

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 4/18/22

Location: SUB409

CALL TO ORDER 9:09 PM

**Emily:** Hey y'all! I'm going to call this meeting to order!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:09 PM

**Emily:** You've all probably heard of Wordle. For today's mystery activity, we're going to play Heardle! Try and guess the song as quickly as you can.

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:12 PM

**Saskia:** Hi everyone! 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	2	0	0	Finished our Easter bunny hunt, and it was a success!
Bliss	2	2	0	0	Meeting with Mohonk on Wednesday to plan an event, and trying to plan a Parker Quad cleanup for Earth Day.
Bouton	2	0	0	0	Tie dyeing event coming up which will be held outside.
Capen	3	0	0	0	Scagen block party NPAD coming up on Saturday at 8:30 in the MPR.
College-Shango	1	0	0	0	Working hard planning the rest of the semester's events.
Esopus	2	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Gage	1	1	0	0	Easter Egg hunt happened yesterday, and friendship bracelet making program with hall gov liaisons being held tomorrow.
Lenape	2	2	0	0	Brought an Easter basket for EBoard!
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	None.
Mohonk	1	0	0	0	Nothing to report.

Ridgeview	2	2	0	0	Having a Mario Kart tournament on Wednesday at 7pm with the signup QR code and all other details on @ridgeviewhallgov on Instagram, also planning another special upcoming event.
Scudder	1	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Shawangunk	2	0	0	0	Easter egg hunt held last week, Earth Day event this Wednesday with seed planting and a clothing swap, and formal in the main lounge on Saturday.

SENATE 9:17 PM

**Chet:** This Wednesday from 11am to 2pm, there is going to be an event called Better Together: Climate Can't Wait with a bunch of clubs in Hasbrouck Park outside of Van Den Berg. There is going to be trivia, the chance to plant some flowers, a group doing yoga, and at 12pm there is going to be a rally for climate activists who are riding bikes from New York City to Albany. We're one of the stops along their way so at 12pm we're going to have a rally for them as well as some speakers. If you're free from 11 to 2, come on by because there will be stuff for you to do at any point during that time!

NRHH 9:18 PM

**Eric:** We will be having rolling applications until midnight on April 21st, which is very soon. Our banquet on May 1st, where we will be inducting all the new members. On April 23rd, we're having the campus-wide cleanup day. That is a Saturday, and NRHH will be participating. Signups already went out for that so if anyone is interested in participating in that you can do that. We check in until noon on Saturday. It's very exciting and I hope to see everyone there!

OLD BUSINESS 9:19 PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Lenape  
Second: Bliss

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner

**Allison:** I'm going to announce the winner of our riddle in the minutes. In first place we had Gage!

Secretary

**Saskia:** The riddle in our last AC meeting minutes was "What is the phrase PresCab shortened from?" The answer to that riddle, which can be found on our website, is President's Cabinet Meeting! That's something some members of the RHSA EBoard attend every time it happens, which is a very exciting opportunity. Stay tuned for next week's riddle as well!

Historian

**Allison:** Reminder that I'm in the process of constructing the yearbook so I'm going to need pictures from all of your halls. I'm going to start finalizing the yearbook soon, so if you have pictures from your hall govs please send them to me so I can make your pages otherwise I won't have anything for your pages.

Historian

**Allison:** I'm officially closing yearbook superlatives QR code, so if you have not filled that out but would like to I believe we have it in previous minutes and the email blast. If you need it, you can also come to me at the end of the meeting and I will get it to you. You still have some time, so if you have not participated you can go do so.

Historian

**Allison:** This is your reminder that PUP sheets due May 3rd at my office hours. I cannot accept them any later because I have to do the final GFP tally. Please don't break my heart and give them to me after May 3rd because I cannot accept them.

Motion to Close Old Business: Gage

Second: Capen

NEW BUSINESS 9:22 PM

Motion to Open New Business: Bliss

Second: Esopus

Hollywood

**Allison:** As you all know, your Hollywood sheets were due this last Monday, so hopefully you got those in. We have a lot of fun ideas that we're very excited to see. Here is your reminder that your videos are going to be due April 25th, which is next Monday. You'll need to email us a copy of your video by April 25th so we can view them and then we will watch them on May 2nd, the next AC Meeting. Then we get to vote on them, which is super fun. The Hollywood packet can be found in the email blast or at this link: <https://bit.ly/Hollywood22>

Photo Buzz

**Saskia:** Our next Buzz event is going to be this Friday, April 22nd, and it will be Photo Buzz! That is going to be from 7:30pm - 9:00pm on the fourth floor of the SUB, specifically rooms 401, 402, & 408. You'll just meet us up here where we'll have a bunch of cool photo sets going on where we can take pictures of you, as well as an area for professional headshots. I think we're going to have over 10 different themes going on you can take pictures with, so stop by, take some photos, and have fun!

Food Concerns Forum

**Parker:** This Wednesday, April 20th from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the SUB MPR we're going to have a food concerns forum which was the brainchild of and is cosponsored by SA. If you have any concerns about campus food, even if you've brought it to us, we do encourage you to come

to this forum and bring it up again because we will have Michael Cavalieri, who is one of the directors for Sodexo. Chet, do you know his official title?

**Chet:** He is the general manager of Sodexo on campus.

**Parker:** He will be at the forum to hear all of your concerns. We will also have a way for you to submit your concerns anonymously so you don't have to worry about being in the spotlight with your concerns. Tell your friends, because it is important to make change on campus.

10 minute break | 9:24 pm

Election | 9:35 pm

**Emily:** We will now begin the Treasurer elections! Just a reminder that if you leave the room, you cannot reenter and there is to be no verbal communication in this room and no technology. We will have an E-Board member keeping an eye out and if they catch you with technology, they will ask you to leave.

If you are running for Treasurer, please stand! We are going to ask Mazee to leave the room and we will invite you back in for your speech.

**Parker:** The roles of Treasurer include:

- A. Responsible for maintaining accurate documentation of the current RHSA budget;
- B. Pays all approved expenses by following the procedure for Disbursing Orders (D.O.'s); (D.O.'s must be handed in within two weeks or expense will be denied reimbursement)
- C. Works alongside the current President, President-elect, and Treasurer-elect to create the budget for the following year;
- D. Works with the President to review all Funding Requests submitted to RHSA and approves or denies each request;
  - 1. Funding Requests shall follow procedures outlined in Article 13, Section 4;
- E. Maintains communication with the CAS office;
- F. Holds a position on the CAS Board of Directors and attends monthly CAS Board meetings;
- G. Attends all President's Cabinet meetings;
- H. Maintains open communication with the Executive Board and Advisors about the current budget;
- I. Works alongside an Advisor to coordinate the Care Package program through On Campus Marketing (OCM).

**Emily:** We are now going to have 5 minutes to list expectations of the Treasurer.

Expectations:

- Be decent at math (doesn't have to be a genius)
- Good time management skills
- Good communication skills
  - Be able to communicate about the budget
- Know the vocabulary
- Be organized

- Be responsible
- Have the ability to be held accountable
- Making difficult decisions/prioritizing the budget
- Good compliance

Motion to Exhaust Speaker's List without Additions:

Second: Lenape

**Emily:** Any dissent? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none. We are going to invite the candidate back in for their speech.

**Candidate 1: Mazee**

Hello everyone, I'm Mazee Simpson. I'm a first year living in Ridgeview hall applying to be Treasurer. I'm currently vice president of Ridgeview. I live in the Rivera LLC. I've done volunteer work for the open house with SMP. I'm also an SMP member. That's my on campus experience. I also have a lot of experience off campus. I'm majoring in psychology but I do want to minor in business and womens and gender studies. I have a whole plan for what I want to do and I'm really set on it. I feel like when I major in business it will help me a lot if I'm Treasurer. I'm always willing to learn new skills along with using the skills I do have. I'm very friendly and hardworking. There are days when I do need a day to myself or I can't move, literally, but I always make sure I can make up for it and get the work done as soon as possible. I love working in groups so I feel like being part of the EBoard would be fine. I'm very friendly and it's very hard to make me mad. But please don't try to. I'm very bad at being on the spot. I don't like being on the spot. But I have a creative mind and a lot of good ideas, they just don't always happen on the spot. I'm organized and I also really love math. I'm not good at English, as you guys can tell, but I love math. I'm in stats right now for psych and I absolutely love it. I feel like that could help me a lot. I also have experience working with money and organizing it because I help my mom with a whole thing. I yield to questions.

**Emily:** We will now have a 5 minutes question and answer period extendable up to 3 times.

**Question & Answer**

Can you expand more about your experience working with money?

**Mazee:** My mom is a bartender for SMG and she used to handwrite all of the stuff, like drinks versus other orders. I told her to just make a spreadsheet for it, and so I made one for her and helped her organize it. She told me how she wanted it and I followed that. I'll probably continue doing that for her over the summer. That's my experience, plus making sure the numbers were right.

What experience do you have working with Excel?

**Mazee:** In my economics class we had a project where we had to make a fake family and work with a realistic and not realistic budget. We had to use Excel, so I remember things from that. I can't be specific right now, sorry.

Do you think you will get along with a lot of other members in RHSA?

**Mazee:** Yes!

How are you with time management?

**Mazee:** I'll be honest, there are some days where I'm really bad. But I finally found a way I can make a good schedule, which leads to good time management. I always strive to be early or on time. If I'm late I try to do it within a certain window, and I make sure I communicate about it.

**Emily:** I just want to point out that RHSA has a substantial budget, so it is a large amount of money that we keep track of. Keep that in mind when asking questions and making sure you're choosing a good Treasurer.

As Treasurer, are you willing and capable of making cold, ruthless business decisions in order to squash the competition and put RHSA on top?

**Mazee:** Yes.

If you had a deadline for a paper coming up and a deadline for handing in a check, do you think you could get both of those done?

**Mazee:** Yes, and if anything I would prioritize RHSA, depending on how much the paper is worth. I do have to consider that, but yes I do think I could handle it.

Do you think you would be able to say no to someone who asked for money for something that didn't seem necessary? Would you be able to be the person who makes that big decision and says no to them?

**Mazee:** Yes. I would not like saying no, but I could do it.

Would you communicate with your fellow EBoard members in that instance?

**Mazee:** Yes, unless I truly feel I know what everyone would and could just say no first before asking everyone on the board. I don't feel that it's fair for me to make that decision.

Motion to Extend Question & Answer: Lenape

Second: Ridgeview

As Emily just said, the budget is pretty hefty. Some people get scared by large quantities of money. Is there a chance that could happen? If so, how would you deal with that?

**Mazee:** I definitely did get scared by that being said. I do get scared fairly easily, but I will not let that hold me back. I will just continue using my organizational skills, and if anything I'll come up with a new one to help ease that. I'll create plans like I always do, and write them down so they don't get lost in my head.

How would you best communicate and advocate the needs of RHSA to outside organizations?

**Mazee:** Can you rephrase?

As the Treasurer, you would have to work closely with the CAS office. How would you best make sure the needs of RHSA are being met by such an organization who has their own rules and agenda?

**Mazee:** I would take down notes of everything I need to say so I don't forget anything. Also if I need to look up information about the organization and their rules I would definitely do that to make sure everything aligns ahead of time before I talk to them. Then I will talk to them and give a report back.

In what ways do you feel you can grow from taking on the position, in terms of skills?

**Mazee:** I would enhance my math skills and be able to handle a large amount of money. I would say I could gain honesty from it, but I always try to be as honest as possible.

Motion to Exhaust Speaker's List without Additions: Lenape

Second: Esopus

Motion to Open Discussion: Lenape

Second: Bliss

**Emily:** We will now go into a discussion period for 5 minutes extendable up to 3 times.

Discussion:

- They do seem to love math very much and did take that psych statistics class, so they seem to fulfill the expectation of being decent at math while not needing to be a genius.
- We feel that the minor they want to take on in business is really beneficial to have as a Treasurer because it's kind of the same field.
- We feel they were being very honest with themselves and their flaws, and didn't hesitate to be open and honest about something they didn't feel was their strong suit. We think that's important in a leader.
- We feel they can bring a good creative approach to the Treasurer position because of the story they told about their mom and how they used skills to help out family life through budgeting.
- We feel they might be lacking relevant experience. We feel that while running a small family business and making an Excel sheet for said business is some experience, that's not enough to effectively manage the large budget of RHSA.

**Emily:** I would like to point out that they would receive training, so any experience they might not have once they've received their training.

- We feel as though our candidate is candid in a good way- upfront, open, and willing to ask for help when needed.
- We would like to respectfully disagree with the previous point about experience. We believe that handling the finances of a small business is a phenomenally influential experience and could absolutely lead the candidate, even without the training they would receive upon election, to handle the finances of RHSA quite well.
- We agree. While some might say that working with your family doesn't count or isn't enough experience, it definitely is. They also have experience working in hall gov, so even if they're not the Treasurer of hall gov all of the jobs overlap.
- We feel excited about the enthusiasm the candidate shows and are looking forward to seeing how the candidate solves problems. Since they have experience in hall, we feel it would be convenient to have someone with hall gov experience on the EBoard.

**Ashokan:** Are they Treasurer on hall gov?

**Emily:** No, they are Vice President.

- Our only concern about the candidate comes from the question where they said they would prioritize RHSA over their grades because we are students as well. While RHSA is very important, they should keep in mind that we are here to learn first and having a good balance is very important.

Motion to Extend Discussion: Gage

Second: Esopus

- We definitely acknowledge that the candidate has ample financial experience, especially dealing with computers. Because the bar business is very complicated in terms of finances, we're sure that they do have experience. We do have some concerns about the candidate's timidity and self-professed inability to be held on the spot, and how this might affect their ability to advocate for RHSA in high pressure situations, especially CAS meetings and when they're having discussions with authority figures.
- We would like to refer to the previous point brought up about the candidate not being Treasurer of their hall government. We believe anyone involved in their hall government would be able to see that, especially in the Vice President role, finances are something every single member of the hall government has to take into account. As to the fair point about the candidate's timidity, we believe that is an area that has room for growth and we should not necessarily dismiss a candidate based on one potential area that could grow so easily.

Motion to Exhaust Speaker's List without Additions: Bliss  
Second: Lenape

Motion to Open Voting by Secret Ballot: Gage  
Second: Scudder

Votes:

Mazee | 15  
No Confidence | 0  
Abstain | 2

**Emily:** Congratulations to Mazee, the new Treasurer of RHSA!

Nominations

**Emily:** Before we get started with new nominations, we will begin with who tabled the last meeting.

Alex from Ashokan was nominated for Secretary, do you accept, table or decline?

**Alex:** I accept!

Ethan from Collango was nominated for Secretary, do you accept, table or decline?

**Ethan:** I decline.

Motion to Open Nominations: Esopus  
Second: Gage

**Emily:** Are there any new nominations?

**Capen:** We nominate Faith Grant for Secretary.

**Lenape:** Second.

**Faith:** I accept!



**Esopus:** We nominate Star from Esopus for NCC.

**Emily:** The NCC materials are due tonight. If you want to get them into RHSA within 24 hours, we will accept them.

**Lenape:** Second.

**Star:** I accept!

**Allison:** I have office hours tomorrow until 5 if you want to come drop off your materials. You can also slide them under our door.

**Emily:** I also usually hang out in the office during Allison's office hours and I've been NCC so let me know if you have any questions!

Are there any other nominations? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

Motion to Close Secretary Nomination until Spring 2023: Bliss

Second: Lenape

Motion to Close NCC Nomination until Spring 2023: Lenape

Second: Esopus

Motion to Table Nominations: Bliss

Second: Scudder

**Emily:** Just a reminder that we are going to be doubling up elections because we're running out of time and we want banquet to be enjoyable and a night of celebration, so we're not going to have an election that night. Banquet is already pretty long. Next week we're going to have the NCC and Secretary elections. PR & Historian materials are due next week.

**Lenape:** When is banquet?

**Emily:** May 9th at 8pm in SUB MPR.

**Allison:** Remember that it's 8pm. These meetings are at 9pm, but banquet is at 8pm.

**Lenape:** Has the theme been announced yet?

**Emily:** Not yet.

Reminder that to run, the materials you need are 1 Candidate Form and 15 copies of the Candidate Application and resume or co-curricular transcript.

Motion to Close New Business: Lenape

Second: Capen

#### UPCOMING EVENTS 10:12 PM

- Food Concerns Forum | Wednesday, April 20th from 6:30pm - 8:30pm | SUB MPR
- Photo Buzz | Friday, April 22nd from 7:30pm - 9:00pm | SUB 401, 402, & 408

#### HALL CONCERNS 10:12 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.

**Lenape:** We would like to report we now have 4 washers out. I did put in a work order when there were 3 and then checked back to see how many were working, and another one was broken. That means half of our washers are out of order.

**Emily:** We will keep trying.

**Shawangunk:** Our oven is broken.

**Emily:** Do you know if a work order was put in?

**Shawangunk:** No idea. The RD knew about it, but he left so we haven't had one for a while.

**Lenape:** The oven light is out. The stove top works just fine, but the oven doesn't work properly temperature wise. When you input a temperature, what it outputs must be double that.

**Esopus:** Our oven is broken too. The bottom burner runs too high. The top burner doesn't run at all. The oven light doesn't turn on. The oven is on when you use the stovetop even when it's not supposed to be on. We just got it fixed last semester.

**Emily:** We'll check on those ovens. Any other hall concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

#### STUDENT CONCERNS 10:14 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. If you have any food concerns (type, quality, price, location), we will not hear them at this point, but you can always email us at [rhsa@newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@newpaltz.edu) or you can show up to our Food Concerns Forum on Wednesday. 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

#### OPEN FLOOR 10:15 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?

**Allison:** It is President Emily's 22nd birthday tomorrow!

[The AC sang Happy Birthday for Emily, very sweet :D]

**Emily:** Thank you so much, I appreciate it! Are there any other open floors?

**Cindy:** I'm the RD from Capen hall. It's a different work order for ovens specifically. We need the model number, how long it's been out, how long it's been there. Your SRA should know about it, so then they'll email that to ResLife so they can follow up. I just want to make sure everyone gets their ovens working.

**Ridgeview:** You guys should sign up for the Mario Kart tournament on Wednesday at 7pm.

\*What year was SUNY New Paltz founded?\* There is a QR code I have on my phone if you want to scan it. The deadline was tonight but I'm going to extend it to tomorrow at noon or so. There will be prizes, food, and drinks!

**Ridgeview:** I'll bring this up because a bunch of people on the EBoard asked me to. On Thursday and Friday we're going to have 2 special planetarium shows at 7:30 and 8:30pm. Myself and some student composers have written some pieces for the planetarium, so if you want to see a cool show with live music please stop by!

**Esopus:** Does it count for concert series credit?

**Ridgeview:** I think it does. It should.

**Lenape:** How much are the tickets?

**Emily:** It's free with a suggested donation of \$5.

**Ashokan:** This is a concern. It's been brought to my attention by friends, classmates, and people in town that supposedly there are a lot of issues in terms of human trafficking in New Paltz. I don't know if I missed something in the Daily digest, but I think maybe we should enforce something like the MMA classes in the wellness center, just some way to teach self defense against kidnapping and human trafficking. I felt like this needed to be mentioned because I don't

know if anyone has experienced that recently or knows anyone who has experienced it, but it's better to prevent it and to have an incident. In the span of a week I've heard so much conversation from students, including one of them showing me a picture of a guy in town who has connections to human trafficking. I want to see if this could be brought up to higher forces,

**Emily:** I can see what administration is willing to say in regards to it, but you bring up an important point.

**Lenape:** This month they're doing a bunch of stuff like that. There is going to be a self defense training class going on. That is an intense concern that has been going on, with people being followed home from establishments on certain nights. If you're with friends, just remind them that no one should be walking home alone, especially if you present a female. It's just not the safest right now, so if you leave or go somewhere remember to stick with someone.

**Emily:** I'm not sure if everyone is aware of this, but UPD has a service where they have people walk home with you at night. So if you feel unsafe walking late at night, you can call them and they will send someone to accompany you home on campus.

**Ridgeview:** I'm part of a small Instagram group chat with students who have stories about this crazy situation going on, so if you're interested I can take down your Instagram if you have any stories or just any concerns. Feel free to talk to us about that.

**Ashokan:** I'd love to be able to share some knowledge on this stuff, such as holding your jets between your fingers if you're walking alone. I would love to be able to share what I've heard or have been taught about safety.

**Esopus:** It would make a good program idea, if you want to hold it with your hall gov.

**Emily:** I'll definitely see if administration is willing to increase the number of services they provide to increase the amount people feel safe, but also addressing this issue as well. Thank you for bringing that up, because I know it can be difficult to bring up but it's a very important issue for us to all be aware of.

**Ashokan:** Thank you for telling me about the UPD services, because I remember they told us about that freshman year but I had forgotten.

**Emily:** I know UPD has a lot of services that get forgotten. For instance, If your car won't start and you need it jumpstarted they will come and jumpstart it for you. So for anyone with a car that's good to know.

**Gage:** Also Coffee with a Cop.

**Allison:** And make a note of those blue stations on campus. We often forget that they're there because they're just part of the scenery, but if you're walking home late at night try to make note of those because they're important and can be of great utility.

**Parker:** Faith works at the gym so she can correct me if I'm wrong about anything, but they do offer an MMA fitness class at the gym. It is a fitness class, not a self defense class, but it says on the website that there are mixed martial arts and boxing techniques taught. There is a highlight on fitness more than actual self-defense, but it could be helpful to attend. That is Monday and Wednesday at 8pm in the Athletic and Wellness Center if you're interested.

**Mohonk:** at my previous university, I know the campus police held a closed forum for females to teach the basics, like what to do if somebody grabs your wrist. That could be a good collab for an event if anyone is open to it.

**Emily:** I'm not sure if UPD has held something like that before, but I'll let them know because they're always looking for new program ideas and that's a really good one.

**Gage:** UPD sent out the email today about the RAG class. It is quite the time commitment though. It's 12 hours split into 4 classes. Registration ends the 16th. I don't know if that's like what Ashokan was talking about, but it's in everyone's email.

**Cindy:** Off of that point, when I was an RA I did the RAG courses. The police are there as well so you can ask any questions and they show you all the ways you can protect yourself if you're at an ATM and someone comes from behind, for example.

**Parker:** One other UPD resource is the student walk service. If you ever need to walk somewhere alone, you can call and they will send a student to walk with you.

**Lenape:** The Campus Escort Service and the Student Walk Service are two different things offered by UPD. The number for UPD is 845-257-3338.

**Parker:** And if you're ever calling from a campus phone you just have to type in '3338'.

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

#### PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:28 PM

**Emily:** Lenape, what did you give my moose?

**Lenape:** Molly had quite the week. It's late in the semester, and she was feeling a bit lonely. She is over 21, so she went to P&Gs and she brought protection just in case anything happened. She is in her Condom Casino cropped t-shirt this week, with her condoms. We'd like to pass Molly to Shawangunk!

PASS THE MOOSE!

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:29 PM

**Allison:** "Sometimes life is like this dark tunnel. You can't always see the light at the end of the tunnel, but if you just keep moving you'll come to a better place." - Uncle Iroh, *Avatar: The Last Airbender*

#### ADJOURNMENT 10:29 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: "Treasurer" Parker  
Second: Treasurer IT Mazee

Next meeting will be in SUB409!

