

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 4/4/22

Location: SUB409

CALL TO ORDER 9:07 PM

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

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:07 PM

Emily: Today's mystery activity is voting on yearbook superlatives! The form for voting can be found at [this link](#) and will be open for a while, so make sure to cast your vote!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:10 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	3	0	0	Doing a scavenger hunt next Tuesday around the hall for plush rabbits, which will have three winners- the prizes are chocolate bunnies!
Bliss	3	1	0	0	Kahoot night with gift card prize happening Wednesday at 8pm.
Bouton	2	0	0	0	Origami event happening next week.
Capen	0	0	0	0	None.
College-Shango	1	0	0	0	Hosting a create your own door tag event tomorrow night at 6pm.
Esopus	3	1	0	0	LGBT and kink friendly sex ed program, date TBD and prizes to fit the theme!
Gage	2	1	0	0	Had a Turning Red movie night on Friday, and making friendship bracelets soon.
Lenape	4	3	0	0	South Side easter egg hunt on Saturday- bag decorating starts at 12:30pm and the hunt commences at 1pm! Lots of prizes to be won and eggs to be found.

Minnewaska	2	0	0	0	Ice cream social and game night at 8pm on Thursday.
Mohonk	2	2	0	0	Last event was Wednesday, which was a bingo tournament.
Ridgeview	1	1	0	0	Program happening on Wednesday, planning a two day Easter event with Lenape and Esopus, and hall gov board is set up with QR codes for comments, questions, and program ideas.
Scudder	1	1	0	0	Held an LGBTQ program last Thursday, and currently planning a program with an RA.
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	None.

SENATE 9:14 PM

Chet: I'll reiterate at the end of my report as well, but elections for all Student Association officer positions and all Senate seats open at midnight tonight. It will also be open until noon on Thursday, so you have time. Please make sure you vote at some point in the next coming days. It's really important to get people into these seats, especially because this year is a referendum year for the student activities fee. For anyone who doesn't know, the student activity fee funds all of the Student Association clubs on campus. Our referendum is every two years. We vote to see if it remains mandatory or becomes a voluntary fee. It being a mandatory fee gives us the budget necessary to run each year and if it becomes voluntary we will likely lose all of our budget and not be able to run the Student Association at all. It's very important it stays mandatory and we need at least 10% of the student body to vote for it to count, so that's 660 people. Make sure you get everyone you know to go on Engage starting tomorrow to vote for that, as well as everyone who's running for positions because we need a student government in order to use that budget properly. Any questions about elections?

Lenape: Can grad students be part of the Senate?

Chet: Yes. There is a specific Senate seat to be filled by a grad student, and I believe all of the EBoard positions are open to graduates as well. The nomination period has closed but there will also likely next semester be elections for any seats that were not filled this semester. Anything else for elections? Okay. Also, I mentioned a few weeks ago that we will be having an event with Soul Fire farms. That will be happening at the end of next week. I'm still in communication with them about when exactly that will be happening. We will be putting up advertising materials for that soon. The event will be a virtual one talking about ending racism in the food system, so if you're interested please come by. The link will be coming out soon. Lastly, this Thursday there will be a rally outside JFT and Humanities, weather dependent. The forecast doesn't look good but we're still going to do something, either in front of Humanities or in the farmers market. This is for a group called TIAA Divest!; TIAA is a conglomerate that has a lot to do with SUNY schools finances as a kind of investment broker. They are also deeply invested in many oil companies including Chevron and several Russian oil groups. This rally is to show them that we

are not in support of that and that if they want our continued patronage they will divest from all of those companies. It will start at noon and go to 1pm. It will either be at the farmers market or outside Humanities, depending on the weather. Does anyone have any questions? Thank you.

NRHH 9:18 PM

Eric: We have applications for NRHH still open. The official closing date will be midnight on Thursday, April 21st. If anyone is interested in applying, I'll take your emails today and we'll hopefully have the email out by the end of the week. We have also officially inducted two new members. We'll be running a couple programs at the end of the semester and hopefully dates will be finalized by next week. Thank you all for your support.

OLD BUSINESS 9:18 PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Mohonk
Second: Lenape

Historian

Allison: I'm going to announce the winner from last week's riddle in the minutes. In first place we have Gage! *Moose Clap*

Secretary

Saskia: The riddle in our last AC meeting minutes was "Which two RHSA EBoard members share the same major?" The answer to that riddle is Parker and Madison, who are both Visual Arts majors! And as always, stay tuned for next week's minutes for another riddle and another chance to win GFPs.

Historian

Allison: I'm in the process of constructing the yearbook, so here's your reminder that I really very much need pictures. If you have pictures, please send them my way. I'll probably be reaching out to your hall govs through email soon. I'll also give you your reminder about PUP sheets. PUP sheets are going to be due on May 3rd at my office hours, which are Tuesday 2pm to 5pm. I need them by May 3rd so I can calculate final tallies. And if you give them to me after, I'll have to throw them out and I will cry.

Motion to Close Old Business: Bliss
Second: Gage

NEW BUSINESS 9:21 PM

Motion to Open New Business: Lenape
Second: Esopus

Escape Room

Emily: Buzz Escape Room is this Friday, April 8th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm in SUB100N. We're going to have a link: <https://calendly.com/yuloe1-1/buzz-escape-room?month=2022-04>, which is

already on our LinkTree in the Instagram bio as well, so you can sign up with your groups for the escape room. There are going to be two different escape rooms, mystery and crime themes. There is a max of 5 people in a group; if you have less than that it's okay but you cannot have more than that per group. If you have a group less than 5, you may be paired up with other people the day of. We cannot guarantee any sign ups the day of. The form will close around 2pm on Friday, so be aware of that. Feel free to come even if you don't get a spot, because we're going to have games and food in SUB 100N!

Hollywood

Allison: Here's your reminder for Hollywood, which we talked about last week. Your sheets that you're filling out with your hall of what you're going to do are going to be due next Monday, April 11th. *Name the member of the current EBoard who has been awarded a Bronze Pin* You can hand them in during office hours, during next week's meeting, or email them to us. Then your full videos are going to be due April 25th. All information can be found in the packet: <https://bit.ly/Hollywood22>

Diversity Event:

Allison: This Wednesday, we are co-sponsoring a really exciting event, I'm sure you've all seen posters for it and gotten emails about it. This Wednesday, at 1pm, Judy Heumann, who is an internationally recognized disability rights activist, is speaking about the past, present, and future of disability rights and accessibility. If you have taken any classes or learned about the disability rights movement in the 70s, you probably have heard about Judy and the really amazing things she has been a part of accomplishing. It's really big that she's coming and it would mean a lot if you came. The link has been in our email blast as well as emails from the school, so you can find it there. We're really excited to cosponsor this event.

Photo Buzz:

Saskia: Coming up we have another Buzz event. It's not for another couple weeks but we wanted to put on your radar the Photo Buzz, which will be up here on the 4th floor of the SUB in rooms 401, 402, and 408 specifically. We'll be taking photos with cool sets and props and have a big photo event. Maybe y'all can get some cool Instagram pictures. That event will be Friday, April 22nd from 7:30pm - 9:00pm on the 4th floor of the SUB.

Emily: We're also offering professional headshots, so if y'all need those this is a fun and formal event you can go to.

10 minute break | 9:35

Election

Emily: We will now begin the CCC 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 CCC, please stand! We are going to ask the candidate to leave the room and we will invite you back in for your speech.

Allison: The roles of CCC are:

- A. Updates all Good Fellowship Points (GFP) information for both semesters;
 - 1. Distributes GFPs to Hall Governments as outlined in the GFP Packet;
 - 2. Manages and updates all software for tracking GFPs;
 - 3. Manages and organizes all information in the GFP Packet (i.e. ice breaker submissions, PUP sheets, etc.);
 - 4. Updates the Associate Council on GFP updates at their discretion;
 - 5. Announces the winner of Hall of the Semester at Fall and Spring Banquet;
- B. Keeps records of all Hall Government contact information;
- C. Keeps an archive of all updated Hall Government constitutions;
- D. Assigns “hall buddies” for Executive Board members and Hall Governments;
- E. Updates the GFP Packet at their discretion;
- F. Maintains communication with the Department of Residence Life and National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH);
- G. Communicates event information with Resident Assistant Liaisons and Hall Governments (i.e. RA Appreciation Day, Hall Government Appreciation Day, etc.);
- H. Serves as a resource and mentor for Hall Government Liaisons regarding Hall Government;
- I. Maintains the Hall of the Semester and Spirit Weekend plaques;
- J. Updates the RHSA Constitution as needed following any legislative changes or friendly amendments;
- K. Coordinates volunteers for RHSA events.

Emily: We are now going to have 5 minutes to list expectations of CCC, which begins with the first placard.

Expectations:

- Organized
- Consistent communication
- Able to handle multiple tasks at once
- Good knowledge of GFPs
- Accountable
- Be a good resource and be knowledgeable of resources on campus
- Honesty
- Good team player
- Chemistry with the other EBoard members
- Enthusiasm
- Good time management

Motion to Close Expectations: Lenape

Second: Scudder

Emily: Any dissent? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

Candidate 1:

Hi AC and EBoard. I'm Sophia Root, I use she/her pronouns, and I'm running for the position of Campus Communications Coordinator. I am a freshman here at New Paltz and I'm a communications major with a concentration in organizational communication. I'm currently the president of Bliss hall government. Last semester I helped lead my government to Hall of the Semester, which we were awarded at banquet, and I was personally awarded an EBoard Choice Award. You may not know, but Hall of the Semester is determined by whoever has the most GFPs. As president, I helped my EBoard get as many GFPs as we could so I'm pretty knowledgeable in the methods of harvesting them. CCC is in charge of GFPs, so I think I'm qualified to manage them. I'm pretty enthusiastic about gathering GFPs. CCC also communicates with NRHH and Residence Life, and I am a newly elected chapter member of NRHH so I have connections there and will go to their weekly meetings. I think it's another position I can take on that integrates into my schedule and is pretty convenient. But I don't want you to think I'm just doing this out of convenience. I really am passionate about Residence Life and making New Paltz a great place to live. Earlier I mentioned that I was an EBoard Choice during fall banquet. When I was receiving the award, the presenter expressed some concerns about engagement and enthusiasm in hall government and RHSA after Covid, and how I really brought some enthusiasm. I am humbled by that award, but I do also think I have a particular advantage because I joined RHSA at one of the lowest points of engagement because of Covid. We're all going through it right now. I think at this point there's nowhere to go but up and I would like to help in any way I can. With that, I yield to questions.

Emily: We will now have 5 minutes of Question & Answer extendable up to 3 times. We will be using the speakers list and you can raise your placard when you have a question.

Question & Answer:

How do you handle group conflict, especially when the success of an organization depends on your teamwork?

Sophia: I like teamwork a lot, and I like to get to the root of any conflict. I try to see everyone's perspective so we can come to a negotiation or solution that benefits all parties. I do think conflicts get in the way of productivity so it is best not to brush them under the rug, and just address them as soon as possible. I am a very honest person so I like to deal with things as openly as possible.

How do you see the CCC position as helping you with your academic career going forward?

Sophia: I am a communications major and do want to do something in that field. I'm very passionate about it and have been since I was young. Other than it literally being in the job description, I feel like getting that kind of experience on the EBoard with team members will better suit me for my future workplace environment.

You have quite a heavy workload, which is honorable so congratulations to you. How do you plan to manage your workload with this responsibility in a way that helps not only the system, but yourself.

Sophia: My time management skills are dependent on how connected everything in my life is. I really live by a mode of synergy. My academics are closely related to this position so I feel like

as I learn in the classroom I can also learn and hone my leadership skills on the EBoard, which leads to personal growth and growth of the organization.

How do you feel the variety of things you have done on campus will help with this position?

Sophia: I do like to collect leadership positions and opportunities and, as I said before, they're all pretty synergetic. I feel like the variety helps with conflict resolution and I do have some experience mitigating and resolving conflicts that appear. I like to gain different perspectives and different leadership roles, so I feel like my extracurriculars at this school so far have really helped me understand how to solve those issues.

What new ideas and programs will you bring to RHSA?

Sophia: I don't really know. Those in my hall gov can agree with me when I say I'm not the best with coming up with programs. Sometimes I need the help of other people. I'm not entirely certain I could bring an idea into fruition by myself, so I will rely on the rest of my EBoard to help me come up with ideas. It's all about teamwork, and I'll help as much as I can.

I noticed in your application that you listed your greatest weakness as being judgemental. Can you expand on that?

Sophia: Sometimes I jump to conclusions about things. I want to find an answer quickly so that can sometimes lead to hasty resolutions. I have been improving on that through my leadership here, and at every challenge I face I feel I personally grow from it and it helps me learn for the future.

Motion to Extend Question & Answer: Gage

Second: Esopus

What does accountability mean to you?

Sophia: I think personal responsibility is one of my greatest morals. Honesty is really important, and it's important to acknowledge when you've made a mistake. And of course accountability comes with acknowledging your faults, but it also comes with acknowledging your privileges and advocating for what you know is right. It's multifaceted in that way.

Motion to Close Question & Answer without Addition: Lenape

Second: Scudder

Motion to Open Discussion: Bliss

Second: Mohonk

Discussion:

- Looking at the candidate's track record and the variety of things she has under her belt shows she would make her a great leader
- Sophia is more than qualified. We feel that with her strong engagement with the New Paltz and Residence Life community, as a communications major, and as a freshman she can learn from the position and excel from it while putting in the work as she already has in her semester and a half on hall government.
- Because Sophia was able to step up during Covid, that is pretty admirable.

- It's worth mentioning that the candidate mentioned honesty a few times and that was something we had brought up on the CCC expectations list.
- Sophia's mentioning of her own room for improvement was very powerful and a great quality to have as an EBoard member.
- It was good that the candidate spoke about accountability and being able to take responsibility for her mistakes.

Motion to Close Discussion without Additions: Lenape
Second: Scudder

Motion to Open Voting by Secret Ballot: Bliss
Second: Lenape

Votes:

Sophia: 17
No Confidence: 0
Abstain: 2

Emily: Congratulations Sophia on becoming the next CCC of RHSA!

Motion to Open Nominations: Ashokan
Second: Bliss

Nominations

Emily: We have no tabled nominations. Are there any new nominations?

Mohonk: We nominate Ryan from Mohonk for PR.

Lenape: Second.

Ryan: I accept.

Sophia: We nominate Athena from Bliss for Historian

Lenape: Second.

Athena: I accept.

Gage: We nominate Albus from Mohonk for NCC.

Ashokan: Second

Albus: I accept.

Ashokan: We nominate Alex from Ashokan for Secretary.

Lenape: Second.

Alex: I table.

Motion to Close President Nomination until Spring 2023: Bliss
Second: Lenape

Motion to Table Nominations: Gage
Second: Ashokan

Emily: Next week, the President election will happen. In your folder you should have all of the President materials. Treasurer materials are due next week, and then we will go from there in gavel order, which would be Secretary, PR, NCC, and Historian. We'll also have it in the minutes and email blast as well.

Bliss: When are Treasurer elections?

Emily: Not next week, but the week after. I was going to talk about frenzy elections but we have someone nominated for every position so now we don't have to.

Gage: What does that mean?

Emily: Frenzy elections are when we would allow you to be nominated, give out your materials, and run in the same meeting.

Just a reminder that your materials are 1 Candidate Form and 15 copies of the Candidate Application and resume or co-curricular transcript

Motion to Close New Business: Lenape
Second: Ridgeview

UPCOMING EVENTS 10:10 PM

- Escape Room | Friday, April 8th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm | SUB100N
- Photo Buzz | Friday, April 22nd from 7:30pm - 9:00pm | 401, 402, & 408

HALL CONCERNS 10:10 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 have a concern about Lenape's oven because it is very broken. There is a note that says the heat isn't the correct temperature, causing the food to burn, and the light won't turn on.

Emily: I know there is a separate person to fix ovens, so I'll definitely get in contact with Roman. Are the lights fixed at all?

Lenape: No. One is still flickering and the other is still off.

Emily: Okay, we'll keep trying.

Ashokan: We have two dryers that have been broken for three weeks. We've spoken to the person from facilities and they've just been perpetually broken. It's making it hard for those in the building to keep laundry cycles going.

Emily: Did the door ever get fixed? Does everyone have card access?

Ashokan: No, that never got fixed.

Gage: One of our showers on the second floor has been flooding on the floor and our SRA said it's how the floor is built, but the other showers next to it don't flood. It might also be related to a leak on the first floor. On the first floor, if you take a shower cold water drips on your head.

Emily: Which wing is that, or which room number is that by?

Gage: Past the RA office on the left, it's a smaller women's bathroom with only two showers. Both in the standing changing area and inside the shower the ceiling leaks, and the second floor floods.

Esopus: We are also having dryer issues. We have, out of the sixteen dryers, four that are functional. No matter what cycle you run it on, the clothes are still damp. A couple don't even start. Within my own friend group are several members of ResLife, so it is definitely something people are aware of.

Emily: I'll definitely check in on that as well.

Scudder: Our washing machines are not working. They were already out of order over the spring break. I alerted the RA and SRA and they still have not been fixed.

Emily: Okay, I'll check on that. Any other hall concerns? Any other dryers or washing machines that have been out of order since spring break?

Gage: In the laundry room close to the elevator, almost none of the dryers work. They work, but it took me three or four cycles to dry my clothes.

Emily: Okay. Any other hall concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none. If you have any more, feel free to reach out to your RAs, SRAs, and RDs. But if they don't get back to you, always email us at rhsa@newpaltz.edu. I have been trying to have a meeting with Steve Deutch to talk about the concerns we've been having with food services. We're still trying to set a time, but I did learn that the bad smell in Peregrine is caused by them not flushing out a pipe behind Sweets and Treats. I'm going to work with them on how to get that fixed long term so it doesn't smell like that all the time. At least now we know how.

STUDENT CONCERNS 10:16 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.

Lenape: We were in Wooster hall and saw a broken table in the second floor lounge area, looking very sad.

Esopus: Something we've noticed for a while is that the Center for Student Success doesn't have any music or art tutors, except maybe art history. Nothing for music theory or sight singing. I know people who would be ready, willing, and able to tutor but it's not something they offer, which I don't think is fair to the arts students considering how significant our arts population is on campus.

Emily: Thank you for bringing that to our attention.

Gage: The Student Emergency Response Plan handbook has the old name for the Peregrine suites, not the updated ones.

Emily: I'll definitely check in on that. Any other student concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none. If you have any more, feel free to email us.

OPEN FLOOR 10:18 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?

Ashokan: After our Easter scavenger hunt next week, we're planning a medieval themed competition program that's still being workshopped. We're going to have crowns and stuff and we'll knight people. We have the theme down but we're still figuring out events. Next week we'll have more information.

Esopus: I just want to restate that, although we don't have a solid date or time because things are moving around, the sex ed program is something we've put a lot of time, effort, and money into. I would really appreciate it if people advertise it and show up. There are going to be a lot of cool prizes. It's bingo, and I think there are going to be a lot of terms that aren't very common in sex ed because often sex ed is not LGBTQ or kink friendly. It will be a great educational opportunity to learn about those communities.

Emily: If you need things we had leftover from Condom Casino, we can provide those.

Gage: We also have a bag of 100 condoms from our sex ed program.

Lenape: When is that program?

Esopus: We don't know. The original plan was this Friday at 8pm but then the Escape Room Buzz was announced so we're in the process of reworking that.

Senate: I want to remind everyone that voting opens tomorrow, so make sure you vote for all of the positions as well as the student referendum fee. If you want to stay up, it opens at midnight!

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

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:22 PM

Emily: Where's my moose?! Bouton, what did you put on her?

Bouton: We gave her earrings and a pride bracelet. We're going to pass her to Ashokan!

PASS THE MOOSE!!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:23 PM

Saskia: "How you play the cards you're dealt is all that matters." -Jigsaw, *Saw IV*

ADJOURNMENT 10:24 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: "CCC" Allison

Second: CCC IT Sophia

Next meeting will be in SUB409!

