

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 9/20/21

Location: SUB409

CALL TO ORDER 9:08 PM

Emily: Hey everyone! Thank y'all for coming to tonight's meeting, we're going to get started. If you have not already gotten your folder for you hall, come up and get it now!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:09 PM

Emily: Today's mystery activity is Parli Pro Pops! We're going to practice, so I'm going to ask for a motion or for you to bring up a point and if you do the motion correctly, you get candy! We cannot eat in here due to Covid restrictions, but they're all individually wrapped so you can save it for later.

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:15 PM

Saskia: Hey everyone! 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	1	0	0	0	Meeting planned for Wednesday at 9 pm.
Bliss	2	2	0	0	No report.
Awosting/ Bouton	0	0	0	0	None.
Capen	0	0	0	0	None.
College-Shango	1	0	0	0	No report.
Esopus	0	0	0	0	None.
Gage	1	1	0	0	Held a meeting last Tuesday where guidelines were established, started planning for Spirit Week, and elected a VP.
Lenape	2	0	0	0	Meetings are Tuesday nights, begun planning hall events.
Minnewaska	1	0	0	0	Met last week to discuss upcoming events,

Mohonk	2	0	0	0	Program this Friday, meetings are held Wednesdays at 8 pm, and have discussed expectations.
Ridgeview	1	1	0	0	Need to elect more positions, holding programming training with the President and VP.
Scudder	1	0	0	0	Elected president so all positions are filled, meetings are held Wednesdays at 8 pm.
Shawangunk	1	0	0	0	Meetings held Tuesdays.

SENATE 9:19 PM

Chet: Hi guys, I'm the Senate liaison so I come and give reports from the Senate and then report anything back that we can help you all with or work together one. Our elections have been pushed back for the Student Senate, so they will now be happening from October 5th to October 7th. We've also pushed back the days for accepting candidacy forms, so if you're interested in joining the Student Senate, which is a great way to have your voice heard and be an advocate for students on campus which I hope all of you are interested in, we are accepting candidacy forms on our Engage up until September 27th. If anyone has any questions feel free to ask me now or after the meeting.

NRHH 9:20 PM

Eric: For NRHH, we are officially going to have our first meeting this upcoming Sunday. That is where we are going to be discussing our actions for the rest of the semester.

OLD BUSINESS 9:20 PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Minnewaska
Second: Bliss

Committee Corner

Madison: Just to remind everyone of our committees and their times: we have Advertising Committee every other Thursday from 6 pm to 7 pm so our next meeting is going to be the 30th, Programming Committee meets Thursdays from 7 to 8 pm so our next meeting is going to be the 23rd, Safety Committee meets every other Thursday 5 pm to 6 pm so that's also going to be on the 23rd. We also have Advocacy Committee now! Everyone seems very excited about Advocacy and last meeting we had a lot of concerns from everybody that I think would be great to hear during Advocacy Committee. You could voice your campus concerns and promote a safe campus for everybody. That's going to be Tuesdays from 5 pm to 6 pm and the first meeting is tomorrow.

Big Bang Buzz Bingo

Logan: Thank you to everyone who came out to our first Buzz event, Big Bang Buzz Bingo! It was a really fun time, so stay tuned for our next Buzz event where you can get another RHSA shirt!

Motion to Close Old Business: Ridgeview
Second: Collango

NEW BUSINESS 9:22 PM

Motion to Open New Business: Mohonk
Second: Lenape

Spirit Week

Allison: This is your reminder that Spirit Week is next week! We have a lot of things planned for you and they're all in your packet. If you weren't here last week, your packet should still be in your folder. There is also a PDF available in last week's email blast. If you still need that, please email us and we will get it to you. The whole schedule, everything you need to do, and everything your hall gov needs to organize are in there. Any questions, comments, or concerns can be directed to us because we want you guys to be as prepared for Spirit Week as can be.

Emily: You guys all got hall buddies for Spirit Week, so make sure you're talking to your hall buddies and maybe you can plan some programs or make banners with them! You have the banners you need to create, and I know your hall govs might have some not so cute paint so we got new paint for y'all. We have to keep it in the RHSA office because it's for everyone, but if you want to come by and paint your banner, feel free to come during our office hours or email us if you can't make those times and we'll try to work something out with you. Any questions, comments, or concerns?

Gage: Where can we find the RHSA office hours?

Allison: On our website and on our Instagram page, @nprhsa, in our highlights and our RHSA introduction posts there.

Minnewaska: What are we supposed to do with our Spirit Buddies?

Emily: Usually you just hype each other up, but if you want to include them in your banner, talk to them about programs you want to do in the future maybe, you can. Definitely just hype each other up and be besties.

Collango: How do we find who our hall buddy is?

Emily: It should be in the packet.

Scudder: Where is the RHSA office?

Emily: Capen B-16. If you're in between Capen and Scudder facing the stairs, it's the first door inside on the right. You don't need to scan into Capen, it's just right inside the first doors.

I'm not sure if all of you know the Spirit Buddies, so let's do a little Moose Clap for them!

Ashokan and Shawangunk
Awosting/Bouton and Bliss
College-Shango and Capen
Minnewaska and Mohonk
Scudder and Gage

Lenape, Esopus, and Ridgeview

Allison: If your hall buddy isn't really present, that's still okay! You can still feel free to hype up everybody, and if you see somebody's hall buddy isn't there maybe group them in with you!

Emily: We're going to have a Kickoff Dinner in Peregrine Dining Hall Monday the 27th at 6pm so you can get little posters that say your hall's name for the photo scavenger hunt. Then we'll have the AC Meeting and you can do the scavenger hunt throughout the week. On Friday we'll have Karaoke, and then on Saturday we're going to have field events and lip syncs.

Mohonk: Can residents also be involved in Spirit Week activities? And do we have to participate in every single activity?

Emily: Absolutely! It can be hall gov or it can be your residents. And if you can't be there, that's totally understandable.

Lenape: How do we go about getting shirts for our hall gov representatives?

Emily: Just send me the contact information for members you have so far!

Bliss: Can we advertise Spirit Week around our hall? Our hall gov is lacking a few positions so I feel like if there are spirited residents who want to participate I would want to let them know.

Emily: Of course, we would love that! If you want to throw a Spirit Week program where you get people hyped or something, you should totally do that! Any other questions, comments, concerns in regards to Spirit Week? If you have any other questions, feel free to email us at rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu.

Karaoke

Saskia: Our next Buzz event is going to be our karaoke kickoff, which is Wild West Karaoke!

That's going to be Friday, October 1st, at the end of Spirit Week in SUB 100N from 7:30 pm or 9:00 pm. Be ready with your best karaoke songs!

Motion to Close New Business: Bliss

Second: Gage

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:30 PM

- Spirit Week Kick-Off Dinner | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Monday, September 27th in Peregrine Dining Hall
- Wild West Karaoke | 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm | Friday, October 1st in SUB100N

STUDENT CONCERN FOLLOW UP 9:30 PM

Emily: I'm just going to take some time to address some of the concerns that were brought up last meeting.

- **Mohonk:** Every hall should have monthly cleaning in the suites and bathrooms because of Covid.
 - Every suite hall does have a schedule for the residents' bathrooms to be cleaned. The Residence Director of Mohonk, Bridget, is currently working with our custodian, Adrianna, to come up with a cleaning schedule. We will let you know when your bathroom is going to be cleaned by putting signs up or via email of what day and around what time they will come to give you a heads up.

- **Esopus:** We have a situation with our ACs. They have not been working in our entire hall. Our SRA has been contacted, and someone has put in a work order.
 - The Resident Director of Esopus, Jeannette, as well as the RA staff communicated with the Heating Plant about the AC concern. They reset the system and it should be back to normal. If you have any other individual AC concerns or notice the building AC is malfunctioning again, let your RA know!
- **Gage:** We have not been able to solve the Molly situation, because the card reader to the office is not working.
 - I heard the Molly situation cleared up and the door now has access again! Mandy informed me today that the door works now, so Molly will be back from vacation very soon!

In regards to the other student concerns, I'm still trying to get into contact with the correct person or department from administration to address the concerns brought up last meeting but I will update you all as soon as I can! But if you would like to help me, come to Advocacy Committee! I'm the head of it, and we will work out issues together and make sure our campus is the best it can be.

Gage: Where is Advocacy Committee meeting?

Emily: In our office, Capen B-16.

HALL CONCERNS 9:32 PM

Emily: 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.

Scudder: We do not have access to our hall government office. We asked the RAs and they don't know.

Emily: You have to give your N number to your RD and they will give you card access!

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:33 PM

Emily: 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.

Gage: I don't know where the Sojourner Truth statue situation was left off, because I heard a professor talk about it but don't know where to follow up with that or get information on it.

Emily: I know, as of now, we're not putting up that particular statue. I believe they're working on having a new one made. I can try to find out more information and where that could be posted.

Collango: I had an order at Pomodoros take two hours and when the dining establishment closed they locked my food inside. Grubhub is very inaccurate, and it's a campus wide issue.

Emily: Okay, I understand the concern. I'll try to handle that.

Lenape: Do we all like the hours of the dining hall? Is there any way we can make alterations to the dining hall hours?

Shawangunk: I think the dining hall should be open later than the latest class, because I know there are classes that go past 8 pm when it closes.

Emily: I agree, so I'll definitely get back to you guys on that.

Mohonk: Element 93 charged me for an empty cup without a drink. And Starbucks has told me they can't give out cups.

Shawangunk: At Starbucks, apparently they don't serve water anymore. I offered to pay for a cup of water but they told me to just use the water fountain.

Emily: They used to give out water, but I don't know about this year because of Covid restrictions. Thank y'all for all the details.

Logan: I'm confused about Covid testing. I personally have not gotten an email telling me to go get tested. I heard within 5 weeks I need to get a Covid test, but does that mean I can do it on my own time and schedule it whenever or do I wait until a certain week?

Allison: They sent out a schedule a couple weeks ago with certain dates. If you live in the residence halls you go based on where you live, unless you are a fall, winter, or spring athlete and/or an EOP student because they get tested separately.

Emily: If you go on the residence life Instagram, the schedule will also be there. You can go any time that week, but it is by week for that hall. If you missed your hall, you need to email your RA and RD. You can go the next week, but Covid tests do fill up because it's by appointment now so make sure you're doing that on time. It also takes around 30 minutes to get tested so please plan for that accordingly.

Eric: For Ashokan and a couple others, when we were originally informed about this it was in the middle of the week we were supposed to get tested and there were only a few testing times. If you were in any of those halls, make sure to do a follow up in case you didn't know because I don't want anyone getting in trouble for not having known.

Bliss: I have received no emails about this. I have known about this, but online I can't find any information about what time I'm supposed to go as an EOP student.

Emily: Email your EOP advisor. You should have gotten an email about that, I'm so sorry.

Collango: Why can't the school send emails to everyone, instead of relying on RDs and advisors to send them to us?

Allison: I believe an all-student email went out to everyone about this and then your RD or EOP advisor should have contacted you as well.

Emily: It also might be an Outlook issue. There are two tabs called Focused and Other, so you might have to check the Other tab. We're going to pull up the schedule so y'all can take a picture of it. If you missed your time, please email your RD as soon as possible and hopefully you will be able to get tested next week.

Collango: How do you sign up for an appointment?

Emily: If you search 'SUNY New Paltz Covid testing' and then select 'on-campus' there will be a Calendly link where you can set up your appointment. If you have not registered through the school with your name and insurance information- you're not getting billed for this but they just need that information- please make that first. If you've already made that, you can just go through the Calendly link.

Gage: I spoke to CAS about reimbursement for printing posters instead of hand making them because we know that's time consuming, and CAS said if you take a picture of what you printed and how much it cost through your school account they can reimburse you for it. They weren't aware that printing cost money.

Emily: Thank you so much for letting us know that!

Mohonk: Why isn't printing free in our school?

Scudder: It's included in our tuition. They have to limit it because otherwise people would take advantage of it and cost the school lots of money.

Allison: Your printing money does roll over into the spring semester so any money you have left over now you will have added to the \$50 in the spring, but it does not roll over at the end of the year so anything you have in your printing account at the end of spring 2022 does not follow you into fall 2022.

Gage: If you show CAS and they give it back to you, they cannot put it back in your printing account so they just give you a check for it.

Emily: I'll definitely check on the free printing, because I know that's a valid issue. It might be for sustainability, because our school is trying to be sustainable and reduce paper.

Mohonk: Can Pete's Cafe be opened again? It would limit the lines at places like Starbucks and Element 93.

Emily: I don't know, but it was great so we can try to get it open again! Also, nobody uses Atrium Brew so definitely use Atrium to get your drinks! They're the same as Sweets and Treats.

Mohonk: Most things in The Roost are completely gone, and the workers said they didn't bring a full shipment from the Sodexo warehouse.

Scudder: Point of Clarification. That's a nationwide issue right now with shipping and restaurants. Everyone is having issues because a lot of drivers are going on strike, so that's something nobody can fix.

Emily: Thank you all for your student concerns! If you have any more, please come to Advocacy Committee tomorrow! We love trying to make this campus a better place.

OPEN FLOOR 9:48 PM

Emily: 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! Are there any open floors?

Chet: I work with a group on campus called NYPIRG- the New York Public Research Interest Group- and this Wednesday we're having our general interest meeting. We're going to be talking about all of the different projects going on this semester, focusing on higher education funding, the climate crisis, poverty, and other things that really affect students. We're also going to be talking about consumer protection, so we can get stuff like cheaper printer ink and help people striving for better work environments. We'll be meeting in SUB 100N at 4 pm on Wednesday. I highly encourage everyone to come. Usually we meet online on Wednesdays- we try to meet in person but our meeting room was taken away so we get a smaller office now. On September 28th we're having National Voter Registration day so we're going to be getting as many people on campus registered as possible. This is a really big day for us and we've already gotten a couple hundred people registered this semester, which is the same as the entire last few semesters due to Covid, so we've got great numbers so far but we're looking to do even more. If you're interested in registering or know people who aren't registered, send them by the Lecture center or the concourse for our tabling!

Mohonk: If the school has enough funding, they should renovate every floor of the SUB to look like this new fourth floor, as well as the residence halls.

Emily: They have a plan to renovate Bouton, then Awosting and Mohonk. Things are in the works, it's just slow due to budgetary reasons as well as people living on campus because we can't have a whole hall closed down. They are on that, don't worry.

Ridgeview: CREW is having an interest meeting on September 22nd at 6 pm in SUB 409, and the last meeting is Friday, October 1st at 6 pm in SUB 409.

Emily: I've done CREW before and it's so much fun, so if y'all are interested in giving tours of the campus definitely join that!

Lenape: Student Ambassador applications are open, and similar to CREW you give tours, once a week around campus and on weekends. The deadline is September 24th if you're interested. You have to be a second year student to apply.

Emily: Any more open floors? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:54 PM

Emily: Molly is still on vacation, but expect her back next week!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:55 PM

Madison: "The belonging you seek is not behind you, it is ahead." - Maz Kanata, The Force Awakens

ADJOURNMENT 9:55 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Scudder

Second: Bliss

Next meeting will be in SUB409!



