

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 11/21/22

Location: SUB 100N

CALL TO ORDER 9:02

Abby: Hey everyone! It's almost break, just hang in there for 24 more hours!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:03

Abby: find someone with the same color as you and make a friend!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:06

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	1	0	0	0	
Bliss	1	1	0	0	Event we just had was good.
Bouton	0	0	0	0	
Capen	5	5	0	0	Next week we have our week long movie night and on Tuesday its movie night pizza collab. And we just had karaoke night with Sion!
College-Shango	0	0	0	0	
Esopus	0	0	0	0	
Gage	5	5	0	0	
Lenape	1	1	0	0	
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	
Mohonk	0	0	0	0	
Ridgeview	0	0	0	0	

Scudder	0	0	0	0	
Shawangunk	1	0	0	0	

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. The winner this week was ** drum roll please** In the first place we have Ashokan. They are the only ones who answered the riddle last week. Make sure to submit those answers to get GFPS for riddles in the minutes! Also, please be sure to raise your placards to speak throughout the meeting! Thank you!

SENATE: 9:09

Ann: Hi guys! The first thing is that the third branch of the student association, our judicial board that meets infrequently. The workload is not that much. The judicial board decides that if a decision was made by the student association that a student or group of students wants to challenge if it was biased in some way it gets taken to the judicial board so they need to be completely unbiased. We have a case to follow up on. So, we need to form a judicial board and one of the cool things about the judicial board is that it is a lifetime appointment. So, once you're elected you serve for your entire time at SUNY New Paltz with no application. I'll say it's not a huge time commitment. It's just a one or two night thing after you pass down your decision. We're looking for at least 4 people and they cannot be a member of the student association via the council of orgs or the senate. RHSA President Abby will be serving on that board. So, if you want a chance to work with Abby more closely as well please reach out, we really need you. The Senate is wrapping up its accessibility initiative for the month of November. Last Wednesday we talked around and cleaned up all of the outdoor advertising boards. They should be easier for you guys to use and read. The Senate just passed a list of unusable and broken accessibility buttons that sometimes do not work. The list was just sent up to admin so those hopefully will be working soon. The Student Association has partnered with Take Back the Night and some student leaders in the CSE to have free menstrual products all over campus. It is entirely student lead, student powered and it's partially powered by student donations. So, I was wondering if any of you guys would be willing to put out collection boxes in your halls. We're only looking for unopened packages. If that's something you guys are interested in, come up after the meeting I will be able to get you guys the signs you may need, the boxes, and take down your email. We're going to start with supplying them in all the bathrooms in the SUB. Except for the gender neutral bathroom on the 3rd floor because the plumbing is really bad. We're partnering with Res. Life and the facilities department offices to get them in the academic buildings as well. The last thing is that Abby and I had a meeting with Mike Calvary from sodexo on Thursday. If any of your board meals are still not working on grub hub they're working with grubhub to fix that problem. In the meantime if it is not working you can go up to the cashiers in sweets and treats, in the

SUB, or in element 93 and ask them to use a board meal. They should be able to do all of that because you. We know that dirty dishes are in the dining hall and we're working with Mike to streamline the cleaning process and make sure they're more clean when they come out. We have a survey that would be entirely RHSA and SA lead for sodexo workers for them to be able to answer more comfortably to make sure they know their answers would not go straight to their boss. Sodexo is under the impression that everything is being done properly. But from what we're hearing from students and student workers is that a lot of the process is being overlooked due to the working conditions. They're talking about bringing back plan C, the freedom plan, which was 75 meal swipes and \$1,500 dining dollars. Sodexo itself agrees with us that the plan should come back, it's just CAS that we have to get through. I know Abby and SA president Bri will be advocating on your behalf at the CAS board meeting.

Capen: Why did they take them away?

Ann: They couldn't give us an answer and I think it's because it's not a Sodexo decision from what I've gathered.

Abby: They're trying to keep the lowest cost for meal plans in the SUNY system. They're trying to focus on that, and adding another one would make it go up. So, I think they're focusing on that. We are going to advocate for the third meal plan back.

Ann: It was also a part of their strategy to keep the long wait times down.

Mazee: I'm on the meal plan committee for CAS. So, I will do everything I can to make sure that if we do not get that meal plan back there's another way.

Ann: On the meal plan I know that the dining dollars for the first-year students are tight and Sodexo recognizes that. We brought up the idea to raise it to \$400-\$500. Sodexo agrees, but they want to make sure the cost increase for students is the same as the dollar increase.

NRHH: 9:17

Sophia: Hello! I am a chapter member of the National Residence Hall Honorary, so many of you got an email from Advisor Mandy last night inviting you to fill out the application for NRHH! We had our first meeting last night, there are only three chapter members so we need you to apply! Application is due December 15th and the letter of recommendation and resume are due on the 16th before 7 PM when we review. If you are a first-semester student and don't have a GPA yet, don't worry, there is a substitute you can use to apply, instructions are going out soon. We have a couple of programs planned. There's the winter wishes program, Shawangunk lounge December 6 at 8:30, hosted by Jackie. also in the bliss main lounge hosted by me! wed. Dec 7, 2-4 pm. It's like both winter wishes. It's a goal to recruit and it's a service and recognition thing, which are the two pillars of the organization. We're going to write cards for staff members, faculty, and employees. When you write a nice note we will make sure they get dispersed. Posters going out next week for you to hang up on the 28th to spread the word about that program! Thank you all so much, if you would like to apply come see me with your email! Rolling applications through December 16.

OLD BUSINESS 9:19

Motion to Open Old Business: Shawangunk

Second: Bliss

CCC 9:19

Sophia: So many of you are handing in PUP sheets and getting so many GFPs! I have gotten a few tandem program sheets which make me so happy! You can find PUP sheets on our website, hawksites.newpaltz.edu/rhsa. Keep handing them in as you have been doing, during office hours or under the door of our office, Capen B-16 up until December 5, the last day GFPs will be counted so we have time to determine the hall of the semester before our final meeting on December 12!

CONDOM CASINO 9:20

Athena: Condom Casino was so much fun! First, we have to thank all of our volunteers that helped us, but also, we have to thank everyone who came. Condom Casino is usually our biggest program of the year, and it was better than we could have imagined. It was a super fun time, and the organization looks forward to putting it on next year as well.

Caroline: Hi, everyone! Thank you to all who came to the Regional Leadership Conference this weekend! We had a lot of fun, and our banner came in the first place! Stay tuned next semester for more conference opportunities, including the New Paltz Leadership Conference (which you are all invited to attend), the Spring Leadership Conference, and the NACURH Annual Conference in Indiana! As always, feel free to email me if you have any questions about NEACURH, NACURH, or conferences in general, or stop by my office hours Fridays, 9-12.

NEW BUSINESS 9:22

Motion To Open New Business: Ashokan

Second: Capen

COFFEE HOUSE 9:22

Mazee: Our Coffee House program is going to be Friday, December 2nd from 7 pm-9 pm. It is essentially an open mic night that anybody can perform at. There will be performances, various treats, and goodies for refreshments. If you are interested in performing, please contact President Abby or fill out the attached form!

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AC RETREAT/FINAL BUZZ

Faith: We are coming up on that time for our final buzz event of the semester. We decided this year to combine it with our AC retreat. So, Friday, December 9th from 7 pm –9 pm in SUB 100N

we are going to be having our Spa Day Buzz! We are going to give you all the opportunity to relax and treat yourselves before finals. On top of it being a Spa, there will also be games to play just to truly make it a fun time. Hope to see you there!

BANQUET 9:23

Abby: I am so excited to invite you all to our end-of-the-year banquet! This banquet will be our last AC meeting of the semester. So, we will wrap up any business we have, as well as hand out awards for the hall of the semester, e-board choice, and RA liaison of the semester! The theme this year is a pajama party! Banquet will be on Monday, December 12th from 8 pm – 10 pm in the SUB MPR. Please note the fact that we will be starting one hour earlier than normal. This is an event for your entire hall gov to celebrate all that you have done this semester. There will be food there as well. See you all there!

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:24

- Coffee House | Friday, December 2nd from 7pm – 9pm
- AC Retreat/Final Buzz | Friday, December 9th from 7pm – 9pm
- Banquet | Monday, December 12th from 8pm - 10pm

HALL CONCERNS 9:25

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. Does anybody have any hall concerns?

Capen: There's leaking in the basement, by the B16 rooms.

Abby: Where are the specific locations?

Capen: There's one leak in the laundry room by RA David's room in the basement.

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

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:26

Abby: If you have general concerns about 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<<Riddle: Which Eboard member's birthday was on the same day as condom casino?>> 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

Ann: Can I give an update on a concern?

Abby: Of course.

Ann: We know that you guys may have experienced issues with class registration for the spring. This is something that SA has been working with provost Lyman on. Provost Lyman reported back to her that nothing about course registration has changed between this year and last year, but students are noticing something different. She is willing to hear us out. So, further investigation beyond our first step is being conducted and we're getting a lot more specific in our

questioning. If that's something you guys have also been worrying about or hearing about we're trying.

Shawangunk: A lot of my peers face this issue from the transfer living facility. They're having a lack of communication with what's happening with their program. When they do reach out to the main person they're not giving the most positive results and they're threatening to kick them out of the course. I do not remember his name exactly, but he has been threatening to kick them out of where they're living if they do not take a course even if the course does not have to do with their major and what they are working toward. I have heard this situation happen to two people at least in Shawangunk. I will follow up with that. I'm not sure if anyone else is having this issue.

Ann: Do you know the person's title, is it their CM or their professor?

Shawangunk: I want to say his name is David, but I'm not sure. He's not the CM or the professor. They might be kicked out next semester because this person will not listen to them.

Ann: Do you know if they're gone to the CM about this?

Shawangunk: Yes, they went to the CM and they went to Fanneley as well. When I tried to apply to transfer living they said there was no room, but now I see that there are a bunch of people that are trying to get out. They're destroying this community and it is very upsetting

Abby: Thank you for telling us. I will see what's going on. Are there any more student concerns?
3,2,1 seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR: 9:31

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?

Bliss: Wednesday, November 30th we're doing a create your own snow globe at Bliss main lounge at 7 pm. Also, I know my hall partnered with NYPERG and they have modernized New York's bottle bill. So, I brought out sheets. If you guys wanted to sign or pass out in your hall it's to raise the bottle return from 5 cents to 10 cents to get people to recycle more.

Shawangunk: Gage and Shawangunk are doing our Tote Bag painting 4-6 Gage Hall on November 30th. It's our postponed date.

Reymar: I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. RHSA thank you for all that you've done thus far in the semester and thank you for all that you've done with the senate.

Abby: Thank you Reymar.

Sion: Tomorrow 2-4 I will not be having my office hours, I am going home for the break.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:33

Abby: Where's my moose?

Capen: I put Molly in a bag so now we can wear Molly and she also has a new shirt.

Abby: It's a moose, I love it! Who wants molly? Lenape gets the moose!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Athena: “Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance” - Eckhart Tolle

ADJOURNMENT

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Shawangunk

Second: Capen

Next Meeting will be in SUB 100N!

