# RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 11/15/21 Location: SUB409

## CALL TO ORDER 9:07 PM

Emily: Hey everyone! We're going to get the meeting started.

## **MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:08 PM**

**Emily**: For our mystery activity today, we're going to do a little special mock election!! We have elections coming up. I know we opened nominations last week, so this is just to get everyone prepared for what elections are going to be like. Today, if our candidates will stand up, we will be voting on the RHSA endorsed brand, Pepsi or Coca Cola! Logan is going to be representing Coca-Cola and Allison will be representing Pepsi. Basically, it's going to be which is the best brand you think RHSA should endorse and whoever you choose will bring different varieties of those drinks for next week's meeting, so sodas, juices, teas, and stuff like that.

During this mock election we want to treat it like a real election, so that includes no phones, electronics, so we know you're not communicating with other people outside to give them an advantage of winning the election. We will also be restricting ourselves and using no tech, except for Saskia who is going to take the minutes, Ethan who is going to do the timer, and me on my laptop for the agenda. I'm going to explain the election process. We're going to do five minutes of expectations with them out of the room. Then afterwards we're going to invite each candidate in one by one, they're going to have a three minute speech, and we're going to do a five minute Q&A that's extendable up to three times in case you have more questions than the five minutes takes. Afterwards, we'll invite the other candidate to do the same thing: three minute speech and five minute Q&A extendable up to three times. Then we'll go into a discussion about which brand we want to endorse. Of course, with real elections there will be candidates, but for now brands. The discussion will also be five minutes, extendable up to three times, and then we will vote. We usually vote by secret ballot but since it's just a little election today we're going to vote by eyes closed, hands raised.

Quick Parli Pro review: it's on the back of your placards, but these are some points where you don't need to wait for me to call on you.

- Point of Clarification if you have a question, like "What does this mean?" or "Can you clarify or restate what you just said?". You don't need to wait for me to call on you, you can just say "Point of clarification."
- Point of Personal Privilege an example of this is if Saskia had a point but she was speaking very low and I couldn't hear her, I could say "Point of personal privilege, could you please speak up?"
- Point of order when you know I did something wrong and you're calling me out. For example, if I didn't ask for a second after a motion you could say "Emily, you're a dummy and point of order we need a second."

Logan: You're not a dummy!

Emily: You can call me a dummy if I forget a second. That's a dummy move.

Any questions, comments, or concerns so far? Seeing none. I'm now going to ask all candidates to leave. During elections, one of the EBoard members will always accompany you to wherever you'll sit while we do expectations and whatnot. So I'll ask them to leave now.

# **Expectations:**

We're going to start with expectations, which is basically what you want to see in your potential candidate or what you want to see in your potential brand. We're going to start the clock for 5 minutes. During this part of the election anyone can raise their hand with a point about expectations, but for the rest of the election- for Q&A, discussion, and voting- only two representatives from your hall can vote and participate. If you have one that's fine, but we limit it to two. We'll start with the first placard raised.

# **Expectations:**

Tastes good

Sweet

Affordable

Cute packaging

Variety

Recognizable

Cool looking mascot

Cool looking logos

Interesting ads

Made of recyclable materials

Healthy options, or as healthy as possible

Easily accessible

RHSA friendly

Unproblematic

Willing to cooperate

Celebrity endorsements

Motion to end expectations: Scudder

Second: Bliss

While Ethan gets our first candidate, I'm going to explain what this is. This is the speakers list. To make sure things are more even, it's what we're going to use when calling upon people to do points for Q&A, discussion, and whatnot. For example, if this is Bliss' second time raising their placard versus Scudder's first time, Scudder goes in the primary speakers list and Bliss will go in the secondary list so we can make sure we get to every hall first.

## Candidate 1: Coca-cola

**Logan:** My name is Logan Bross and I am representing the wonderful company Coca-Cola. We want to be RHSA's next endorsed drink. We were founded in 1886 by the myth and the legend, John Stith Hemberton. For those of you who are not good at quick math, we have been in service

for 135 years, which is the longest soda brand ever. Coca-Cola's net worth in 2021 was \$230 billion. We make a lot of money. You can see how much money we make because it is on campus and you can see it in the inflated prices we have, but that's another topic. Our beautiful Coca-Cola original taste comes from vanilla extract, and we were the first soda to do so. Also, with our drinks, we have diversity on a whole other level. We have diversity of drinks but also diversity of values within our policies, which I will get into. All of our drinks are vegan and all of them gluten free. We have 31 brands, so things like Powerade and Minute Maid. It's not just soda. And we have hundreds of flavors in total, so we have something for everyone. We even have water, so quite literally we have something for everyone. On policy, this is an exact quote from our company: "Diversity, equality, and inclusion are part of our values and growth strategy in playing a role in our company's success. We leverage the remarkable diversity of people across the world to achieve the purpose of refreshing the world and making a difference." Also for bonus points, Santa sponsors Coca-Cola! Santa supports Coca-Cola, and we have that really nice polar bear who also supports Coca-Cola. With that, I yield to questions.

**Emily:** Since Coca-Cola yielded to questions, we do not need a motion to open question and answer. We will begin the Q&A with the first placard raised. It's 5 minutes extendable up to three times. So Ethan, give us a 30 second warning, and once Ethan calls out 30 seconds you can make a motion by interjecting "Move to extend by 5 minutes" and then someone can second without me having to call on you.

## Q&A

Do you feel like you'll be able to bring your large economic holdings and disparity down to a small-term level on college campuses, or do you think there will have to be divisions in terms of what can and can't be allowed?

**Coca-Cola:** Are you asking if we can put all of our products on a college campus? To what level of funding and leeway will you allow?

**Coca-Cola**: We are already partnered with a lot of campuses around the country, including this one. As for the selection and the merchandise we use, we use our most popular flavors and drinks to support college students. We would love to have variety, and that's something we could look into in the future.

Similarly to how corporations use Valentine's day to sell products, Coca-Cola does that with Christmas. What would you say to the people who think using Christmas is an emotional manipulation, seeing as there's no clear correlation between Santa and soda?

**Coca-Cola:** There's no clear coordination, but the holidays are all about consumerism. Coca Cola is not the only company that uses Christmas as an excuse for you to spend your money. That being said, Christmas is a fun, festive, capitalist holiday and we don't intentionally try to emotionally manipulate people. We are trying to sell our product, but we also are looking for joy in people as well.

Can you tell me about your healthy options?

**Coca-Cola:** We have water- Dasani water. We have several types of fruit juices as well. A common brand is Minute Maid; that's not our only brand of fruit juices but it's the only one I can think of at the moment. We're Vitamin Water as well. Hi C is not really that healthy, but we are Hi C as well. Those are our healthier options.

Do you have apple juice?

Coca-Cola: Yes, we do.

What would you consider your most popular flavors of Coca Cola to be?

**Coca-Cola:** When I was in 9th grade, I had to read a book going into my AP World class called [The History of the World in Six Glasses]. There were historical events that surrounded beverages, and there was coffee, tea, and water, obviously. But one that I wasn't expecting was Coca-Cola. Coca-Cola is the number one sold soda brand and has had major impacts on our capitalist society as a whole. So I would say the original flavor of Coca-Cola is the most popular. As for other ones, there's Sprite, Diet Coke, I think Dr Pepper as well. We have a lot of flavors that are popular.

Currently your only option for packaging is single use plastics and metals. We're in the middle of a climate crisis, so are you going to work to change that?

Coca-Cola: 1000% we are going to work to change that.

Motion to extend by 5 minutes: Senate

Second: NRHH

**Coca-Cola:** As the head of Coca-Cola now, I know the statistics of our plastic waste. I do not like them and I very much want to change them into using more recyclable and more non-single use materials. More materials that will last longer and not pollute the environment. I am right there with you.

Which celebrities have you partnered with?

**Coca-Cola:** I just told you, Santa Clause. Also, Taylor Swift is one of them. A bunch of athletes. The names of them I don't know because sports aren't my thing, but I know it's a lot of athletes.

What makes you want to be RHSA's endorsed drink?

**Coca-Cola:** We have the passion and drive for this organization. We think it's wonderful how students can work together to solve issues like Coca-Cola works to solve issues. We recognize that and we would really like to be the sponsored drink of your organization.

What are the statistics for the plastic waste?

**Coca-Cola:** I know the statistics but I don't want to tell you the statistics. But I'm all about being honest. Unfortunately, Coca Cola is the most, out of any soda brand, plastic usage waste company. I'm definitely looking to change that. I found that out in my research, but I'm going to change that once I become your sponsored drink.

What would your plan be exactly to combat plastic usage?

**Coca-Cola:** I'm no expert so I would have to do a lot of research on this, but one easy way would be to have Coca Cola serve drinks in reusable cans or reusable bottles without any price change, because we don't want to inflate or overcharge for a can of soda. Something like a reusable water bottle. Ideally this is something we could use if we were to get the materials. Revenue is not the problem, materials are the problem, which we are going to outsource.

Is it true that Coca Cola's original recipe in 1888 was founded on the usage of cocaine? If so, do you believe it would damage this college's reputation by partnering with Coca-Cola? **Coca-Cola:** To answer your second question first, no it will not tarnish the college's reputation at all. When Coca Cola was made, they did not realize the original ingredients had a negative impact on health. However, that issue has long been fixed so it's no longer a concern. We are not attached to cocaine whatsoever. That was originally in there, unknowing the damage that it did. It had been ruled out completely once we saw how awful the effects are.

Motion to extend by 5 minutes: Senate

Second: NRHH

**Coca-Cola:** We changed for people's health. We want the best for our customers, so as soon as we found out that it was dangerous we immediately cut ties with that and came up with something new for the recipe.

Would you consider a name change to avoid any negative associations? **Coca-Cola:** That;s something I never thought about. When I hear the name Coca-Cola, I don't think about cocaine. Maybe the nickname Coke could be changed. When I hear Coca-Cola, I don't think it sounds too similar to cocaine, but sure. We're open minded here.

Motion to Close Question and Answer: Scudder Second: Gage

## Candidate 2: Pepsi

Allison: I'm Allison, I use she/her pronouns, and I'll be representing Pepsi. Pepsi was first created in 1893 by Caleb Bradham and has 128 years of experience serving the public with delicious drinks. Through this experience Pepsi has been very successful, amassing a net worth of almost 25 billion. To continue our growth, Pepsi is now running to be the official RHSA endorsed soda. Pepsi has a multitude of different flavors, including wild cherry, and many variations including diet, zero sugar, caffeine free, and Pepsi Max. These variations demonstrate Pepsi's drive to make sure their soda is accessible to as many people as possible. In addition, Pepsi is vegan and gluten free. Pepsi has been endorsed by One Direction and in our time with them serving as ambassadors for our brand they helped immensely on our outreach. Furthermore, Pepsi is always trying to grow as a brand. Over the years, we have grown and adapted to different changes including 11 different Pepsi logos, which is obviously an essential skill. In addition, new flavors and types are always being implemented to better our brand. The Pepsi brand has owned several different companies, including Frito Lay. By owning all these other companies and keeping them moving and working, it demonstrates our ambition and passion for growth and our experience in leadership of multiple companies. If elected as RHSA's endorsed brand, Pepsi will strive to always satisfy the associate council's thirst with fun and interesting flavors.

**Emily:** Since Pepsi did not yield to question and answer, we're going to make a motion to open question and answer.

Motion to Open Question and Answer: Bliss Second: Gage

Q&A

It's important for brands associated with a college to be unproblematic. What's your response to the Kendall Jenner commercial issue?

**Pepsi:** We appreciate you bringing this up, because obviously it was a difficult time and challenge for our brand. In the years since we have worked to better the commercials we put out and outreach we produce so that we don't have another occurrence of something being offensive. Saying that something wasn't offensive simply because we didn't know isn't an excuse and as

we've worked in the years since- that occurred in 2017- and in the 4 years since then we've worked to make sure that all of our outreach doesn't offend anyone.

On a historical question about the legacy of your brand, during the Cold War did you know Pepsi had taken Russian munitions in exchange for the rights to sell Pepsi in Russia and thus they were the 6th largest military power in the world at the time of acquiring the? How do you feel that impacts the legacy of Pepsi?

**Pepsi:** We've been a brand for 128 years and with that comes a lot of different changes as a company. Going off what we said about our outreach and specifically for things like our legacy, it's important not to forget these parts, these stepping stones that got us to where we are, but we are also always trying to strive and do better. Things like being the RHSA endorsed brand is all about growth. It's all about bettering ourselves, better who we are and what our company represents, and so we hope that our legacy since then has shown our growth in those areas.

As a company that has deep ties in massive economic events such as the Super Bowl, and with that massive level of production quality and scale, does Pepsi intend to bring something of that grandiose level to the local level in terms of the sponsorship of RHSA? Are they looking to bring back different models or mascots in that area such as Pepsi Man?

**Pepsi:** We see that being elected as RHSA's soda brand is a very first step that could open us up to opportunities like that. We don't have any concrete plans but we hope by entering this position as RHSA's endorsed brand we can continue to grow and come up with those ideas with the RHSA EBoard and potentially bring ideas like that to fruition.

Can you tell me about your healthy options?

**Pepsi:** We have different healthy options like zero caffeine. There are some people that have health conditions that prevent them from drinking caffeine. Same with sugar. I believe we have options that combine the zero sugar and no caffeine options. We are constantly trying to innovate ourselves and make these new brands because there are always people who are left out. Our current flavors and different dietary restriction accessible options are not an exhaustive list. What we have now is what we have now, but we are always trying to work to expand on that so that our brand can be drunk by all.

Pepsi products are primarily distributed through single use plastics and other disposable products. Do you have any plans to change that?

**Pepsi:** Entering the future, obviously issues like single use plastic and environmental issues are increasingly present. We have a lot of information on our website about our current policy and how we're working to better our impact on the Earth, especially with single use plastics. I am not personally exceedingly well versed so I'll show you to our immense resources that are available on our policies. I don't want to misinform and make sure you have the best information possible.

Do you have apple juice?

**Pepsi:** That's a great question. I'm not quite sure.

Do you have apple flavored Pepsi? Move to extend by 5 minutes: Senate

Second: Scudder

**Pepsi:** Tropicana is part of Pepsi. That's one of our brands, so it's not Pepsi produced and we don't have apple flavored Pepsi but we do produce apple juice under one of our different companies we manage.

Do you have any other examples of products under the Pepsi that aren't strictly Pepsi? Like juices or water?

**Pepsi:** We own the Frito Lay company, which produces a lot of different chips and snacks. Also, I'm failing to remember it now, but we do have a company that produces iced tea and all the different flavors that come with that. We have a lot of different options under our parent company.

Motion to Close Question and Answer: Gage

Second: Bliss

**Emily:** So, now we're going to go into discussion. I'll pull up the expectations again so y'all can look at it. For discussion, it's not comparing the two brands necessarily; it's saying why this brand would be the best brand for RHSA to choose.

Motion to Open Discussion: Bliss

Second: Senate

#### Discussion:

**Bliss:** I believe that Coca Cola should be Bliss hall's endorsed brand. Despite Pepsi delivering the message more concisely and more clearly and being more willing to work with their specific range of products, they don't have the widespread reach and range that Coca-Cola has that could cover a college student's needs in terms of drinks. Coca-Cola, while not the best choice, is the one that is best for this situation in terms of personal matter or affect.

**Gage:** I agree. I think Coca-Cola is the best option because it is the least problematic out of both brands and this campus is problematic itself. We have too many problems going and cause enough to worry already.

**Scudder:** Coca-Cola because of the cool looking logo- people wear Coca Cola logos on t-shirts. For healthy options, I feel like since they own Vitamin Water they have a bigger range of healthier options. And Coca-Cola also talked more about how they're open to working with us and open to do anything that satisfies us as college students.

**Senate:** Although both are problematic and honestly it's hard to identify any company, besides Ben and Jerry's, that's not problematic right now, I do feel as if Coca-Cola did embody the expectations list a lot more feasibly compared to Pepsi, especially in terms of variety. What's most important to me is my apple juice and when I asked Pepsi about apple juice the company hesitated. I don't like hesitation.

**Bliss:** To elaborate on that idea, I find it is very important in a company to have very concrete affirmations in terms of bringing up points because that shows a level of hesitancy and whether or not they will really be willing to cooperate, especially on important matters such as appy juice. I feel like that should be brought up.

**Senate:** Point of information. Is there a no confidence option?

**President:** Yes. For voting options, you can either vote Coca-Cola, Pepsi, no confidence which means both brands should not be endorsed by RHSA and you think there's a better solution or a better brand out there, and abstain which means you have a personal bias for or against one of the candidates. For example, if you owned stock of Pepsi you should probably abstain.

**Senate:** Then I would put forward that while both brands presented themselves well, Coca-Cola was not embarrassed of their extreme capitalist leanings and how they're really out to make a profit. While Pepsi seemed to be in some way concerned about issues, perhaps the RHSA should

seek a smaller, maybe local brand that embodies their essence more fully rather than settling for the lesser of two evils.

Gage: Yield to redundancy.

**Emily:** Are there any more discussion points? We can also take a motion to exhaust the speaker's list. With additions means we'll give y'all a couple second to raise your placards if you have a point after we've called that motion. Without additions means we won't take any more points at all.

Move to exhaust the speaker's list without additions: Senate

Second: Ashokan

**Emily:** We're going to vote by eyes closed, placards raised. Again, you can only have one representative vote per hall, but if you have one that's fine. Senate will not vote. \*Who was the Secretary of RHSA during the last academic year (2020-21)?\* Voting options are Coca-Cola to be endorsed by RHSA, Pepsi to be endorsed by RHSA, no confidence, or abstain.

Motion to Open Voting by Closed Eyes, Hands Raised: Bliss

Second: Ridgeview

**Emily:** Congratulations to Coca-Cola for winning! We'll keep Chris Evans up on the screen as moral support for the rest of the meeting. We will bring Coca-Cola drinks and whatnot to the next meeting. So we're going to go on with the rest of the meeting, but that's what you can expect in a regular election. I hope y'all enjoyed!

## ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:50 PM

**Saskia:** Hey 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 ence Shirts	Hall Report
Ashokan	2	0	0	0	Currently preparing programs for the rest of the semester.
Bliss	2	2	0	0	Hosting a program on Wednesday at 8 pm.
Awosting/ Bouton	0	0	0	0	None.
Capen	0	0	0	0	None.
College- Shango	0	0	0	0	None.
Esopus	0	0	0	0	None.

Gage	3	0	0	0	Also have an event Wednesday at 8 pm.
Lenape	0	0	0	0	None.
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	None.
Mohonk	0	0	0	0	None.
Ridgeview	1	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Scudder	1	0	0	0	Just hosted a program, and did some hall gov bonding.
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	None.

#### SENATE 9:51 PM

Chet: Senate had our first official full scale meeting last Friday. We are getting things into motion, getting the senators acquainted but by the end of this week we'll have everyone in their committees so we'll be ready to begin operations. Our next meeting is going to be this Friday, the 19th, at 3:30 in room 416 so if you're interested in joining up stop by. I won't loop you into a senator just for being there, if you just want to observe, but if there's a seat open you're eligible for, I highly encourage you to join. That's what I have, so now I would like to give some time over to our SA President Jordan.

**Jordan:** Hi everyone! I promise this is the last time I'm going to hijack the Senate and start speaking about stuff, I hope, but I have a couple announcements. First, we have a new UPD chief search going on, similar to the presidential search. Every time there's a new departmental search going on, they ask students to sit in on it. Last Friday, I was asked to sit in on that search. During this time, we're going to ask for additional student, staff, and faculty participation so in the coming days you guys should be expecting a lot of surveys and emails. Next, are you guys familiar with UCAT, the bus service in town? Unfortunately- or fortunately, I'm not sure where you guys stand on this- their contract is coming up and the SA needs to get a climate of how SUNY New Paltz students feel about the UCAT services. Executive Vice President Joshua Gonzalez will be sending you guys an email about that soon, so more about that later. And when we have meetings and communications, we'll also be communicating that with your RHSA President Emily so she can communicate that with the EBoard and Associate Council. Lastly is the Collango plans. I spoke to President Christian today. I haven't had my November 17th meeting yet, but he and I came to an agreement that we need a lot more student participation when it comes to the Collango renovations and not just me giving out surveys and having people answer those surveys. So myself, Emily, BSU, and the Black Studies Department will be sitting with President Christian as well as a couple of his Vice Presidents to discuss how we could have more student representation. That's all from me.

**Logan:** I had a question about the UCAT plan. I'm personally concerned about that because that's my only method of travel to student teaching next semester. When is the contract coming up?

**Jordan:** December. With the contract, it's not like we're getting rid of UCAT altogether. We're not just going to throw it away. It's that either we negotiate things, for instance maybe we ray the payrate a little more because SA pays most of the UCAT prices for students. Also it should be

noted that a lot of elderly in town use UCAT services so getting rid of UCAT altogether would never be an option. However, we do need to address some concerns because we've had them in the past. For instance, UCAT drivers would just take random breaks, make people feel uncomfortable, show up late, and those are things that need to be addressed and renegotiated if we're going to have a contract with UCAT.

Emily: Any other questions, comments, or concerns for Senate? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

#### NRHH 9:56 PM

**Eric**: We've been solidifying our plans for the rest of next semester. For anyone interested in joining, I can gladly take your email. We'll be taking applications for the rest of the semester so even if you don't necessarily want to join it, you just want the information, I can gladly give it to you. And keep an eye out because we'll be hosting a program before the end of the semester, and tabling as well. So if you ever want more information, whether you want to ask me or stop by while we're tabling, either works.

#### **OLD BUSINESS 9:56 PM**

Motion to Open Old Business: Gage

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 the AC meeting! Here is a link to the PUP Sheet you can fill out:

https://tinyurl.com/PUPSheet

**Emily:** PUP sheets earn you GFPs and then the hall with the most GFPs is awarded hall of the semester!

**Scudder:** Are there different kinds of PUP sheets?

**Emily:** There are. I'm forgetting off the top of my head, but I believe there's a service one-

Ethan: General, tandem.

**Scudder:** Those are accessed in the same place?

**Emily:** Yes, in the GFP packet. We'll make sure to link that in the minutes for y'all.

**Allison:** It's on the website!

**Bliss:** Are we allowed to know who's currently in the lead for hall of the semester?

**Ethan:** I'll say this: the top three are all here tonight. No point totals to be revealed, but in third place is Scudder. Second place so far is Gage. First place, by 16 points, so far is Bliss.

**Allison:** In the same place you can find the GFP packet, we have a GFP tracker. I update it every week, Wednesday, during my office hours. You can see your exact point totals and when you get those PUP sheets in it's always fun to see that tally go up so in that same place you can check out all the numbers there if you want to look.

**Emily:** Any other questions, comments, concerns with PUP sheets, GFPs, and whatnot? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

## Historian

Allison: Again, a reminder we have our Facebook up and running. We post all our photos from previous events and every week we post our minutes as soon as they're available. As soon as they're live on our website I post them on our Facebook so it's a great place to follow us if you want to be updated. I want to announce the winner of our weekly riddle in the minutes/social media challenge. In first place we have Lenape hall! For more details on the riddle in the minutes and social media challenges I'll pass it over to Saskia.

## Secretary

Saskia: As I've said the past couple meetings, every week we are going to hide a riddle somewhere in the minutes so when those are published on our website and on our Facebook, as well as sent out in our email blast, there's going to be a riddle in there that you guys can answer. You can then submit the answer to that on our Facebook in the comments below where the minutes are posted. Don't DM your answer to our Facebook, just post it in the comments there. The first three halls to answer get GFPs for that. Last week's riddle in the minutes was "What is the name of the regional conference organization RHSA is affiliated with?"- we actually just had a conference with them this past weekend- and the answer to that riddle was the North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls, or NEACURH for short. This week's riddle is again going to be in the minutes, so keep an eye out for that and good luck to you guys on earning GFPs!

#### PR

Madison: Last weekend, we attended RLC which is similar to NPLC that you guys experienced. New Paltz won first place in first time delegate case studies, which I believe is the first time we've placed in case studies overall and we also won best first time educational display. We heard a lot about other schools and their spring programs. When I went to boardroom, everyone was so excited talking about the programs they hold. Even though it was completely online, it was still a great example of how fun regional conference can be. It was great and I think everybody had a great time!

**Emily:** If you liked NPLC and if you liked giving a presentation or listening to all the different presentations about teamwork, leadership skills, and whatnot, definitely apply for SLC, the Spring Leadership Conference! It will probably be online but it is so much fun. You get to learn so much from different schools because we get to meet with every RHSA in the NEACURH region, the Northeast Region. So if you're interested, let me know!

Motion to Close Old Business: Gage

Second: Bliss

## **NEW BUSINESS 10:02 PM**

Motion to Open New Business: Ridgeview

Second: Gage

#### Condom Casino

**Logan**: This week is the week! It is the long awaited Condom Casino week. This Friday, November 19th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Come, we're going to be having all types of poker and

other card games. There are prizes available. Condom Casino is always a good time. You will see flyers in your folders. For how to put them up, and this is for all future RHSA events too, is you hand them to your RA and ask them while they do a round to put them up where they see fit. That's usually the RAs job, so do that when you get back to your hall. Also, we've had a lot of volunteers sign up already but we're always looking for more help in anything, whether it's set up or running the card games, so if you want to volunteer you can email us or you can submit the form which is linked here: <a href="https://bit.ly/CC21Volunteer">https://bit.ly/CC21Volunteer</a>. That's how you sign up to be a volunteer, and you can choose options of how long you volunteer for and whatnot. And if you volunteer you can get a special shirt that Madison is modelling for you all tonight! They are so cute, Saskia and I already have ours from last meeting.

**Emily:** We made a GroupMe for all the volunteers that signed up, so if y'all are interested in volunteering you will be added to the GroupMe as soon as you fill that out.

Gage: Did you find someone to facilitate poker?

**Emily:** We did, but we're always looking for more people if you wanted to sign up.

Gage: Not me, I just know someone who knows how.

**Emily:** Okay, if they're interested let us know. If not, totally understandable. But if you volunteer, you do get this awesome shirt. Any other questions for Condom Casino? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

#### AC Retreat

Saskia: As I mentioned last meeting, as a little end of the semester treat for you guys for being such good AC members, especially putting up with these special elections we're doing which we really appreciate, you guys are amazing and you deserve a treat. We're doing an AC Retreat at the end of the semester! That's going to be December 4th, a Saturday, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in SUB 100N. We are hosting Wii Sports in real life, so we are going to have actual Wii Sports going on as well as in-real-life versions of the sports as well as some crafts going on. It's just going to be a fun way to unwind at the end of the semester, and we'll talk more about that as it comes up. We really hope to see you guys there!

#### **Nominations**

**Emily**: Y'all have just experienced the mock election. We are doing the real election next week, so if you want to invite other hall gov members to represent your hall feel free to do that. We're going to be holding a special election for Vice President because we truly do need one- rough semester. It's a very vital position on the E-Board. It's only going to be for next semester so if you're interested in running for the executive board next year, definitely do that next semester, not this election. There are some requirements for running, such as having a 2.6 GPA as well as one year of hall government. We're going to open nominations and if you have someone who is running you have to nominate them by tonight and then they have to disperse their materials next week.

Motion to Open Nominations: Gage

Second: Scudder

**Emily**: To nominate someone, raise your placard, and once I call on you say "I move to nominate that person for that position", so for Vice President. I will ask for a second, after that, I

will ask the person if they accept or decline. No tabling because the nominations are due tonight. Are there any nominations for Vice President? If there are none, I will also take a motion to close nominations.

Motion to Close Nominations: Gage

Second: Bliss

**Emily:** We only have one candidate, Parker, and he will distribute his materials next week.

Motion to Close New Business: Scudder

Second: Ridgeview

# **UPCOMING EVENTS 10:08 PM**

• Condom Casino | Friday, November 19th | 7:00pm - 10:00pm | SUB 100N

AC Retreat | Saturday, December 4th | 1:00pm - 4:00pm | SUB 100N

## HALL CONCERNS 10:08 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.

**Logan:** This is recent. It was brought up but nothing has been done. Maybe I'm doing this a little too early, however, in Ridgeview the third floor study lounge door no longer fits the frame to close. I don't know how it happened. I think someone pulled on the door too hard a certain way and now it won't close and lock. It's not wood. I examined it and I really cannot figure out how it was done.

**Emily:** Did you tell your RAs?

Logan: Yes, and they also could not figure out what to do. I told the SRA, Brandon.

**Emily:** Do you know if it was brought to the RD's attention?

**Logan:** I would assume Fresia knows about it. However, I will double check on that. I just

thought that I would put that out there.

Ridgeview: Around when did you observe this?

Logan: Yesterday. Saturday night it could lock, but Sunday morning when I went to go write an

essay that's when I noticed it was broken.

**Emily:** Are there any more hall concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

# STUDENT CONCERNS 10:10 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 <a href="mailto:rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu">rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu</a>. Are there any student concerns?

**Scudder:** I don't know how it would be fixed, but the scholars' perch and glass building in general, whenever it rains, leaks in a lot of places. Especially in the seating area, the seats will soak with water.

Emily: I'll definitely look into that for you. I'm assuming it's everywhere, it's not just one place?

Scudder: Yeah, you'll see buckets walking around.

**Senate:** Is this in the Atrium?

Scudder: Yes.

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

## OPEN FLOOR 10:11 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?

**Gage:** Tonight on the Gage hall Instagram you will be seeing a QR code and a link where you can sign up to attend- Professor Meg Devlin is giving a presentation on Wednesday about the Indigenous people and the land the school was built on, the state of the Native American Studies department at SUNY New Paltz, what we need to do to improve it, and overall the need for Native American Studies nationally. She's taking the time out of her day. It's at 8:00 pm and she's admitting that that's past her bedtime. We just want to show our appreciation for her, and also it is Native American heritage month.

**Senate:** I don't know how widespread this information got, but statistics were put out that New Paltz had the highest voter turnout of all the SUNY schools in the state. On behalf of NYPIRG, thank you everyone for going and doing all that. We had, like, 70% voter turnout of registered voters which is fantastic.

**Emily:** Are there any other open floors? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

## PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:13 PM

**Emily**: I don't see my moose! Minnie has her. We'll see her next week.

# QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:13 PM

Saskia: "The greatest victory is that which has no battle." - Sensei Wu, Lego Ninjago

## **ADJOURNMENT 10:13 PM**

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Ridgeview

Second: Bliss

Next meeting will be in SUB409!





