

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 10/24/22

Location: SUB 100N

CALL TO ORDER 9:09

Abby: Hey howdy hey, welcome back. I hope midterms went well, and welcome those who are not typically present at AC meetings! We appreciate everyone who showed up, and if you are new to the AC meetings, welcome. For this meeting we will have the AC meeting then the food concerns meeting.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:09

Abby: rock paper scissors competition

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:12

Faith: Hey 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	2	1	0	0	Thurs. Scary story with cider hot choc tea 8pm
Bliss	2	1	0	0	Paint a pump went well 69 people came
Bouton	2	0	0	0	Change event date this thursday at 7:30 pumpkin with dunkin
Capen	4	1	0	0	Last event top tier movie night over 60 people
Collango	0	0	0	0	
Esopus	2	0	0	0	
Gage	8	0	0	0	Thurs 9pm movie night
Lenape	2	1	0	0	
Minnewaska	10	7	0	0	Thurs fall fest movie rep comp, caramel apples 8pm
Mohonk	3	3	0	0	Thurs movie night 8pm coraline

Ridgeview	0	0	0	0	
Scudder	5	0	0	0	Tues paint and sip 6:30pm. Wednesday costume contest. Thursday 9pm
Shawangunk	3	0	0	0	First event past Thursday. Watched Halloween town. Another event sat.

Faith: Alright thank you, one more thing at the end of the meeting if you are not on the email blast please come up after so you can be added to it and get the minutes and updates on programs. Also, the riddle in the minutes will now only be in the minutes posted in the facebook where the answers should be submitted. The winner this week was Mohonk, so they got the GFPs. Also, during this meeting just make sure to raise your placard when you want to make a point. Thank you!

SENATE: 9:17

Ann: Hey everyone. This past week at the senate we elected 3 new senators. We got all elected senators to at least one, but some two committees. If you do not have time for senator or do not have time for senate, but care about the topics of these committees and what they deal with you are more than welcome to serve on the committees. They meet whenever is deemed necessary, at most biweekly, sometimes monthly. Here are the committees that are looking for non senators: the student concerns committees we meet biweekly, the constitution and rules committee that's a great one if you're interested in law, the UPD committee, the student association productions board/committee which will start meeting in the middle of april and they plan our big spring concert, there's social justice coalition. The last big thing that I want to say is that senate takes an initiative for the month of december we are going to be researching, talk to staff and student organizations, including hall governments, on how to make advertising more accessible to individuals who have primarily visual and auditory disabilities, we would talk about how to get those captions that can be read out on instagram. So, if someone is blind they can hear the captions and posters that are visible for color blind people and people who are visually impaired. And if you are interested in participating in that in any way or have good resources that the senate could tap into I'm more than happy to hear about those. Thanks!

NRHH: 9:20

Sophia: Hi, I'm here on behalf of the national hall honorary. So, the advisors are currently working on updating the website and after that is worked on you will be getting an email. Once again collecting emails if you're interested in joining! Website being updated with application, should go out soon!

NEW BUSINESS 9:21

Motion To Open New Business: Mohonk

Second: Ashokan

RLC 9:21

Caroline: Registration for the fall Regional Leadership Conference, or RLC, is open! RLC is hosted annually by NEACURH, which is the Northeast Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls, and colleges across the region attend. This year, it will take place virtually during the weekend of November 18th and 19th. The theme is “blast from the past,” so it will be similar to our y2k spirit week! <<Riddle in the minutes: What’s perry’s named after>>I will be attending, and you can, too! I am looking for up to nine delegates who are interested in learning how to build on their leadership skills within their hall governments and beyond. If you are interested in attending, I have created a JotForm for you to fill out. I need submissions this week because registration closes this Sunday. I will send the link out through Remind, or you can come up to me at the end of the meeting to scan the QR code.

HALLOWEEN IN THE HALLS 9:22

Abby: It is coming up on that time that Halloween in the Halls is looming near. For the first time in a few years we will be fully back in the halls for this event! Essentially, children from the neighborhood will be trick or treating around campus. Children will be able to come inside and “trick or treat” at participating residents' doors. You should know and mark in some way which residents want to participate, have RA’s collect this information for you. RHSA will be providing each hall gov with one bag of candy, but more is normally purchased. It’s fun to decorate your hall/ main lobby for the event as well as dress up. This will take place Sunday October 30th from 12-3pm. We will give you more information and more reminders as we get closer. Any questions?

TRUNK OR TREAT 9:22

Abby: Going along with our Halloween in the halls event, we are working with New Paltz Auto Club for their yearly trunk or treat event! The AWC will also be holding one in their parking lot at the same time. It will be occurring in the Ridgeview parking lot starting at 1 pm, so be sure to direct people to that event as well! The flier will be attached to the minutes.

SUCC BUZZ 9:22

Caroline: Our next Buzz event is here! Succulent Buzz will be taking place on Friday, October 28th from 7 pm – 9 pm in SUB 402! There will be opportunities to plant seeds, decorate pots, and even win some prizes!

DRAG SHOW 9:23

Athena: Hey everyone! Coming soon after our succulent buzz we are going to be having a Drag Show! Kings and Queens of New Paltz will be joining us and helping out! So, make sure you join us Friday — November 4th — in the SUB MPR at 7 to support our lovely kings and queens!

CONDOM CASINO 9:24

Sophia: The beloved Condom Casino is back again for this year! Friday, November 18th at 7 pm in SUB 100N! For those who do not know. It is a casino but instead of chips, we use condoms! You can trade them in for candy or prizes. We are going to have a ton of fun games, simple ones like Uno, and then games like Poker and Kahoot! We are looking for volunteers. This is a really big program, and we rely on the campus and your guys' volunteer work. Specifically, if you know how to run typical casino card games, we would love some help with that! We'll have a link in the minutes (<https://forms.gle/R777P5GszLYgNHoc9>) where you can sign up to volunteer. It will also be attached to the email blast. You don't have to work the whole night, you'll just let us know what shifts you'll be able to work. On the google form I made half hour shifts and I am asking you to select all that apply. You can only work half an hour if you need to or you can work the whole time if you want. It's a great opportunity to volunteer and if you're interested in the future doing RHSA it's a good way to get acquainted with how we do programs. Again, it's going to be November 18th in SUB 100N from 7 pm to 10 pm. Are there any questions?

Abby: You get a free shirt if you volunteer.

Mohonk: When is the signup going out?

Sophia: When the email blast gets sent out

Minnewaska: What will it say on the shirt?

Abby: Condom Casino

FLU CLINICS 9:25

Ryan: The Student Health Service will be hosting Dedrick's Pharmacy at the Health Center to administer flu shots for students. Dates for this clinic are ~~Friday, Oct 7, Tuesday, Oct 18,~~ Tuesday, Oct 25, Friday, Nov 4, Tuesday, Nov 8, Friday, Nov 18, Tuesday, Nov 22. More information can be found at newpaltz.edu/healthcenter/flu-clinics-2022/ (attached in email blast)

Mazee: Also, this week my office hours will be canceled on Wednesday 1-3pm. If you need anything email rhsa@newpaltz.edu

Motion To Close New Business: Shawangunk

Second: Bliss

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Succulent Buzz | Friday, October 28th from 7:00pm-9pm
- Halloween in the Halls | Sunday, October 30th from 12pm-3pm
- Drag Show | Friday, November 4th from 7:00pm-9pm

- Condom Casino | Friday, November 18th from 7pm - 10pm

HALL CONCERNS 9:28

Abby: 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, now is your time to tell us.

Ashokan: There's a water fountain

Abby: If you can take a picture of that we can work more with pictures.

Minnewaska: Our water fountain on the second floor, the left when you walk in the building, has not worked since August 28th.

Abby: Alright. Are there any other hall concerns?

Lenape: Our oven is still broken

Abby: Alright. Are there any other hall concerns? 3,2,1 seeing none.

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:30

Abby: 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.

Mohonk: I feel like there aren't tutoring sessions available for the classes.

Abby: Alright I will look into it.

Student: Do you know what's being done about the snack shack that aren't working?

Abby: No, but I know something is being done and they're trying to get it fixed as soon as possible.

FOOD CONCERNS 9:32

Abby: We will now be hearing food concerns. Keep in mind by constitutional law we cannot go later than 11pm. With the first placard in the air we will take food concerns.

Mohonk: The main concern I have is the dishes and forks still having dirty food on it like dried cereal.

Abby: I forgot to mention this if there are pictures please email them to us rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu

Minnewaska: Starving Hawks has a bunch of pictures on instagram.

Esopus: There's still an issue with cross contamination.

Lenape: Pomodoro's pasta is dipped in the same water as all the other waters so getting gluten free pasta there does not really work.

Ashokan: The food has been so greasy it has been causing students to throw up.

Minnewaska: There are not enough options for students who are gluten free, vegetarian, and vegan. I know there's that room, but not everyone can get into it.

Bliss: Once I got cereal and I tried to have soy milk in it and the milk was slimy and sour.

Shawangunk: One thing that came to concern was the dining plan last year had a third option, the freedom option, and a lot of students are saying that that option was better for them and they do not understand why that option was being taken away.

Shawangunk: Freshman dining plans are not allowed to switch it and they are only able to get \$300 dining dollars a semester.

Mohonk: Everytime I send my food into pomodoros and WOW it refunds my food.

Capen: I worked at the dining hall, and you were supposed to write the temperature down, but a lot of workers would skip this step and not take the temperatures of the meat.

Bouton: I feel like the dining dollars are really overpriced and you have to pay extra for a lot of things like coconut and almond milk.

Shawangunk: The board meal swap options hardly have vegetarian options because they're all meat options.

Minnewaska: I got beans the other night because I'm a vegetarian and there was a bone in the beans.

Gage: I have multiple videos of the dining hall at 9pm at night where it's either cold, there's nothing there, or it's stale.

Abby: Send over those videos, we'd love to see them.

Lenape: The prices at the roost have gone up. Especially with the lack of dining dollars.

Scudder: I would like to add on to prices. They squeeze everything out of you. WOW charges you two dollars to get BBQ sauce. It would be more financially responsible for me to carry around a BBQ bottle.

Shawangunk: Since the norovirus outbreak students have been concerned. Also, when certain students get covid they are sometimes still required to go to the dining hall to get their own food and they are still touching everything.

Abby: They did have a health inspector investigate to prove that the virus was not coming from the dining hall.

Shawangunk: They did not mention that to those students so those students were still scared.

Mohonk: The pizza part of peregrine people will just grab the pizza with their bare hands.

Esopus: Only the top six most common food allergies are listed on any food item at the dining hall. This poses a health risk to anyone with a lesser allergy. I have been hospitalized due to an allergy not listed.

Bliss: They do not fill the hand sanitizer dispensers enough.

Abby: Specifically in perrys?

Bless: Yes

Shawangunk: Adding on to that there are some people who are allergic to cleaning products. So, having certain chemicals in the cafeteria has led to outbreaks in hives from the cleaning products they are using.

Scudder: I feel like not having the only meal options on weekends be the dining hall would be nice. Also, the attitudes with some of the workers is the problem. I do not like getting yelled at when I get food.

Gage: Say they have a closing time but stop accepting orders before the closing time. If they could list somewhere that they do not accept orders after a certain time so students do not get confused that would be appreciated.

Capen: When I was working there there was no training on how to work/behavior. They kind of just stuck me in a uniform.

Lenape: I'm speaking specifically on the vegetarian options that have protein in the dining hall, especially at late night. It is kind of garbage. It's bad. Also, they cook their fake meat badly. The tofu was awful, and they clearly did not know how to cook it. Pizza and french fries for vegetarians is not a real meal.

Minnewaska: There is a fruit fly epidemic in the dining hall. They put fruit fly traps underneath the fruit, and I feel like that's not healthy. It also may be why the fruit tastes weird sometimes.

Mohonk: I had a problem with the seating. Once it hits 6:30 there is no seating in the dining hall. I think they should add more seating in the dining hall so we do not have to sit against the wall.

Scudder: My friend, last year, found a bug and plastic wrap in her vegetables from the dining hall. I think they should clean the vegetables.

Capen: Yesterday I got an impossible burger from WOW and it was pink with an odd texture. I threw it away. I have a picture, but I was hungry.

Abby: Send us that picture.

Shawangunk: I have some positive attributes from people. Last year they really liked the taco and burrito bar. When they had that, they liked the international foods the French and Brazilian were a favorite. People also loved the sweet pea pesto, more french toast was a request, and pancakes during parents weekend was really good.

Minnewaska: Last year where the fruit was there was a pasta salad and potato salad section. I've been craving it. Also, curly fries.

Bliss: The stir fry they make is pretty good.

Gage: Sometimes when they serve you in simple serving they give you too much meat.

Shawangunk: The chef's table hardly has a vegetarian option available. And every night in the vegetarian section it is beans and broccoli. There needs to be some variants in the vegetarian options. It tends to just be the spongy cubes they just barely season.

Mohonk: The ice cream, I feel like they need to add more options over there for toppings. Giving us ice cream was good, just not good enough. Chocolate syrup, whip cream, and cherries would be nice.

Scudder: Also the ice and drinks tend to just disappear after 6 o'clock and it's the same with the chef's tables. Once they're done they're done.

Calum: I'm very happy the waffle maker is back, but we also need the soft serve machine back.

Shawangunk: There's been a lot of concerns with cross contamination and also with the same spoon being used at the self serve options.

Lenape: Half the time the signs are not accurate. It will tend to be "here's the things we have" and they might be in the correct order, but they tend to be wrong. It also sounds like I have an

allergy listed.

Ann: I will say the allergens listed on the website tend to not only have more listed, but also be more comprehensive and more accurate than what is listed on the sign.

Lenape: The app and online is hardly ever fully accurate, especially if they run out of something in the middle of the day.

Capen: My friend has a picture of having to stay until 1am. If you guys wonder why the dishes are dirty it is because the workers are being overworked and they have quit in the past. The training there is also lost in translation. The supervisors were also not nice people

Minnewaska: Sometimes there's a line way longer than it needs to be specifically for the grill section. They usually have a server there doing it for us that takes so long per person even when it is the only edible food. They're serving it and it takes so long.

Scudder: Last year breakfast used to be until 3pm, only on the weekend it goes longer.

Esopus: I like the idea of the ice cream. There are no gloves and sometimes your hands get in the ice cream.

Bliss: I think something might be wrong with the drink machine. One time I got diluted water with the fruit punch.

Ashokan: What are we going to do about the worms in the broccoli? I went to the dining hall yesterday and there were earthworms. I like mac and cheese though.

Shawangunk: I've had two students come up to me about hiring, but when they try to apply they get no results and call back. They would like some type of communication to the people trying to apply.

Capen: I applied during the summer and I had to literally keep going and asking. Also, they turn people down when I know for a fact they need people.

Gage: I've always had a problem with Perry's, but not just because of the food but because of the aftermath. Everytime I eat there I get nauseous, thrown up, or nothing good.

Minnewaska: Because they're not hiring anyone it gets really busy, and there is nowhere to put the plates because it gets so stacked up. It's also really alarming when you walk up the stairs and it smells like sewage. One good thing is the spice bar. The lettuce in the spice bar, for the last week and a half, and the deli is brown, wet, and liquidly. There will be pictures tomorrow.

Bouton: The management there is really bad because there's bad training and bad management because they never do anything. Nothing gets done, nothing gets cleaned. I think there needs to be better management there.

Shawangunk: There are some staff that are really nice, like Susan, but also garbage pails, why don't we have any?

Sophia: Last year they started an initiative to compost more. So, they only wanted non compostable items away in the garbage, but people were not doing that. So, they decided to have everyone put everything on the rack so it can be placed into the compost.

Ann: Students also loved to throw away the forks and knives.

Capen: In the morning someone is always cleaning the tables, but at night the tables are always dirty. The dried food ruins my appetite.

Gage: I want to second that.

Lenape: Since last semester I like that on grub hub I can see what foods I am getting.

Minnewaska: A lot of the problems we've been hearing are about the staff. If they could just take away the people who serve the food and let students serve themselves. They can then put those people towards making it a more sanitary environment.

Gage: When we asked about the nasty smell. We were told it was something about the water right. Why does it smell so bad in the first place?

Abby: I was told it is when the water gathers up and sits and it starts to smell, but it is like sink water.

Sophia: Dish water.

Abby: So that's really the only thing I can say about it. So, we know it's not actual sewage and it does not affect the dining hall.

Shawangunk: We were wondering if there was a better option to look up what food would be at the dining hall during the day.

Bliss: The website is hardly ever accurate.

Sophia: I know the social media intern for the dining hall. I also just saw they were hiring someone to take the pictures for the stories. So, hopefully that will alleviate some of the concerns.

Mohonk: Board meals at pomodoros. Whenever I get a board meal I also get so much

Ashokan: The positive thing is I love the chicken patties. We want more chicken patties. The negative is, very recently at the end of last week, there was a thing of soy sauce with a big clump of hair in it.

Scudder: Is there a way if they get you the wrong item. If you can get a refund for that.

Abby: If you go back to them they will give you the right thing they might give you a refund as well.

Minnewaska: Also, whenever they steam vegetables they are hardly ever cooked. They tend to be slightly warmed carrots.

Shawangunk: Another concern I've heard is consistency. If they could have vegetables, and a regular healthy option. And if the pasta for sauces could have meatless options.

Ashokan: I had a positive, one thing I really appreciate is the pineapple and the grapes. And the scrambled eggs are good.

Shawangunk: A lot of positives were from breakfast. Also looking for mashed potatoes, stir fry, more vegetables without extra additives steamed and cleaned properly.

Mohonk: They stopped letting us get our coffees and smoothies and it is taking me a while to wait in line and I am late for class.

Abby: Stealing was an issue. So, they had to change it to reduce the stealing. This also happened last semester.

Gage: First thing is that the sushi place would like a white rice option there and the other thing is last year at peregrine there were a lot of different types of fries. This year it is all straight cut fries.

Shawangunk: After six o'clock they stop cooking food, and all they have is pizza and burgers without many vegetables. Also, there are people who work early and are looking for a place that opens earlier to eat before class.

Ann: Starbucks opens at 7:30am I believe. Not that that's the only solution.

Shawangunk: Sometimes you cannot place multiple things in the same order at starbucks. So, you cannot get food and drink in the same order.

Abby: That is for the convenience of the workers it helps them run better.

Minnewaska: I know that these options are a bit more expensive, but I would love more eggs that aren't powdered eggs and berries.

Gage: Do you know why elements stopped having freestyle machines?

Abby: It was broken.

Shawangunk: A lot of students from last year loved the themes like halloween themed cupcakes, and thanksgiving themes. They are very for decorating the cafeteria.

Abby: Are there any more food concerns?

Student: That one day when they had those really good hot chicken sandwiches. Having more of that would be cool

Bliss: The WOW sandwiches need more sauce.

Ashokan: Speaking of WOW you can tell they do not change their oil very often.

Bliss: Also on WOW a couple of their sides have been sold out, and it feels internal.

Bouton: The sushi place is great and I love the people who work there. I haven't witnessed it first hand, but some of the vegan options say they contain meat and milk.

Lenape: I like that they brought the vegan section into the roost.

Ann: I like the bean and cucumber salads being put out.

Ashokan: The cookies are really good.

OPEN FLOOR: 10:20

Abby: 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: We're having scary stories, apple cider, hot chocolate and tea in our main lounge 8 on Thursday.

Gage: This thursday at 9:00pm we have a movie night

Ann: This Saturday the 29th at 8:30-10:00pm is the NPAD that is happening in 100N. It's a spooky pumpkin party. There's a candy corn contest. Come and win prizes. Come in your costumes!

Abby: Any more open floors? 3,2,1 seeing none.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:23

Abby: Where's my moose!

Esopus: I had it! We added human vs zombies themed things to the moose! We had a super fun event this weekend.

Abby: This week we are going to hand it off to Shawangunk!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:24

Sion: “You must be the change you wish to see in the world”

-Gandhi

ADJOURNMENT 10:25

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Shawangunk

Second: Bliss

Next Meeting will be in SUB 100N!