

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 11/8/21

Location: SUB409

CALL TO ORDER 9:04 PM

Emily: Hey everyone! I'm going to call the meeting to order, and we're going to go ahead with the mystery activity!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:04 PM

Emily: For this mystery activity, you're going to line up in order of birth date but y'all cannot talk. Good luck!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:08 PM

Saskia: Hi 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	2	0	1	0	Preparing for a program on Wednesday at 7 pm.
Bliss	2	2	0	0	Thank you guys for NPLC, it was super fun!
Awosting/ Bouton	0	0	0	0	None.
Capen	0	0	0	0	None.
College-Shango	1	0	0	0	First event was held on October 27th, it was a Halloween event and went perfectly!
Esopus	0	0	0	0	None.
Gage	2	2	0	0	Holding a program on the 17th, and another on December 1st.
Lenape	2	2	0	0	No upcoming events, Nightmare Before Christmas event went really well and had high attendance!
Minnewaska	3	0	0	0	Holding an event tomorrow evening at 8 pm to write letters to veterans.
Mohonk	0	0	0	0	None.

Ridgeview	2	1	0	0	Nothing to report.
Scudder	0	0	0	0	None.
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	None.

SENATE 9:10 PM

Chet: First on my report, I have a guest speaker. Jordan, did you want to talk about our initiative for the end of the semester?

Jordan: I have a couple announcements from the Student Association. I'm the Student Association president. The first thing I want to talk about is testing: as you know, every 5 weeks this year we have to do mandatory testing. First and foremost, if you guys have been missing any sorts of tests so far you'll be kind of okay, and I say kind of very willingly. The only reason why it's kind of okay is because so far this semester Stephanie Blaisdell and I have noticed that a lot of students, ever since we made the transition from Hawkmail to Outlook, don't get all of our emails. Earlier today, myself and the IT department fixed everyone's Outlooks. Before, there used to be two categories, 'Focused' and 'Other'. Unfortunately, all of our emails were going to the 'Other' category so you guys weren't even getting the notification. We saw that flaw and decided it's best not to penalize a whole bunch of students because it's like 75% of the campus, believe it or not, and it's not great to penalize students just because they weren't made aware. That being said, it is your responsibility to now be aware of when it's your turn to get tested. If you don't know that, you can come see me after the meeting and I can get you accommodated for it. That's announcement number one. Number two is: how many people were here last fall? If you were aware, we did a thing called 'testing before you go'. This time around it's not mandatory if it's not your week, but if you want to test before you leave or after you get back these are all the dates you can sign up for. I'll give you guys copies next week. As of right now I'm not allowed to give it out because it may change after this meeting. The last thing I have to announce is: have you guys been made aware that we have a new Director of Intercultural Affairs? His name is Dr. Edward Lawson. He's in SUB 211 and he would love to meet all of you. If you guys have any problems regarding intercultural affairs, please go see him and have a conversation. He's willing to meet all of you. That's all from me.

Chet: Thank you, Jordan. For Senate report, a couple things have changed in the Senate. First of all, due to a set of overwhelming circumstances I have been appointed to become the new Senate chair for the New Paltz Student Association. I'll still be coming to these meetings until we appoint a new RHSA rep to keep that communication going. We're also going to start having meetings- our first meeting is going to be this Friday at 3:30 in room 414. If you're interested in coming, maybe becoming a Senator for your hall, or just seeing how the Senate works, feel free to come by. We'd love to see you there! The Senate is going to be tabling for the next 3 days in the SUB outside SUB 100N. I forget the exact times off the top of my head, but if you see us out there say hi! We have these questionnaires to fill out so you can tell us about your concerns around campus or things we can do to communicate with the student body better. Our senators will also be willing to talk to you about what it's like to be a Senator and what you might need to do to join the Senate or work with our initiatives in the future. Does anyone have any questions for me? Thank you very much.

Emily: Thank you, Jordan and Chet! With the testing schedule, I'm sure we're going to have that on our Instagram once that information is released, if y'all have any questions.

Jordan: I'll send a PDF to you guys at the RHSA account when I get it.

Emily: Awesome, thank you.

NRHH 9:14 PM

Eric: I'm very happy to announce that we currently have the dates and times for all of our general interest meetings for the semester. If anybody is interested in applying to NRHH, you can either give me your email at any point between now and November 21st, or you can go to one of the GI meetings and we'll give you the information. Those will be November 9th at 7:00pm in Ridgeview, November 12th at 6:00pm in Gage, Monday, November 15th at 4:00pm in Ashokan, and the last one will be Wednesday, November 17th at 1:00pm in College Hall. If anybody is interested in getting information or just stopping by, we'll be running those general interest meetings and you're more than welcome to come!

Emily: I'm hosting the one that's in Collango by the way, so if y'all have never experienced Collango it's definitely a ride.

OLD BUSINESS 9:15 PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Bliss
Second: Minnewaska

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! That said, at an AC Meeting is perfectly fine too. There is a link to the PUP Sheet you can fill out (<https://tinyurl.com/PUPSheet>) in the minutes. Bring in your PUP Sheets please!

Emily: At the last meeting we said that [the submission deadline] was until the end of the semester. For our sake, because we do have to process all of them, every program you've had [before] now you can hand in a PUP sheet until the end of the semester, but from now on hopefully hand it in within two weeks. Thank you so much.

Historian

Allison: This is another reminder that we have our brand new Facebook up and running! It is facebook.com/snprhsa. I will be posting all the minutes there as soon as they're up. I will post all the photos. I haven't gotten the photos from Halloween in the Halls or NPLC up but those should be up pretty soon so you can see all the lovely photos that you guys posed for. I hope to be doing social media challenges on our Facebook. Speaking of, I'd like to announce our winners from the riddle in the minutes! We usually do a Moose Clap. We have one winner and it is Minnewaska hall! *Moose Clap* For the riddle in the minutes, I'll let Saskia talk about that, but we have three winners. Only Minnewaska participated, so I hope to see you guys participating next week. That's all from me and the Facebook.

Secretary

Saskia: Jumping right off of that, the riddle in the minutes, I don't know if you guys saw, but we did it for the first time this semester for the last meeting we had before the break. We're going to put a riddle in the minutes, hidden somewhere, every single meeting from now on and if you then go, read through the minutes, and find that, you can submit the answer on our Facebook. Allison will collect those and the top three halls, the first three halls to submit a correct answer, will get GFPs. We only had one winner this week, but if you guys are interested in earning more GFPs for your hall you can do that and hopefully be in the top three! That being said, the question from the last minutes was "What are (at least) two places you can find our weekly AC Minutes?", which is very applicable because this is where you can find the riddle if you're looking for it. The answer is: On our website, on our Facebook, and in the email blast! If you guys aren't in the email blast, you can contact me and I can get your email added to the list. That's all the places the minutes live, and the riddle is in there if you guys want to do it this week.

NPLC

Allison: Hey again! We just wanted to thank everybody for coming out to NPLC. We loved your presentations; you guys blew it out of the water and we were so impressed. Thank you all for coming, we know it was a long day but you guys stuck it through. We loved seeing you guys at banquet; you all looked stunning! Again, thank you all for coming and we hope you enjoyed it. Emily: Give yourselves a round of applause! Y'all did so great!

Motion to Close Old Business: Gage
Second: Lenape

NEW BUSINESS 9:19 PM

Motion to Open New Business: Gage
Second: Ridgeview

Condom Casino

Logan: Next Friday, November 19th, Condom Casino is happening in SUB100N from 7:00pm to 10:00pm! It's super fun, you can win a bunch of prizes. We have a bunch of card games set up from your standard poker games to Uno, so we have a wide variety of games for you all to play. You can win condoms and a lot of fun prizes. We are still booking for people to volunteer to set up and people to run the specific poker games because that takes an actual dealer that none of us are trained for. To sign up to volunteer, it's bit.ly/CC21Volunteer. As another incentive, anyone that volunteers gets one of these shirts that Saskia and I are wearing!

Emily: Do y'all want to stand up and show them the shirts?

Logan: These are different from our typical RHSA shirts because usually the design is on the back. These ones are special, the design is in the front, so if you want them come help us and volunteer! It's super fun, and Condom Casino is a really good time.

Emily: Are there any questions, comments, or concerns with Condom Casino?

Lenape: It's on Friday?

Logan: Yes, Friday night from 7:00 to 10:00 in SUB 100N.

Lenape: If you signed up to volunteer, when would you be contacted about it?

Emily: Probably the week before with more details.

Logan: So next week.

Emily: Any more questions, comments, concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

AC Retreat

Saskia: Coming up toward the end of the semester, we have a little treat for you guys for working so hard as AC members. I don't know if any of you guys have attended before, but we do have an AC Retreat coming up. This [semester] our AC Retreat is going to be Saturday, December 4th, so plan accordingly because you're all going to want to be there. It's going to be from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in SUB 100N and it's going to be Wii Sports Resort themed. We're going to be doing Wii Sports in real life. It's still a while out, so maybe we'll reveal more as we move towards it in terms of events and stuff, but we're going to have games, some video games going on, crafts, food, and it's just going to be a really big fun event towards the end of the semester to celebrate all the hard work you guys have put in! We really hope to see you there.

Logan: It's AC exclusive.

Emily: It's not Sodexo food, so y'all get hyped for it!

Lenape: It's Saturday, December 4th and what time is it?

Saskia: 1:00 to 4:00.

Nominations

Emily: We're going to be holding a special election since we have vacant positions on our Executive Board. The position we're holding nominations for is Vice President, a very vital position on the E-Board that we were struggling to keep up with. This position is only going to be for next semester so if you're interested in running for the executive board next year, stay tuned next semester because that's when those elections are going to happen. There are some requirements for running, such as having a 2.6 GPA as well as one year of hall government.

Motion to Open Nominations: Gage

Second: Minnewaska

Emily: To nominate someone, raise your placard, say "I move to nominate that person for that position." I will ask for a second, after that, I will ask the person if they accept, table, or decline. Accepting means you want to run for that position, tabling means you want to table and decide next week or the week after, and decline means you don't want to run for that position. *What is the name of the regional conference RHSA is affiliated with?* We're going to start Vice President nominations. Are there any nominations y'all want to make?

Ridgeview: We nominate Parker Alber for Vice President.

Bliss: Second

Emily: Do you accept, table, or decline?

Parker: Accept.

Emily: Are there any more nominations for VP? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none. We're going to be hosting nominations next week as well, so if you have anyone in your hall government you think is a good fit and then want to nominate them at that meeting feel free to do so.

Motion to Table Nominations: Minnewaska
Second: Bliss

Motion to Close New Business: Gage
Second: Bliss

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:25 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 9:26 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 9:26 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@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu.

Gage: Myself and a few other students have been billed for the Covid tests, and it's upwards of \$120 for one test. They're free across the state and they take our insurance also, so it's very confusing. Enzo labs are extremely hard to communicate with and get a hold of.

Emily: Was your insurance billed or was it billed through your student account?

Gage: It happened to me too. I finally got the combo to my mailbox and it was in there. It said "You have a month to do this" and it's been in there for a month. It was \$149 for just my September test even though I've had like three tests since then, since I'm paranoid. I wasn't billed for those and I know my insurance was put in correctly. Maybe it wasn't registered exactly by that point.

Gage: It's hard to tell why some people have been receiving them and others have not.

Gage: I logged into Enzo to see if I could figure it out and I couldn't see.

Ridgeview: This has happened to me like a thousand times over this year and last year. If you guys call your insurance, usually that fixes it. Don't waste your time with Enzo.

Gage: Our second concern was, and we don't want to step on any toes by saying this and I know the Black Student Union is trying to gather information and draft a statement about it, but none of us know what's going on with Shango and would like some clarification on that.

Jordan: As president, I sit on this thing called the college council and recently I had a college council meeting about College and Shango Hall exactly. As of this current moment, we decided not to make any movements forward based on my judgement. What they're trying to do is 1. Either make it a completely academic hall altogether or 2. Completely renovate it. In the coming weeks you will be seeing an email from myself or my vice president asking whether you prefer it to be a residential hall or an academic hall. We're also very much aware of the concerns about the murals that are existing in College and Shango Hall and the representation that has to the

Black Student Union, the Black Studies department, and many BIPOC people on this campus. I hope that answers your question.

Gage: When the choice between the two comes out, how much information could we get on “if this happens, this is going to be done to the murals”?

Jordan: I will personally be sending everyone an email about that.

Emily: Are there any other student concerns?

Lenape: Thank you, because they finally turned on the heat in the Lecture Center classrooms.

Emily: I’m glad! But now Humanities is burning up, so that’s another concern we have.

Minnewaska: The library should be open a little later than 9:00. I know it used to be open until 12:00 or so.

Allison: I actually work at the library. Unfortunately, the reason we’re not able to be open any later any day besides Thursday is because the library is looking for someone who is certified- I don’t know if it’s a librarian or what the technical position is, but it’s a test they have to take with the state to be certified. The library is looking for somebody to hopefully do that and make it open more. They’ve been trying.

Emily: Are there any other student concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR 9:31 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: Given that November is Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month, on November 17th we’re hosting a virtual event with Professor Meg Devlin and they’re going to be speaking to us about whose land we’re on and the state of the Native American Studies department at New Paltz, and the need for a Native American Studies program everywhere. We’re going to be advertising it next week but we just wanted to put it in your brains beforehand. It’s going to be November 17th from 8:00 to 9:00pm on Webex.

Lenape: I’m going to be having a screening of Do The Right Thing this Wednesday at 8:00pm in Lenape hall. Feel free to come! Then the following day I’ll have a ‘try not to laugh challenge’ called the Chuckle Challenge, so the last person to be unbroken will get a free meal from myself. I might even cook it for you.

Minnewaska: Tomorrow night we have the gratitude writing program for veterans. That’s going to be at 8:00 in the Minnewaska hall lounge. We’re going to write letters and then drop them off for veterans for Veterans Day.

Lenape: I didn’t say the time for my event on Thursday. It’s 7:30.

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

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:32 PM

Emily: I saw my moose! Ridgeview, what did you put on her?

Ridgeview: My hall gov gave her a candy bag for Halloween. And we decided Molly didn’t look very spooky for Halloween, so I gave her a knife.

Emily: Who do you want to pass her to?

Ridgeview: Minnewaska.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:33 PM

Logan: “Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved.” - Winnie the Pooh

ADJOURNMENT 9:34 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Gage

Second: Lenape

Next meeting will be in SUB409!

