

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 1/31/22

Location: SUB409

CALL TO ORDER 9:06 PM

Emily: Welcome back! I hope y'all had a cool and restful break, but now we're back in classes so I hope y'all are doing okay.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:06 PM

Emily: Freeze Dance! I'm going to play a song so you guys can dance to it, and then when I stop the music you stop!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:09 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	3	0	0	0	Planning something big we want to talk to RHSA about, nothing previously planned.
Bliss	1	1	0	0	First meeting of the semester on Wednesday!
Bouton	0	0	0	0	None.
Capen	4	0	0	0	No updates.
College-Shango	2	0	0	0	GI meeting this Wednesday at 8pm.
Esopus	0	0	0	0	None.
Gage	3	1	0	0	GI meeting sometime this week.
Lenape	2	2	0	0	GI meeting on Wednesday, elections next Tuesday.
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	None.
Mohonk	3	0	0	0	General meetings on Wednesdays.
Ridgeview	1	0	0	0	Looking for new members for hall gov!

Scudder	3	0	0	0	GI meeting held last Wednesday, and elections this Wednesday at 9pm.
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	None.

SENATE 9:11 PM

Chet: Hello everyone! For anyone who's new, my name is Chet and I am the Senate chair for the Student Association Senate. I'm also acting as the liaison from the Senate to RHSA, so I get to spend Monday nights with all you wonderful people! I have a few things to talk about today. Our first Senate meeting is going to be this Wednesday at 5pm in room 401. If you are interested in seeing how the Senate works or even in joining the Senate, I highly suggest you come. We're going to be having meetings every Wednesday this semester, usually in room 6263, and they're always going to be 5pm on Wednesdays. If you're interested in joining Senate, want to see how we work, or are actually in Senate, come on by! Next Thursday, February 10th, there's going to be a 'meet the candidates' forum for the District 103 state assemblyperson primary. We're going to have some people who are running for state assembly here in the SUB in the Multi Purpose Room next Thursday at 8pm. We're going to be talking to them to learn their issues and how they can help the student body, so if you want to learn more about what's going on politically in the area I highly suggest you come by. I'll be moderating the forum, so you can come by to see me if you want to. Finally- and this is a ways off but I want to bring it up early- this semester we are doing a higher education advocacy week, which is a few days where we hop on virtual lobbying meetings with state assembly members and senators where we speak to them about all the issues with public higher education and how they need to fix it. If you're interested in adding your voice, or just your Zoom window, to that conversation, it would be great to have you. We are collecting people for that every week at the farmer's market, either on the concourse or in the lobby of the Lecture Center. I'll also bring sign up sheets next week to this meeting. If anyone has any questions, I'll be around at the end of the meeting. Thank you very much.

NRHH 9:14 PM

Eric: It's very nice to see everybody again. For anybody who's interested, we're still having people join NRHH so if you want you can give me your email and I'll send you one for this week. We have our first meeting next week, so we're excited to start rolling out for the rest of the semester.

OLD BUSINESS 9:15 PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Collango
Second: Lenape

Meet the Smaller E-Board

Emily: Over the break, two of our Executive Board members, Ethan and Logan, stepped down from their positions to focus on their academics. Although we will miss them and their presence during our meetings and events, we understand how demanding academics can be. This is a good reminder that we all are people first, then students, and then whatever position you may hold in

extracurriculars or jobs or whatnot. With that being said, please make sure you're taking time for yourself to recharge and recuperate because you deserve it.

With that, we are going to reintroduce ourselves to y'all just in case you forgot us over the break!

Allison: Hi, I'm Allison! I use she/her pronouns. I'm a communication disorders major. I'm the historian for RHSA. A brief description of that is that I run our website and all of our social media, so if you're contacting us on Remind, Instagram, or Facebook, those get sent straight to me. I also record the history for RHSA, which is mainly pictures. If you see me at events, I'm usually the one running around with a camera. If you want your picture taken, feel free to chase me down because I'd love to do it! My office hours are Tuesday's from 2pm-5pm.

Madison: Hi everybody, I'm Madison! My pronouns are she/her. I am a visual arts major and anthropology minor. I'm Public Relations so I do the design and advertising aspects, and the placards, of which we'll be getting more soon. My office hours are Thursday's from 12:30pm - 3:30pm.

Saskia: Hi everybody, I'm Saskia! My pronouns are she/her/hers. I am a music performance major and a linguistics minor. I'm the Secretary of RHSA, which means that at these meetings I sit here and take minutes and then every Wednesday I send out these minutes and other information you guys are going to need in our weekly email blast. So if you're getting emails from us a lot of those are going to be from me, and if you want to be part of the email blast and you're not you should come up to me after the meeting and I'll add you to the email list so you can get emails from me with the minutes every week when they come out. My office hours are Wednesday's from 11am - 2pm.

Parker: Hello, I'm Parker! My pronouns are he/him/his. I am a visual arts major with a minor in deaf studies. I am the Vice President of RHSA, which is responsible for fusing, which is booking programs, coordinating different programs, and taking the place of our lovely President should the need arise. I am also covering a lot of the treasurer duties, so I'm also in charge of a lot of the finances and the care package program. Are we doing that this semester?

Emily: OCM, yeah!

Parker: My office hours are Wednesday's from 2pm - 5pm.

Emily: Finally it's me, Emily! My pronouns are she/they. My major is sociology with a minor in business. I'm the President of RHSA, so that means I oversee all the duties and tasks everyone has and make sure they're on top of it, as well as advocate for students with administration. My office hours are Monday's from 2pm - 5pm.

Committee Corner

Emily: We're going into Committee Corner, which is some committees you can join if you're interested in these topics!

Madison: I have Advertising Committee on Fridays from 4pm - 5pm. If you guys have any outstanding love for advertising, if you want to help advertise what we do and help with things like making posters, that's what my committee is for. We were having a low turnout with committees last semester so if you have any interest you should definitely come down!

Emily: Advocacy Committee is going to be held Tuesdays 10am - 11am in the RHSA Office. All the committees are in the RHSA office [Capen B16]. I'll help you with any concerns you might have and what routes you can take with administration, how to report it and how to get it fixed. It also includes Safety Committee, so if you have any safety concerns you can voice those to me at that time.

Parker: I'm going to be holding Programming Committee on Thursdays from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. If you want to have any input in our programs, or want to see how they happen and how to plan programs, you can come down to that. If you're interested in student leadership positions on campus, like replacing one of us next year or applying to be an RA, it could be great to do programming committee because a lot of those things involve programming and this is an early introduction to what programming is on campus.

Allison: Yearbook Committee is the only committee that doesn't run all throughout the year. It's held every spring. As Historian, I make a yearbook for RHSA, our time, the events we put on, and the events you put on. That's going to be held Fridays from 3pm - 4pm. I'm going to be asking throughout the semester for any photos from any events you do with your hall gov. I would love them because we do a page for every single hall gov, but on top of that I would love to see you guys there and would love your help working on the yearbook. It could be a great experience and if you're interested in replacing me specifically, it's a good learning experience for Historian. I'd love to see you guys there if you're willing to help out.

Historian

Allison: I'm going to talk a bit about our Facebook & social media challenges. Like I say all the time, we do have a Facebook- facebook.com/snprhsa. There I post the minutes as soon as they're posted, so if you want to know when the minutes are posted follow us on Facebook and you'll see it right there, as well as all of the photos from all of our previous events. I apologize there's been some backlog in photos because of some technical things with the photos themselves, but those will be getting up soon I promise. Also social media challenges, I'm hoping to start some of those up both on the Facebook and on our Instagram as well, so you can follow us @nprhsa on Instagram.

Secretary

Saskia: In conjunction with that, some of you might remember from last semester we do a riddle in the minutes every week. We got it started kind of late last semester but now we're starting it up for the first meeting. These minutes I'm doing right now are going to have a riddle in them, so when those go out in our email blast, on our website, and on our Facebook, you can read them, find the riddle, and answer the question and if you send the answer into our Facebook- and we have instructions on how to send that it- you can earn GFPs for your hall which contributes toward Hall of the Semester! We'll keep track of all of those, and then at the next meeting I'm going to read the answer to the riddle. So if you guys are interested, look for that and maybe win some GFPs!

President

Emily: Hey y'all! In your folders you can find your hall's constitution! They used to be customized for each hall throughout the years but because of transweing websites it crashed and a lot of them didn't make it through. This is a bare bones constitution that you can customize! It has information on how you can amend it, positional duties of Hall Gov members, what to do if a position is vacant, and voting procedures. Are there any questions about your hall's constitution? You can take it to your hall and leave it in your office. I also emailed it to your liaisons as well as RD so if you need a virtual copy they can also send that to you. Any questions?

Allison: These will also be going up on the website. There's a space where they're all located. I apologize, like Emily said, a lot of them did get lost in the transition so those links haven't worked in a while, but they will be going up so if you need them digitally you can go to our website under the 'Hall Government' tab and you'll find them there as well.

Motion to Close Old Business: Bliss

Second: Ridgeview

NEW BUSINESS 9:24 PM

Motion to Open New Business: Gage

Second: Capen

Diversity Event ideas

Allison: Every year RHSA hosts a diversity event to celebrate diversity. It's been a while since we had one but we're very excited to get back into it. It's not going to be for a bit, but the reason we bring it up now is because we would like to hear from you guys! If there are any comments, suggestions, or ideas you would like to give us about a diversity event, something you'd like to see or if you're involved in a club or organization that might like to be involved in an event with us, before we make concrete plans, we want to reach out to you guys to hear if you have any ideas because we love to hear from our AC. *Name the one RHSA committee which is only held during the spring semester.* If you have any ideas, feel free to reach out to us at rhsa@newpaltz.edu.

Emily: That's our new email, because we don't have hawkmail anymore. We had to transfer over, so it's @newpaltz.edu.

Dorsky Buzz

Saskia: We are so excited to announce that our first Buzz event of the semester is going to be Night at the Dorsky Museum! That is going to be Friday, February 18th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm and it's going to be in the Dorsky Museum. I don't know if a lot of you have had the chance to go in there and check it out, but it's a great museum and a great resource we have on campus so we're really excited to work with them and host an event there on campus. We're going to have things like a scavenger hunt going on and the shirts are Night at the Museum themed. I don't know if you guys are big fans of that movie but I am. It's going to be a great time and you'll hear more details about it as we get closer.

SLC

Emily: For those of you who did not hear about our conferences that we go to, we go to regional and national conferences. Our regional conference is coming up, the Spring Leadership Conference. It's going to take place right by spring break, but it's a great opportunity if you want to learn more leadership skills and connect with more people. It's basically connecting with RHSAs regionally and it's awesome. It's rock show themed this year! If you're interested, we'll send out the application in the email blast.

Coffee House

Parker: Our Coffee House program is going to be Wednesday, March 2nd from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. There will be performances, and also what we're calling a blind date with a book section so we're going to have a section outside with books. There will also be various treats and goodies for refreshments. If you're interested in performing please see me after the meeting and we'll take down your interest!

Election Schedule:

Emily: We are getting into election season! Next week is going to be silly elections to reintroduce the election process and this is when the President election materials are due. We have a very cool silly election coming up so you don't want to miss that. The week after that on February 14th is the President election and the NCC materials are due. Then it goes in the order of succession- so VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and so on. Overall, elections will occur every week and the election materials are due the week prior to that position's election. Dates for all these elections as well as when these materials are due can be found on our website. If you go under the resources tab, you can find all the election information there. If you're interested in running you can also see the applications on there as well. During elections, only two people per hall can vote and you must have at least one person per hall represented, but if you have extra people that's fine, they can just enjoy the election. Office hours are extended to three hours so you guys should utilize them, and if you have any questions about different positions please ask us because we don't bite! With that, we're going to open nominations for any position on our executive board.

Motion to Open Nominations: Mohonk

Second: Capen

Emily: First off we're going to go through who was nominated last semester at our last meeting. Is Ryan Jones here? I don't see them. That was the only person nominated. If you have any nominations for our executive board next year, you can raise your placard and say "I nominate this person".

Allison: Nominations are also not locking you into place. If you're nominated you can table up until those election materials are due. You can also decline. You're not committed to it. And like Emily said, we're going to be there for office hours so if you have interest in any of our positions either here or during our office hours. We'd love to answer your questions.

Gage: Can you review what the qualifications are for someone we would nominate, like how long they would have been here?

Emily: I believe it's a semester of hall gov, or a year?

Allison: It's a semester of hall gov and you have to have a 2.6 GPA. Those are the most general restrictions. The only position that has an actual restriction is President because you have to have served on the RHSA EBoard before.

Capen: We nominate Sion for Vice President.

Lenape: Second.

Sion: I table.

Ashokan: We nominate Sophia Root for Secretary.

Gage: Second.

Sophia: I table.

Emily: Also, if no one runs for President from our EBoard then it opens up to the AC so that is something to keep in mind.

Lenape: Nominate Abby for Public Relations.

Ashokan: Second.

Abby: I table.

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

Motion to Table Nominations: Lenape.

Second: Gage.

Motion to Close New Business: Mohonk

Second: Lenape

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:33 PM

- Night at the Dorsky Museum Buzz | Friday, February 18th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm | Dorsky Museum
- Coffee House | Wednesday, March 2nd from 6:30pm - 8:00pm | SUB100N

HALL CONCERNS 9:33 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 9:33 PM

Emily: If you have general concerns for things going on campus-wide (something's broken, wrong, administrative concerns, faculty concerns), this is your moment to tell us so we can relay the information to the administration. However, if you have any food concerns (type, quality, price, location), we will not hear them at this point but you can email us at rhsa@newpaltz.edu.

Gage: I've been noticing a lot of campus is inaccessible for people who need mobility aids or are wheelchair users. Namely one of the things I have noticed is that there is a handicap door button outside of the Coykendall Science Building but it's up a flight of stairs. I don't know how someone in a wheelchair would access that. Also, some of the stones outside of the Sojourner Truth Library are uneven and coming so anyone using a cane or walker or anything similar wouldn't be able to access it. I wanted to bring this up, but also if you the AC members can look for other places on campus that are inaccessible so we can compile a list I think that might be good.

Emily: It's amazing you're trying to get the AC involved as well because we really do need those specific locations so we can get things fixed.

Parker: Can I ask a clarifying question? Which side of Coykendall Science Building? Near Wooster?

Gage: Near the academic concourse. There are stairs. There is a wheelchair lift there and everything, but not outside.

Lenape: I have a question. Right inside isn't there a wheelchair elevator? And it would come from the other side.

Emily: Yes, but there's not one toward the academic side if you're coming from there.

Lenape: But there is the door right next to it and then you can take the elevator up. It's kind of annoying.

Parker: But were you talking about the exterior door?

Gage: If you're in the academic concourse and you've just exited the Lecture Center, if you're a wheelchair user you would have to go around Wooster and up the ramp between the engineering buildings to get into Coykendall.

Lenape: There's a door to the right that is a little bit hidden but there are no stairs and there's an elevator down there.

Emily: Still, the one about the library is very true. That has been a problem since my first year. I will definitely see what they can do to fix that.

Ridgeview: I wanted to extend off of what you were saying. As a student ambassador, I'm sure the other student ambassadors in the room can agree with me. Yesterday we did an overview of the accessible tours, so tours for individuals that need those routes, and I noticed a whole bunch of beautiful areas people are otherwise able to visit that are closed off to those individuals. I believe that this is an issue which must be addressed.

Parker: To go off of Sion's point, we also noticed yesterday that a lot of the only accessible walkways were not shoveled or there was a big patch of snow blocking the walkway that someone in a wheelchair would not be able to get over.

Emily: I'll definitely contact facilities about shovelling, but I think the one in front of the library is a bigger issue where they have to repave everything so I'll see where that goes for now. Any other accessibility concerns right now? Seeing none. Any other student concerns in general? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR 9:37 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?

Lenape: I'm collaborating with the Black Studies department, the Black Lives Matter at School, and the New Paltz Student Association. We're doing a black history month film series starting this Wednesday and going on through the month of February every Wednesday. Our first film is School Days, and then we'll have Do The Right Thing, To Serve with Love, and Moonlight. We'll have refreshments starting at 6:45 and then at 7:00 we'll start the movie in Lecture Center 100. I wanted to announce that and then also, I don't know how many halls are here, but I would also like to give a flyer to each hall. They're stamped for approval so we're ready to get this started. Each AC Rep, if you could just raise your hand.

Parker: Like Sion mentioned, we're student ambassadors- Sion, me, Saskia, and Jaden. If you want to be like us and want to give tours on campus, we are accepting applications for next semester. The application is most likely going to be posted on Wednesday, so if you want to know when it goes up you can follow @newpaltzambassadors on Instagram and we're going to be posting it. If you have any questions about hiring you can come talk to me because I'm the one running the hiring for admissions this semester. Please do tours, it's so much fun!

Allison: Bouncing off of the posters going out, something that you may not know if you know is that because we have these folders, if you have an organization that is holding an event you would like us to advertise and you have posters for them, as long as they are already preapproved by SA and have those stamps on them and you bring two for each hall we will put those in the folders that go out and we then ask those halls to put the posters up to advertise. If that's ever

something you were interested in doing, feel free. You're welcome as long as they are SA approved. Just drop them off at our office hours or before our meeting and we'll get those in the folders.

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

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:40 PM

Emily: I saw my moose today! Scudder, what did you put on Molly?

Scudder: We gave her a glowstick!

Emily: Amazing! We're going to pass her back to the EBoard so she can recuperate with us because we haven't seen her in a while. We will give her back next meeting so you'll see who gets her next.

PASS THE MOOSE!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:41 PM

Allison: "Never underestimate the value of being just who you are. Life isn't about being extreme all the time." - Animal Crossing

ADJOURNMENT 9:41 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Mohonk

Second: Lenape

Next meeting will be in SUB409!



When u late for work in the winter...





L. Rhodes
@upstreamism

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The reason everyone is talking about sea shanties is that it is currently 1846, you're aboard the HMS Erebus, the tinned food has spoiled, and you've hallucinated the last 175 years.

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