Ethan: Hello, my name is Ethan Callendar and I am running to be your CCC.

Matt: Jordan H, if you don't mind talking about your position.

Jordan H: The duties of the Campus Communications Coordinator are:

- A. Updates all Good Fellowship Points (GFP) information for both semesters;
 1. Distributes GFPs to Hall Governments as outlined in the GFP Packet;
 2. Manages and updates all software for tracking GFPs;
 3. Manages and organizes all information in the GFP Packet (i.e. ice breaker submissions, PUP sheets, etc.);
 4. Updates the Associate Council on GFP updates at their discretion;
 5. Announces the winner of Hall of the Semester at Fall and Spring Banquet;
- B. Keeps records of all Hall Government contact information;
- C. Keeps an archive of all updated Hall Government constitutions;
- D. Assigns “hall buddies” for Executive Board members and Hall Governments;
- E. Updates the GFP Packet at their discretion;
- F. Maintains communication with the Department of Residence Life and National Residence Hall Honorary;
- G. Communicates event information with Resident Assistant Liaisons and Hall Governments (i.e. RA Appreciation Day, Hall Government Appreciation Day, etc.);
- H. Serves as a resource and mentor for Hall Government Liaisons regarding Hall Government;
- I. Maintains the Hall of the Semester and Spirit Weekend plaques;
- J. Updates the RHSA Constitution as needed following any legislative changes or friendly amendments;
- K. Coordinates volunteers for RHSA events.

Matt: We're going to have 5 minutes to list expectations.

Expectations of CCC:

- Relatively positive
- Innovative
- Good organizational skills
- Passionate
- Good Time Management
- Excited to Be Here
- Communicative
- Knowledge of Google Sheets/Willing to Learn About It
- Willing to Learn
- Conflict Resolution Skills
- Can Count
- Can Use Calculator or Equivalent
- Can Write Emails Professionally

Candidate 1: Ethan

Hello, everyone. As you all know, I am Ethan Callendar and I'm running for the Campus Communications Coordinator position. I think there are some things that are important to know about. My number one belief is that everyone should feel included and have the opportunity to be. This year especially people have needed a chance to engage with each other and each other in creative ways. There were many successful events this year and I'd like to continue these for next year as well. I believe college is more than just taking classes because you know, it is way more

than just that. This year has been more than taking online classes, we can all agree on that. Am I right? This year, I worked hard to engage in the community besides from RHSA here at Bliss hall. I also participate in PSIRA and College Democrats weekly. To offset my academic life, I joined the intramurals for table tennis. I didn't win much, but it was less about winning and more about fun and community. Game nights, Bubble Buzz, Bingo and other events have been a blast and great for the community. Those who didn't join really did kind of miss out. Now let's get to what the CCC is going to be for me. As the CCC, I would continue us on the path we are on. I would also continue communicating with the community, helping students enjoy campus activities that engage as many people as possible while of course following any remaining safety protocols. In the beginning of the year, we could find ways for people to meet each other. Throughout the year, we can continue this, strengthen hobbies, and form more community. Again, this college has a strong tight community and as CCC I would like to continue the journey you're already on. Thank you for your consideration and please vote Ethan Callendar for the Campus Communications Coordinator. I yield to questions.

Question & Answer:

What is one strength and one weakness you feel you possess?

Ethan: One strength, definitely resilience. My weakness, I can get a little stubborn and anxious and that combination tends to flare up at times.

What is it that made you want to run for CCC?

Ethan: I want to run because I want to help the community here. I figured this would be a good position that would bring forwards other positions in the future as well.

Name an experience where you were forced to learn something new very quickly. How did you encounter that experience and how did you learn that new thing quickly?

Ethan: The first thing that comes to my mind is literally today. I learned from it because I realized I do need to know how to use my resources every now and then. Normally I'm good with that, sometimes I forget. I've learned to be more consistent with it.

Can you name a way that you plan on supporting and developing community from this position?

Ethan: Putting on programs with whoever does that here, like President and Public Relations. I've been thinking about events we had this semester, but we do some more in person as well. I was thinking one night we rent out the SUB MPR and we play JackBox games. Another one could be more outside social events. That would be helpful, and it could be in the quads. I'll try to think of the details there as part of my position.

As CCC, you have to write a bunch of emails to liaisons and other orgs on campus. Are you comfortable in your ability to do that?

Ethan: Yes, I believe so. I write emails to my professors as much as I can. I'll make sure things are going well with myself and others. The emails are a good way to help with that. I'll probably be really good at it.

Motion to extend: Ridgeview

Second: Minnewaska

How do you plan or coordinate and work with your other E-Board members should you be elected?

Ethan: I tend to go along with a lot of things I've noticed. If anyone higher up on the chain has a good idea, I'll go with it. I may also come up with my own ideas in terms of discussion as well. I'm very much an ideas person so I think that would work with this.

What are some ways that you manage your time?

Ethan: I have a schedule on my phone so that's a big way I schedule out my time. For example, my workload for the week. I list out all my academic assignments so as not to get overwhelmed. I know how to organize things and I know how to space things out. I'll usually have a support system to help me out, I use my resources, like a very supportive family every now and then.

Move to Exhaust Speakers List Without Additions: Shawangunk
Second: Ridgeview

Move to Open Discussion: Ridgeview
Second: Shawangunk

Discussion

- Ethan seems excited and passionate. We're confident in his ability to fulfill this position.
- Can we second that point?

Matt: Yes. You can emphasize a specific point or you could put snaps in the chat (%%%), to second what they said. To emphasize a specific point, you could also do so.

- We emphasize the last point. He does seem very excited about it and has shown interest from the beginning.
- He displayed a willingness to learn about the position and responsibilities required to do so. We think he would do good in his ability.

Move to Exhaust Speaker's List Without Additions: Shawangunk

Matt: If there are no second, can I have a motion to suspend Robert's Rules to move through a period of voting by secret ballot?

Move to Suspend Robert's Rules: Emily
Second: Jordan H

Votes:

Ethan: 3 votes

No Confidence: 0 votes

Abstain: 2 votes

Matt: Congratulations to our new Campus Communications Coordinator, Ethan Callendar!

Move to Open Nominations: Bliss
Second: Ridgeview

Nominations

Matt: Since we have one meeting left in the semester, that being Banquet next week, we are opening nominations to all positions. If you want to nominate someone for the Vice President position or National Communications Coordinator, you can do so now. If you're already nominated for a position, you can run for another one but you would have to resign your current position to run for the other one. If you want to give up your current positions and run for Vice President or NCC, you may do so but in the case you lose that election, you will not go to the previous position.

Ridgeview: We nominate Cassie for Vice President.

Bouton: Second.

Cassie: I table.

Ridgeview: We nominate Cassie for NCC.

Bouton: Second.

Cassie: I table.

Ridgeview: We nominate Jordan H for Vice President.

Bouton: Second.

Jordan H: I table

Ridgeview: We nominate Jordan H for NCC.

Bouton: Second.

Jordan H: I table.

Matt: Are there any other nominations? Seeing none.

Move to Close Nominations: Ridgeview

Second: Bouton

Motion to Close New Business: Shawangunk

Second: Bouton

UPCOMING EVENTS | 10:03pm

- Paint & Sip | Friday, April 23rd | Tabling starts at 6:30pm | Event starts at 7:30pm - 9:00pm at SUB100N and Zoom!
- Banquet | Monday, April 26th | 9:00pm on Zoom!

HALL CONCERNS | 10:04PM

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 | 10:05pm

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

Ridgeview: It may have been a one time incident. I just want it to be aware and I don't know all of the details full but they're not here to discuss it. Someone that I know was walking behind the gym today and there was a trash can that was overfilled. There was trash everywhere apparently. The student was very concerned, he actually took some time to pick up the garbage. That's just a concern I had on campus that if there's overflowing trash, that's a problem. Again, it would have been a one time isolated incident.

Matt: I could have someone check on that trash can and empty it, but there's not much else I could do with that unfortunately. If you see trash cans overflowing, you could go to trash rooms or dumpsters as an option. If you can, please recycle. Try to use plastics that can be recycled. NYPIRG is going to have a really good event. Chet, you can put the links again to reiterate that. I can't do much other than ask someone to check on it unfortunately. Send us an email that something's overflowing because we could get in contact with someone and tell them it's overflowing. Thank you for letting us know.

Chet: <https://bit.ly/SUNYNPStoryOfPlastic> & <https://bit.ly/NYPIRGEarth2021>

OPEN FLOOR | 10:07pm

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?

Cassie: I just want to remind you all that on Wednesdays we have Yearbook Committee, Advertising Committee, and Programming Committee. On Wednesdays from 4:00pm - 5:00pm, if you're interested in helping out make the Yearbook, that would be awesome. If you have photos of all the programs that you have done throughout the year, it would be awesome to send it our way to put them in the yearbook.

Emily: Eco Allies and RHSA are hosting a Campus Cleanup! It's going to be on Sunday, May 2nd at 12:00pm and we're going to meet in front of Old Main Quad. If you want to get your Earth Day, reduce, reuse, recycle spirit on, make sure you got to that!

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE | 10:09pm

Matt: Where's my moose?

Shawangunk: We gave Molly a vacation! She has a suitcase and binoculars!

Matt: Who are you giving Molly to?

Shawangunk: We'll give it to the new RHSA E-Board!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK | 10:11pm

Jess: "The struggle you're in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow."

- Robert Tew

ADJOURNMENT | 10:12pm

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Jordan H

Second: Ethan

Next meeting will be on Zoom!

