

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 10/18/21

Location: SUB409

CALL TO ORDER 9:04 PM

Emily: Hey everyone! We're going to call this meeting to order. I hope y'all had a wonderful fall break and feel well rested even though it is midterm season.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:05 PM

Emily: For our mystery activity tonight we're going to do Hot Seat! We're going to have a volunteer who will be asked questions for one minute and everyone else can ask as many questions as they want! Logan will be our guinea pig for today! Who wants to volunteer to go next? Chet and Jaden, thanks for volunteering for our Hot Seat mystery activity!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:09 PM

Saskia: Hello everybody! 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	Currently working on recruitment.
Bliss	2	2	0	0	We have Molly to pass on, and we just got back from our first hall gov event which was very successful!
Awosting/ Bouton	0	0	0	0	None.
Capen	0	0	0	0	None.
College-Shango	1	1	0	0	No report.
Esopus	0	0	0	0	None.
Gage	1	1	0	0	Hosted a Hot Seat program on Friday.
Lenape	2	1	0	0	October 27th there will be a screening of The Nightmare Before Christmas in Lenape.
Minnewaska	1	0	0	0	Meeting tomorrow night to discuss plans for upcoming events.

Mohonk	0	0	0	0	None.
Ridgeview	1	1	0	0	Many events planned for the rest of the semester!
Scudder	1	0	0	0	Currently planning a full week of activities leading up to Halloween!
Shawangunk	1	0	0	0	Working on recruitment and first event.

SENATE 9:11 PM

Chet: Senate had its first unofficial meeting this past Friday, unofficial because we did not have a quorum but we were still able to do a bunch of training and get started for the year. It's a bit late but we're ready to hit the ground running. We're still missing quite a few reps for different groups here on campus- we're missing our grad school rep, as well as reps for Awosting, Bouton, Capen, Bliss, Gage, Lenape, Minnewaska, Mohonk, Ridgeview, and Shawangunk. So if you know anyone who lives in those halls and would be interested in joining the Senate, it's a great way to make your voice heard and represent your fellow students to make sure the things that need to get done on campus get done. If anyone would like contact information for the Senate and SA, come to me after the meeting and I can get that to you. Does anyone have any questions?

Lenape: One of Lenape's residents is part of the Senate, but you mentioned it as a hall that is missing a rep. Is this a different position that is vacant?

Chet: I'll look into it. They might be part of the Senate but might not be the Lenape representative, since with our new model each hall has its own representative as well as representatives for the different colleges on campus such as the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the School of Business, and others.

Logan: It's one representative for each hall?

Chet: Yes.

NRHH 9:13PM

Eric: We had our latest meeting yesterday and we're preparing for applications, which will be due sometime in November. If anybody is interested in joining, you can give me your email and we'll be getting right onto that.

OLD BUSINESS 9:14 PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Lenape

Second: Bliss

CCC

Ethan: Reminder that after you have a program, you can fill out a PUP Sheet and turn it into us! You can either email us a filled out copy or turn one in to any one of us during our office hours or during an AC Meeting! Here is a link to the PUP Sheet in the minutes and email blast you can fill out:

<https://tinyurl.com/PUPSheet>

Motion to Close Old Business: Gage
Second: Minnewaska

NEW BUSINESS 9:15 PM

Motion to Open New Business: Shawangunk
Second: Scudder

Fall Fest

Madison: Fall Fest is coming up! It's going to be on Friday October 22nd from 7:30 to 9:00 pm on the SUB Concourse. We're going to have some super fun fall activities! We have Stuff a Pumpkin, which if you have seen or been to SA's Stuff a Plush event last semester, you basically get a little carcass of a plush pumpkin and you get to stuff it yourself which is super cute. We also have tie dyeing, so the shirts are going to be first come first serve like usual but you can also bring your own stuff from your dorm to tie dye.

Halloween (Not) In the Halls

Logan: Most of you will not know or have experienced this, but every year besides last year RHSA hosts Halloween in the Halls, where the kids from the town come on Halloween during the day. We give each hall one bag of candy- normally each hall gov buys more candy for themselves- and they give it to the kids who come to go trick or treating. Due to Covid restrictions, it's now going to be Halloween Outside of the Halls! Each hall gov will get a table on Parker Quad to give out candy. We are also asking halls to host an activity for the kids to do like something to color or a fun little carnival game. Those are the types of events hall govs in the past have done. It's on Halloween from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. We need the submission of what activity you want to do by Wednesday, October 27th. It's a super fun program to give back to the community! You are also welcome to dress up in a costume and your hall gov could even do a themed costume. RHSA will have a themed costume you will get to see! So reminder to email us your event at rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu by Wednesday, October 27th. Please do it before, if you can.

Scudder: Did you say you're providing the candy, or we are?

Emily: We're providing each hall with one bag of candy, but if you feel like you would like more to hand out you can definitely buy that with your hall budget.

Logan: In the past, hall govs have had to spend hardly any of their budget on it, so we recommend you get more candy but you don't have to.

Scudder: What time was Fall Fest?

Emily: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Minnewaska: What room?

Emily: SUB Concourse, so outside the SUB near the Snack Shack. Any other questions? Halloween in the Halls is a really great way to meet the New Paltz community, especially since with all the hills and there not being a lot of suburban areas it can be hard for kids to go trick or treating. They get all dressed up and it's very cute, so if you have any questions please let us know.

Condom Casino

Allison: We are so excited to say that a fan favorite event, Condom Casino, is back! It's a program designed to promote safe sex, and so it's a casino but instead of chips we use condoms. We'll have games like Blackjack, Uno and other games like Kahoot. You can exchange your condoms for candy or other prizes. The Condom Casino will be held Saturday November 20th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm in SUB MPR. Another big thing to note is that we really need volunteers for Condom Casino! It's a very big program, so if you're interested in volunteering there will be a link in the minutes and in the email blast:

<https://bit.ly/CC21Volunteer>

You get a free shirt that says you worked Condom Casino, and people have really enjoyed volunteering in the past so please consider it!

Madison: Please consider volunteering if you know how to facilitate poker!

Emily: We also give GFPs to those who volunteer! And it does not have to be for the entire time, so if you just want to help set up and then go to Condom Casino as an attendee for the rest of the time you'll still get GFPs.

Scudder: Does it have to be us, or can anyone from our hall government volunteer?

Allison: Anybody! Even if someone outside of your hall government wanted to volunteer, they're more than welcome. We just really don't know how to facilitate poker.

Gage: If people do exchange the condoms for candy, are the condoms held or just thrown out? What's done with them?

Emily: We give the condoms to anyone who wants them. We're going to give them to the halls as well because RA offices usually have them. They are not going to go to waste. If people need them, they will take them and we won't tell them no.

Allison: In the past, if there's a large amount of them we've donated them to organizations that seek out condoms. In that case, we'll make sure to donate them to an outside group.

Emily: Or if we have too many condoms to hold in our office, if you wanted to have a safe sex program in your hall we can definitely donate condoms to your hall as well. In terms of the condoms, we have non-latex as well as LGBT condoms, so we're being very accessible with that.

NPLC

Emily: NPLC is the New Paltz Leadership Conference, where we're basically replicating the regional and national conferences we go to right here in New Paltz! You get to learn different leadership skills, learn what people do in their different positions, and talk to each position within a hall gov so if you're the AC Rep of your hall gov you get to talk to AC Reps and hall gov members from different halls. We're asking every hall to team up and do a presentation, so let's get a Moose Clap going for every hall's group!

Capen, Minnewaska, and Lenape

Mohonk and Scudder

Ashokan and Bliss

Collango and Bouton/Awosting

Ridgeview and Shawangunk

Esopus and Gage

Everyone is going to have a presentation topic according to their hall. There is a packet we have online- we're going to send it out in the email blast but you can also ask for it after the meeting and we'll give the link to you:

<https://bit.ly/NPLC2021>

The packet explains more of what NPLC is in depth, what you have to do, what your presentation topic is, as well as the schedule. It's a whole day event happening on November 7th. What you have to do is do the presentation and create clothes pins. We will give each hall one pack of clothespins but if you want to buy more you can, and all you have to do is decorate them however you wish. The theme is gaming and Leveling Up Leadership! We will also make sure other orgs and places on campus will be giving presentations so you're getting something out of this as well. We're going to try to get the Career Resource Center to do something about leadership in the workforce, the Psychological Counselling Center to talk about balancing mental health and leadership, and stuff like that. Any questions, comments, concerns?

Scudder: Where is this going to be?

Emily: In the SUB. We're going to do breakout rooms so we don't know the exact rooms just yet, but it will be in the SUB and we will update you as it gets closer.

Allison: This is meant to replicate the leadership conferences we go to, so if you were perhaps interested in the leadership conference that's happening in the fall but you weren't quite sure what it's about, this is a great way to learn and then maybe come with us in the spring to the next leadership conference.

Emily: It is on November 7th, so there is still a lot of time, but if you want to start working and planning now you definitely can!

Motion to Close New Business: Bliss

Second: Gage

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:26 PM

- Fall Fest | Friday, October 22nd from 7:30pm - 9:00pm | SUB Concourse
- Halloween (Not) in the Halls | Sunday, October 31st from 11:00am - 2:00pm | Parker Quad
- NPLC | Sunday, November 7th | all day!
- Condom Casino | Saturday, November 20th | 7:00pm - 10:00pm | SUB MPR

HALL CONCERNS 9:27 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. 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:27 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 rhasa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu. Next week we will be hearing your food concerns at the October 25th AC Meeting!

Lenape: In one of my classes in Lecture Center 108, the AC is blasting every class and it's uncomfortable.

Emily: I'll try to see what's happening with that. I know they're trying to shut off all of the ACs because it is getting colder, but I'll definitely check on that for you.
Any other student concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR 9:28 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?

Ridgeview: Our hall gov has planned an event called Ridgeview Rocks in the main lobby of Ridgeview. We will have Dr. Rayburn, one of the geology professors, come over to talk about rocks and how to identify them. We will be giving out free gems and there will be prizes to win! It's on October 26th at 6:45 pm in the main lobby.

Logan: Make a Difference Day is this Friday, October 22nd from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the SUB MPR pre-function space (the lobby in front of the MPR). This year they are doing cheek swabbing and working with the Gift of Life Marrow Registry, so you can go and get your cheek swabbed.

Lenape: Is it too late to register for Make a Difference Day?

Emily: I don't believe so. Do you have Erica Wagner's email? I can get it to you at the end of the meeting. Their email says:

"More than 70 types of disease including blood cancer, sickle cell, and inherited immune disorders can be cured through transplants – but donors need to be in the registry to help. Today, only 45% of Hispanic/Latinx, 40% of Asian/Pacific Islanders, and 25% of Black and multi-ethnic patients can find a matching donor due to the shortage of volunteers within these groups. Those numbers can be changed, and all it takes is 10-15 seconds of swabbing your cheek to learn if you can save someone's life. Must be between the ages of 18 and 60 to join the registry."

Bliss: What day is this?

Logan: Friday, October 22nd from 11 to 4.

Lenape: What is the criteria to be eligible?

Logan: Being 18 to 60.

Lenape: Is there any more besides that?

Emily: Not that it says, but I'm sure they'll tell you at the actual event itself.

Lenape: I'm having a Mortal Kombat RA program on Wednesday at 7:00 pm, so feel free to come!

Emily: Hot Chocolate with the President is tomorrow at 8:30! If y'all want to talk to President Christian, this is a great time to do that. There will be free hot chocolate, and I'm going to be there!

Ridgeview: Where will this be?

Emily: SUB MPR.

Chet: NYPIRG is having a voter education event this Thursday, including a Kahoot game and prizes. If you're interested in learning about voting, how it's done, and its history we're going to be hosting that Thursday, October 21st in SUB 6263 from 7:30 to 8:00 pm.

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

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:34 PM

Emily: Where's my moose? Bliss, what did you put on Molly?

Bliss: Socks, because it's getting cold and her feet should be warm! Ridgeview, you get Molly this week.

Emily: Pass the Moose! Ridgeview, put something on Molly and bring her back next week so we can pass her again.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:35 PM

Allison: "While it is always best to believe in oneself, a little help from others can be a great blessing." - Uncle Iroh, Avatar: The Last Airbender

ADJOURNMENT 9:35 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Lenape
Second: Bliss

Next meeting will be in SUB409!



