

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 10/25/21

Location: SUB409

CALL TO ORDER 9:10 PM

Emily: Hey everyone! Thank you for coming out to tonight's meeting. Thank you for talking about Halloween with us, and I'm very excited to see if y'all have any costumes.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:11 PM

Emily: For our mystery activity, you are going to find someone new wearing the same colored shirt as you and get to know them! They can't be from your hall, and if you can't find someone, come talk to us!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:19 PM

Saskia: 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	2	0	0	Nothing to report.
Awosting/ Bouton	0	0	0	0	None.
Capen	0	0	0	0	None.
College-Shango	1	1	0	0	Having our first event this Friday.
Esopus	0	0	0	0	None.
Gage	3	3	0	0	Planning for the Halloween Outside the Halls event Sunday and working November programming at tomorrow's meeting.
Lenape	0	0	0	0	None.
Minnewaska	1	0	0	0	Planning an event with Mohonk for tomorrow night.

Mohonk	2	0	0	0	Planning an event with Minnewaska for tomorrow, and held a movie night event prior.
Ridgeview	1	1	0	0	Reservation list for the event happening tomorrow night is getting full!
Scudder	1	0	0	0	Halloweek started yesterday- it's going really well and there is another event tonight!
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	None.

SENATE 9:22 PM

Chet: No new information for the Senate. We're still trying to get meeting times figured out so we can really get to work. I do have some information for NYPIRG. Every Thursday, NYPIRG has a table at the farmers' market on the concourse. We always have petitions out for one cause or another- our last one was for a student friendly executive budget so that the governor can give more money to schools and we can pay less tuition. Things like that, or reducing fossil fuel emissions, etc. If you're interested, come by the farmers' market and check us out! I'm usually there from 12 to 4 and if you come by I might have my tarot cards on me and do a free reading for you! If you're interested, come by.

NRHH 9:23 PM

Emily: Eric is not here, so we will hear NRHH's report next week.

OLD BUSINESS 9:23 PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Mohonk
Second: Bliss

CCC

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

<https://tinyurl.com/PUPSheet>

Scudder: Is there a time limit for how long we have to submit if after the event?

Emily: Just before the end of the semester! We'll send out a Remind if anything changes. For now, get it in as quick as you can but we understand that we're still getting used to how things are. Any other questions, comments, concerns with PUP Sheets? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

Historian

Allison: Our previous Facebook was hacked, so I have made a new one! To find us on Facebook you can search up Residence Hall Student Association or just [facebook.com/snprhsa](https://www.facebook.com/snprhsa). On the Facebook I'll be uploading things like pictures from events, so soon pictures from Spirit Week

will be up, as well as tie dye. I'll also post the minutes when they get posted, so they'll be on our RHSA website but they'll also be on the Facebook so if you follow us there you'll immediately know when those go up. I'm hoping to start up some new social media challenges like we've done in the past, so look out for those. Facebook will also have updates like if an EBoard member's office hours are cancelled or rescheduled, which will also be posted on the Instagram as always. Following the Facebook will be a great way to keep up to date with us, the minutes, pictures from the event, and more!

Secretary

Saskia: Now that the brand new Facebook is up and running, I'm also going to change the link that we've had in the email blast so every email blast you guys get is going to have a link straight to that page. I'm also going to mention in the email blast that we're going to be starting the riddle in the minutes! This is something we've done in the past, if any of you remember, but from now on hidden somewhere in the minutes is going to be a riddle that's related to RHSA, student leadership, or any of our associated organizations, just to quiz you on a little bit of that knowledge. If you go in and find the riddle in the minutes every week, you can submit your answers to that on the Facebook and get GFPs for your hall if you get the answer right! That's going to be every week from now on and is starting this week, so just keep your eye out for this week's email blast. It's going to have the Facebook link and the riddle somewhere in there.

Fall Fest

Madison: It was so great to see everyone who came out to Fall Fest. Thank you all for coming! Everybody's tie dye shirts and pumpkins looked great, and we had a great turnout so thank you! I look forward to seeing everyone at our future events.

Motion to Close Old Business: Minnewaska
Second: Collango

NEW BUSINESS 9:27 PM

Motion to Open New Business: Gage
Second: Ridgeview

Halloween (Not) In the Halls

Logan: Every year, RHSA hosts an event, usually called Halloween in the Halls but due to Covid it is going to be Halloween Outside the Halls. Every hall gov and RHSA are going to have a table on Parker Quad on Halloween from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. It's an outdoor event where kids from the town can come and trick or treat. We're also strongly encouraging and asking you guys to come up with an activity for the kids to do along with the candy we provided you with. We recommend you buy another bag. It's definitely within your hall gov budget to get a bag of candy, so we strongly recommend you get more. *What are (at least) two places you can find our weekly AC Minutes?* If you could email us by Wednesday, October 27th your idea, what you need, and what you're thinking for Sunday that would be awesome. It could be something like coloring or a game.

Bliss: What time is that due by Wednesday?

Emily: Midnight.

Collango: This is relevant to how much candy we're going to get. When the semester ends, we get more money for the hall gov budget, right? I just want to know so I can keep track of spending better.

Logan: It's a yearly budget, if I remember correctly. But there's obviously not going to be a Halloween Not in the Halls in the spring so this is a one time thing.

Gage: You asked for what we need, but we're still responsible for getting the materials for the activity?

Emily: Yeah, we just want a sense of what you're going to do for an activity.

Any other comments, questions, or concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

Condom Casino

Allison: We have a few updates about Condom Casino. We've had to reschedule so instead of being on November 20th it's going to be on Friday, November 19th in SUB 100N. Just a quick refresher, Condom Casino is a program designed to promote safe sex. It's a casino but instead of chips we use condoms! You can trade them in for candy or prizes. We're going to have a ton of fun games, simple ones like Uno and then games like Poker or even Kahoot. Again we're looking for volunteers. This is a really big program we do and we rely on the campus and you guys volunteering. We'll have a link in the minutes (<https://bit.ly/CC21Volunteer>) where you can sign up to volunteer. It will also be attached to the email blast. You don't have to work the whole night, you'll let us know what shifts you'll be able to work. You can work only an hour if you need to or you can work the whole time if you want. It's a great opportunity to volunteer and if you're interested in the future in doing RHSA it's a good way to get acquainted with how we do big programs. Again, it's going to be November 19th in SUB 100N from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Are there any questions?

Bliss: Will there be a Condom Casino shirt?

Emily: Yes, only for volunteers! We'll give you a sneak peek next week of what they look like, because they're so cute.

Collango: Do you need a blackjack dealer?

Emily: I don't believe so, but we will have a blackjack table if you would like to host it.

Allison: We do need someone to deal poker, so if you know how to facilitate poker we would love to have you.

Gage: Are you offering female condoms?

Emily: Yes. Female condoms, dental dams, finger condoms, latex free. We ordered a lot of them.

Any other questions, comments, or concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

NPLC

Emily: New Paltz Leadership Conference (NPLC) is a conference we hold to give y'all the conference experience of the regional and national conferences but here in New Paltz. We're going to have different leadership presentations- you're going to do presentations with your hall gov buddy which we announced last meeting. It is also in the packet. It will be on Sunday, November 7th. The only things you need to do are the presentation, the clothespins which we distributed but if you want to bring more feel free- you can paint them or spray paint them like

RHSA has done in the past, and if you need paint we still have paints in our office so you can come use them during our office hours- and a digital banner which you can do on Canva and then email to us. The presentation and digital banner are due Friday, November 5th so we can download all of them and make sure they're hung up in the SUB when we host the conference. Any other questions, comments, or concerns?

Scudder: You said there's a packet for NPLC?

Emily: Yes, it's <https://bit.ly/NPLC21>. It's going to be attached in the minutes and the email blast.

Bliss: Where can I find information about the presentation? I know there's a topic we're supposed to do.

Emily: That's also in the packet. We announced it last meeting, but it will also be in the minutes and the email blast.

Gage: What would you recommend if our partner hall hasn't been coming to RHSA meetings and we can't get in touch with them?

Emily: Send us an email at rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu and we'll try to help you get in contact with your hall buddy.

Minnewaska: Does the RHSA representative have to attend this, or can other hall gov members attend?

Emily: All hall gov members can attend. This is just a conference on how to learn leadership skills. We're inviting PCC to talk about leadership skills while maintaining mental health at the same time, and CRC about leadership in the workforce. Invite everyone if you would like.

Logan: There's a really nice banquet. We're getting really good food, so make sure to invite people.

Emily: There is at the bottom of the packet a banquet list of people you think are going to attend, along with dietary restrictions so we make sure we have food for them.

Scudder: What's the general time of this event?

Emily: It's going to start at 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 7th and the conference part doesn't end until 4:45 pm. Then we have banquet at 7:00 pm.

Logan: There's a break in between.

Bliss: Where?

Emily: SUB. We will give you more information as it comes up.

Any other questions, comments, or concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

Motion to Close New Business: Mohonk

Second: Bliss

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:36 PM

- Halloween (Not) in the Halls | Sunday, October 31st from 11:00am - 2:00pm | Parker Quad
- NPLC | Sunday, November 7th | all day!
- Condom Casino | Friday, November 19th | 7:00pm - 10:00pm | SUB 100N

HALL CONCERNS 9:37 PM

Emily: I'm going to go over some student concerns follow ups. These are student or hall concerns that y'all have voiced to me in the past and we have tried to get them fixed, or at least administration has tried to recognize them.

- I know attendance policy was a really big concern with professors. Provost Barbara Lyman is going to send out an email to all professors to be more lenient and understanding because Covid is still a big risk and we don't want people spreading it. There is going to be an email, so if you still have problems with your professors please let us know but they should have been sent an email about being more lenient with their attendance policy.
- There were concerns with the Black Studies department being in trailers, which they have been for a long time and they don't have their own office space. Donald P. Christian has said he will try to make sure they do have their own space before he leaves.

Now we're moving on to hall concerns. 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 9:38 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. We will also be hearing food concerns tonight. Are there any student concerns?

Gage: I wanted to follow up about the Black Studies department being in trailers. Did you have that in an email confirming he said he would get to that before he leaves?

Emily: No. It was just said at a PresCab meeting with the administration. He is going to try to get it done, but we have no other updates.

Gage: But it's not written down anywhere?

Emily: No, it's just what he said.

Lenape: In the food court, they said they've been having trouble with the supply chain, which has especially affected the vegan and vegetarian options. Is there anything that is going to change with that?

Emily: There has been food supply and labor shortages around the country, so they're trying to work against that but I can definitely bring it up with CAS.

Collango: Why does it say orders are ready but it's actually ready like an hour or two later?

Emily: On GrubHub, that's an estimated time they think it will be ready. I'm on the service committee for CAS board and it is very difficult because there is a labor shortage so things take longer to make, but one thing I voiced to them was how at Starbucks you can see when yours and everyone else's orders are ready so they're going to try to have that across the whole campus so you can actually know when they're ready. I'm not sure if they're starting the process, but I know they're going to try to do that.

Logan: I just want to voice that I've noticed in the past few days that my orders have been more realistic with the time. They haven't been perfect, but it's getting better in my personal experience.

Gage: I was wondering if we're having a meeting next week. Next Monday is Black Solidarity Day and there is a vigil going on at night, so there is stuff happening at the time of the meeting.

Emily: I'm going to double check, but if anything we'll send out a Remind and post something on the Instagram. It's a yes for the meeting for right now.

Lenape: With meal exchanges, it only fills up for what you didn't use the previous, so if you only used 2 meals the previous week it only fills it up to 5 or whatever the meal plan you're on allows. Is it possible to have access to all possible meal exchanges? If you don't perfectly time it, you might get one less or one more than the week before and it seems a bit tedious because you then have to check how many you have through CAS. Is there a way to change that?

Emily: I'm not sure. I'll double check and get back to you.

Scudder: I don't know if it's possible for people to check up on it frequently, but I feel like it's a common issue for the vending machines to get stuck. A lot of bags pile up and then people try to knock them down, and it's a waste of money. I've seen it at a lot of them across campus.

Emily: SnackShack in particular?

Scudder: SnackShack, and the one in Scudder is really bad. Stuff piles up every week.

Emily: I'll get back to you on that.

Cam: For individual issues like that, all of those are paid for and run by the CAS office. The phone number should be on the machine. If there is an instance where we have something jammed during the daytime, you can give them a call and see about getting or receipt printed or putting that money back on your account. If there are late night issues, you can contact the CAS office by sending them an email as well.

Emily: Any other concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR 9:44 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?

Minnewaska: Tomorrow night we're partnering with Mohonk and our RD to do Halloween activities. We're doing a door decorating contest. It's tomorrow night at 8:00 pm between Mohonk and Minnewaska.

Emily: As an RA I have to throw programs, and my program is the TikTok ghost trend. It's going to be the 28th at 5:00 pm. It's going to be a photoshoot and we're going to talk about how other cultures view death.

Scudder: On Wednesday at 7:30 pm we're decorating sugar skulls and learning about the history of sugar skulls. We're also watching Coco!

Ridgeview: Our program tomorrow, Ridgeview Rocks, is so special that we have a reservation list! I thought I'd let you guys know we only have a few spots left. It's going to happen tomorrow at 6:45. You can learn about crystals, get a free crystal, and there's a chance for you to get a prize. If you're interested, there's a list in the Ridgeview main lobby where you can sign up for it.

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

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:46 PM

Emily: Where's my moose?

Ridgeview: Molly is in our office. We are working on decorating her.

Emily: Okay, she's just fashionably late! We'll see her next meeting.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:47 PM

Emily: “I am made of memories” - The Song of Achilles

ADJOURNMENT 9:48 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Bliss

Second: Gage

Next meeting will be in SUB409!



Teacher: today we'll be discussing the Iliad

People who read the song of Achilles:



Achilles: I am invincible. Nothing can stop me 🙄

Achilles 5 minutes later:

