

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 12/5/22

Location: SUB 100N

CALL TO ORDER 9:04

Abby: welcome back

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:04

Abby: shirts and explain l-o-v-e love you love you

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:07

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	1	0	0	None
Bliss	3	3	0	0	None
Bouton	2	2	0	0	Thurs. 7:30 tote bag event
Capen	9	9	0	0	Tomorrow karaoke night 8:30 in the main lounge
Collango	0	0	0	0	None
Esopus	0	0	0	0	None
Gage	6	6	0	0	None
Lenape	1	1	0	0	Sunday at 7:30
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	None
Mohonk	3	3	0	0	None
Ridgeview	1	0	0	0	Mental health night sat at 7
Scudder	1	1	0	0	None
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	None

Faith: Alright, thank you!

SENATE: 9:09

Ann: I'm sorry I missed last week's meeting. So, just to update you there was not much to report from the last meeting, but just a few things to update one. The first is that the senate has chosen what to focus on in the month of december which is basic health strategies. The senators will be putting together a champagne with posters on flyers about the things on campus and how to get to and from a hospital without paying for an ambulance. The fact that RAs can now give out a few basic health items like bandaids, ice packs, and things of that nature. So, you do not have to call UPD for them anymore. The second thing is that the person who provides our washing and drying machines' contracts finally ends at the end of the semester. They've provided those same machines for the past 20 years. Student voice is important in deciding if we renew that contract while we look for another vendor. You should be emailing RHSA so they have a detailed record about the issues with laundry, you guys will get another reminder of that at the end of the semester. <<Riddle: What is the theme of the banquet this year?>>Was anyone here a part of a program called follett access this fall? No. aware of follett textbooks, if you were a part of that test group your feedback is really important because follett is a company the school is potentially looking to partner with long term. They're moving towards a model where everyone pays the same amount regardless of how much the textbooks would have been. So, they explained for example they'd like to get to a place where each textbook is. That cost would be put onto your tuition bill. There would now be potentially a \$200-\$300 textbook charge on there and pay for them upfront before the class starts. This will create winners and losers in the system. The other potential problem is that students have to pay about 50% of their bill before getting access to their brightspace materials, and if the additional textbooks cost hinders somebody's ability to pay that 50% their access gets taken off. Follett when they presented to AUX services said that they sent out a survey to students who participated, but students never actually received that survey. Your feedback is still very important whether or not Follett asked for it or not.

Mazee: There is an opt out program. Hopefully it is fixed based on what we were told. There is the option if you can find a textbook cheaper somewhere else you can opt out. We got asked today if there are any students who would want to work on this committee to work on it.

Ann: Students would also lose the opportunity to rent a paper copy of the book

Sophia: Is the opt out for the pilot or would it be for everyone?

Ann: For everyone.

Ashokan: Is it \$60 per text book or \$60 per five classes?

Ann: Per textbook for 5 classes, at this time they cannot give us a definite number.

Mazee: The library is also working on getting more resources because we know it's an issue.

Mohonk: I know some sites to get textbooks for free. So, if anyone is curious just hit me up.

Mazee: The bookstore would also still be doing what it's doing if we continue this Follett thing.

Capen: Can we get an email sent out to us once it's all set up

Ann: Hopefully. Have those conversations with your friends. Having those conversations will be data collection essentially.

Capen: Would they ever have an option, say you have 5 courses and you only want to opt into 3 of them? Can you do that?

Ann: For the pilot they do, but if we move towards the equity model that would no longer become an option.

Bliss: These would just be online textbooks, they're not physical.

Ann: Yes.

Abby: Thank you Ann.

NRHH: 9:21

Sophia: Hello everyone! Once again, I am a chapter member of the Phi Psi Chapter of the National Residence Hall honorary and we want more of us! I hope all of you who received an application form are having a wonderful time filling it out! Please come to me with any questions and give me your email if you would like to apply, applications due Dec. 16 at the latest so there's time! Also, a poster for our winter wishes programs, December 6th at 8:30PM in the Shawangunk main lounge with secretary Jackie, and with me on December 7th from 2-4 in bliss hall, main lounge. I am offering tours of our office as well during that time. The program is designed to express gratitude through an act of kindness to anyone on campus who makes your day!

OLD BUSINESS 9:23

Motion to Open Old Business: Capen

Second: Mohonk

CCC 9:23

Sophia: So many of you are handing in PUP sheets and getting so many GFP's! 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. As you know, today was the last day the website GFP tally will be updated, but I have extended the GFP deadline to Friday, December 9th at 4PM. Slide your PUP sheets under the office door and answer the riddle in the minutes until then. The website will not be updated to create suspense and make sure we are confident on who won hall of the semester! Thanks!

COFFEE HOUSE 9:24

Sion: Thank you to everyone who came to our Coffee House event! We had such a good time, and we hope you all did as well. A special thanks to all those who performed.

Motion to Close Old Business: Lenape

Second: Bouton

NEW BUSINESS 9:24

Motion To Open New Business: Bliss
Second: Gage

Mazee: My office hours, Wednesday's 1-3pm are canceled this week. If you need me you can always email me at rhasa@newpaltz.edu

AC RETREAT/FINAL BUZZ 9:25

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!

Abby: There's going to be a massage chair

Mohonk: Is it free?

Abby: Of course!

BANQUET 9:26

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 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!

Motion To Close New Business: Lenape
Second: Ridegview

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:27

- AC Retreat/Final Buzz | Friday, December 9th from 7pm – 9pm
- Banquet | Monday, December 12th from 8pm - 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. 3,2,1 seeing none. Moving on to student concerns.

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:28

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. 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

Ashokan: I was told by an upperclassman that SEI's for professors just go back to them, they do not go to anyone higher. Can you do anything about that? I do not see the point of us completing them.

Abby: I will look into that because I have no clue with anything about that.

Ashokan: I have a professor that everybody hates and he hasn't changed so clearly they are not doing anything.

Abby: They could also be tenured.

Bliss: The bulletin board near the humanities building has a light that's dangling from it. It's broken the outdoor one. Next time I'll make sure to take a picture.

Abby: Alright.

Mohonk: I think there aren't enough tutoring resources for too many subjects because I do not get tutoring for art history and designing for the web. I think they should have tutoring sessions because one is coding and the other is just a pain.

Abby: I will relay that information.

Gage: I agree, and I did talk to someone about that, but they said it was set for the year. I would start a petition because I think that's unfair. For printing? Can I get more free money or not?

Abby: It resets it next semester.

Gage: But if I wanted more because I have no money right now. I can't get more.

Ann: There's someone who we as RAs are told to email if we want more printing money, but we will look into if it applies to non RAs as well.

Ashokan: Do PRs get that too?

Abby: For Hall Gov, no.

Sophia: The CSS does offer tutoring, but not for every subject. So, if there's a subject you are really good at you can be paid by the CSS. This gets you money and helps out other students at SUNY New Paltz.

Reymar: If you've been in the lecture center in the past 24 hours there's a vending machine, and people have tried to use the credit card function. For whatever reason where it says swipe it is saying it in chinese or something. Madam chairman has already gotten my report. I am just crossing my fingers that you guys will work on that.

Abby: I will look into that tomorrow.

Ann: CAS is somewhat aware of an issue with some vending machines. The machine in Gage only accepts cash, but they do not take dollar coins. Malinda in the CAS office is working on getting a cola machine as a solution.

Bliss: Don't they give dollar coins?

Abby: Yes.

Mohonk: The vending machine is mohonk says sold out on three of the drinks, but they're all in there.

Abby: We will reach out about all these vending machines. Are there any more student concerns?

Ann: There are some topics of conversation coming up at the presidential cabinet where I sit as one of your representatives alongside several members of your eboard. These include the new paltz loop and UCAT are going to be brought up and two if anyone was in the Jewish Belongingness meetings that were brought up 1-2 weeks ago. That's going to be reevaluated as well because those were maybe not the most appropriate. So, we'd like to hear your feedback.

Ashokan: New Paltz Loop and UCAT suck. The summer program was when they were only there on time, and did everything they were supposed to do. Multiples of my students have reported them not showing up, or telling them they do not go to Tops when the app says it does.

Lenape: I have the UCAT app and the schedule for the new paltz loop does not match the posted schedules at the bus stop do not match. It would be nice if those would match.

Gage: I had several bags for the new paltz loop today. It was so bad I ended up calling a taxi. One of the biggest issues when one of the buses came they told me I had to be at the curve with my arm out to get the bus to stop. I was thinking what if someone needs to stop at that bench at that bus stop. I looked at the schedule, but she told me she's not coming back for two hours.

Gage: the people had their number posted to call them. We had to sit there for an extra few hours. We called the place to see where the bus was, and they said they did not know, and told us to ask the person when they got there.

Ann: Was this on Saturday, Sunday, or Friday?

Gage: Friday for the UCAT.

Sion: I remember once there was a wasp nest at the bus stop at Tops.

Gage: A couple weeks ago I was going to take the bus with some of my friends. The schedule was not right, and I had multiple bus drivers complain that they were about to take their break, and they're not taking anyone. Then they go on a long rant about how we should call someone to complain, but their schedule is not accurate and everyone gets upset.

Ashokan: To add on to that, I know that they're upset it's their break or whatever, but my student have said that that has happened and the bus driver will be yelling at them.

Ann: You might know, as of last Monday grubhub is now distinguishing between board meals and meal swipes. It used to say you have 150 boards, when in reality you had 150 meal swipes and only a percentage was exchangeable. Now it is corrected. If you went on grubhub and it says you have no board meals, but for some students that have not been working. Sodexo was made aware of that today. They're getting back to me with an update on this by Wednesday at the latest. So, I will get back to you with an update at the banquet on Monday. So, hopefully you remove your card and put it back and it works, but if you have a problem know people are already being proactive about it.

OPEN FLOOR: 9:43

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: Hi everybody! This Thursday the 8th from 8-9 we're doing a holiday party nostalgia, pajamas, holiday movie, hot chocolate, 7-9 in the basement lounge of ashokan. The 15th we have

a relax from the finals program from 7-9. There's journaling and thoughts when you're stressed from finals.

Ridgeview: This Saturday at 7 we're having a mental health night to prepare for finals. So, there's going to be affirmations, journaling, hot coco, and tea.

Lenape: On Sunday at 5:30 Lenape also has a stress relief program. We will also be doing journaling and handing out fidget toys.

Gage: We have a cookie carnival from 5-7 where you can decorate cookies and relax.

Abby: Anymore open floors?

Bliss: An update for our collaboration with NYPERG, now is the time to hand in those petition sheets if anyone has any for me.

Sion: Tomorrow at 7:30pm the music department is having a performance of Handel's Messiah, it's beautiful classical music to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It's free in Studley theater.

Reymar: Update from CRC. Hope you guys had fun filling in the applications. Sometime this week from now to when midterms start advisors will start emailing you all one by one. Please RSVP those advisors as soon as possible. We look forward to working with you all in the spring.

Ann: This is going to be sort of a niche topic, but there's a conversation going on between the black studies department and the college of liberal arts and sciences. The class titled Black Psychology does not credit any psychology degree for some reason. This is true for a lot of things. If you have ever taken a class in the black studies department and wonder why you do not get credit for something else email vpacademicaffairs.newpaltzsa@gmail.com. Ariel works with provost Lyman on a biweekly basis, and this is an issue that has been brought to his attention and something he will be working on. If you have more examples please let them know.

Abby: Are there anymore open floors, 3,2,1 seeing none.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:50

Abby: Is the moose here?

Ridgeview: Yes she is. She went to winter formal. She has a sparkly ensemble.

Abby: Have any halls not gotten Molly? Sounds like it's time for Molly to come home.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:51

Sion: "Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts" -Winston S Churchill

ADJOURNMENT 9:51

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Bliss

Second: Mohonk

Next Meeting will be in SUB MPR!!

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"How's studying for finals going?"



Turning final papers and projects in to professors like

