

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 01/30/23

Location: SUB 409

CALL TO ORDER 9:04

**Abby:** Thank you so much everybody for coming. I'm not doing the mystery activity today, Caroline is.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:05

**Caroline:** Robert's Rules overview. These are really important when we are doing elections. On the back of all your hall placards you have a list of any and all Robert's rules. I'm going to highlight some of the important ones for elections. With discussion we'll have discussion periods throughout the elections which can be extended. So, Abby might ask for a hall to move to extend discussion by however many minutes. That needs a second, there can be additions. So, you can move to close discussion with or without additions. Side note, when a candidate is giving a speech and they say they yield to questions Q and A is not formally opened. Yield to redundancy is important. So, if someone brings up something during the discussion period that is pretty much what you were going to say then you can say you yield to redundancy. So, there are certain rules throughout the night that are important. For a discussion, people do not bring outside things outside of their materials and their speech. That's all I have for right now.

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. I would also like everyone to please state when their elections are if you are having any and when your hall gov meetings are.

Hall Name	Number Present	RHSA Shirts	NRHH Shirts	Conference Shirts	Hall Report
Ashokan	2	0	0	0	Having elections, but are unsure of when. Meetings are still Thursdays at 9pm.
Bliss	3	3	0	0	First meeting is tomorrow at 8pm.
Bouton	2	2	0	0	Event valentines cookie decorating

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Capen	4	2	0	0	This Friday there is a 7pm pizza party. No elections. Meetings Thursdays at 7pm.
Collango	0	0	0	0	
Esopus	0	0	0	0	
Gage	4	4	0	0	No elections, meetings are Sunday at 8pm
Lenape	2	0	0	0	Meetings Wednesdays at 7:15 pm
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	
Mohonk	3	2	0	0	Meeting fri 7pm-8pm and elections are unknown
Ridgeview	0	0	0	0	
Scudder	0	0	0	0	
Shawangunk	0	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.

SENATE: 9:09

**Ann:** The Senate meeting last week got canceled last week due to snow. Our first senate meeting will be taking up this week, and we have a lot to discuss. We have some legislation coming up for a preview. We're going to be voting on prospective senators, legislate, so it will be a busy week. Can everyone in this room raise their hand if they know about the stone benches recently built over by the Gunk. If you guys also knew that those benches had the name of the slave owners on them, that the Peregrine complex buildings were formally named after, can you raise your hand again. That bench was built, and was decided to be built in fall of 2021, and was decided right after the name changes had taken place. The school's intentions for those benches were to honor the indigenous people of the area, some black individuals who were formative in developing the town of new paltz, and possibly some old faculty staff members. That doesn't seem like any of that has happened, and instead they put the name of slave owners on the bench. They did not tell anyone they were doing that. So, I just wanted to gauge your guy's knowledge about that. If anyone wants to comment on it or know anything about it.

**Mohonk:** Can we get that changed, how would we go about doing that?

**Ann:** So, currently I am in the process, myself, the president and the co-vice president of the black student union have developed a statement on it. We've developed some possibilities of what the bench can change into. primarily we are going to ask for those plaques to be taken down. But if they really want to honor something with those benches, we do not really have an exact idea we're hoping for more of a campus wide collaborative effort. We were thinking of basing it off of the idea of sankofa, which is a phrase that comes out of Africa which means to look behind you and learn. This seems to be the original intentions they had for the benches.

**Ashokan:** What exactly happened? Because I didn't expect this in 2021.

**Ann:** It came from the person who used to head what was called the diversity and inclusion committee, it is now called something else. That original committee has been disbanded, and the new one is made up of completely different people. The old committee was chaired by Tanhena Pacheco Dunn who still works here as our chief diversity officer. If you know anything about Tanhena, you know this is not something she would be okay with. She chaired the committee that got the benches put there and the original idea for it. We are going to meet with Tanhena and figure out where the good intentions got lost and what we can do about it. The next President Cabinet meeting is happening on February 8th, but we're trying to have the conversation with Tahena before that meeting so we can have a more productive space and some answers moving into the meeting. If you guys have any more thoughts on it you can always email me or come up to me after the meeting.

NRHH: 9:14

**Sophia:** Hi guys, we have not yet had a meeting yet. As always let me know if you're interested in applying! We have four new members, but we would love to have some more.

OLD BUSINESS 9:15

**Motion To Open Old Business:** Bliss

**Second:** Capen

KARAOKE BUZZ 9:16

**Athena:** Hi guys, thank you so much for coming to karaoke buzz. It was so much fun, you all made it a great time.

RIDDLE IN THE MINUTES 9:16

**Faith:** The question for riddle in the minutes was whose EBoard member's birthday is in February? Does anyone know the answer?

**Lenape:** Abby!

**Faith:** Mohonk got the credit for that riddle in the minutes!

**Motion to Close Old Business:** Lenape

**Second:** Ashokan

NEW BUSINESS 9:17

**Motion To Open New Business:** Bouton

**Second:** Mohonk

DORSKY BUZZ

**Caroline:** Hi everyone! We're so excited to announce we are teaming up with the Dorsky art museum for Dorsky Buzz! Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Dorsky Museum we will hold a surprise event with prizes! Come take the chance to appreciate the amazing art we have on campus and support the museum. Hope to see you there!

**Motion To Close New Business:** Lenape

**Second:** Capen

5 minute break

ELECTIONS 9:23

**Abby:** We will now begin the Vice President 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.<<Riddle: Where was Hugo the Hawk born?>> We will have an E-Board member keeping an eye out and if they catch you with technology, they will ask you to leave. As an aside, only 2 people from your hall can vote, they should be your AC Reps, but if they are not here you may choose among your representatives.

If you are running for Vice President, please stand! We are going to ask Tarik, Athena, Haley, and Eddie to leave the room and we will invite you back for your speech.

**Abby:** The roles of Vice President include:

- A. The Vice President shall serve as Acting President in the event that the President is unavailable, or the position is vacant as per Article Six Section 2.A.1 of this Constitution;
- B. Attends all President Cabinet meetings;
- C. Works closely with the Student Activities and Union Services (SAUS);
- D. Contracts all campus venues using the Facilities Use for Scheduled Event (FUSE) form;
  - a. Attends all individual/group event consultation for all events;
- E. Contracts all security and crew for events with SAUS;
- F. Contracts transportation needed for off campus events;
- G. Contracts catering for events as needed;
- H. Books, coordinates, and plans both the Fall Associate Council Retreat and Spring Associate Council Retreat;
- I. Maintains and organizes all information needed for events on and off campus;

- J. Prepares and disburses evaluations for large programs (I.e. Spirit Weekend, Condom Casino, etc.);
- K. Prepares and facilitates scoring for large programs (I.e. Spirit Weekend, etc).

**Abby:** We are now going to have 5 minutes to list expectations of the Vice President.

#### Expectations

- Be present, physically and mentally.
- Being able to prioritize what's most important.
- Prioritization and good time management.
- Communicating effectively among other EBoard members
- Friendly and Approachable
- Ideas of growth to better everything as RHSA
- Respectful and responsible
- Organization
- Experience on campus

**Motion to Close Expectations without Additions:** Lenape

**Second:** Mohonk

#### **Candidate 1:** Haley

Hello everyone happy monday night AC meeting. So, I'm going to tell you a little bit about myself. Basically if you do not know me my name is Haley, and I am running for the Vice President position because I feel like this is a very important opportunity on campus, and I'm not the type of person who is going to stray away from an opportunity presented to me, I'm a pretty goal oriented person, and I want to improve on my leadership skills. I do want to try and build connections between RHSA and other organizations on campus and see what we can do. In terms of what Ann was talking about earlier with slave owners and things like that. I definitely think that RHSA and being someone who goes to President Cabinet meetings when they happen and being a direct source to the president is important. It's important that we take issues like that into account and RHSA can be a vital ally. That's something I want to work towards. As far as being Vice President, I am Vice President of Ashokan Hall, I was PR of Gage all of last year for both semester. I started the Vice President role, but I am very excited to see where this leads. If I get this position or not I am happy to be here. I love coming to these meetings every Monday night.

**Motion to Open Question and Answer:** Lenape

**Second:** Bliss

### Question and Answer

If there was an issue to arise with a conflict that is hard to discuss, how do you feel that you are prepared to discuss that with whoever it needs to be taken to? Like, how do you deal with tough conflicts?

**Haley:** I'm not one that strays away from any type of conflict. If someone came to me with something like that I would thank them for being able to share that with me and trusting me with that information. When it comes to bringing things to where they need to be, I'm going to do that as soon as possible. When it comes to tough things and conversations I know that scares some people, but ultimately I'm looking out for the wellbeing of the person who came towards me. I have a little training in that from when I was a peer ally. I would appreciate anyone who came forward to me about something and I would try to lead them to the proper resources. Say they needed PCC or something if necessary.

What is something you are going to bring from Hall Government to this position?

**Haley:** As far as my experience with hall gov. I think, one fun fact about me is that I have some pretty cool ideas sometimes. Sometimes I'll be going to bed and I'll have a really good idea for a program. Anything that's fun and fresh and include everyone. Program planning is something I would definitely want to bring to RHSA.

You mentioned in your speech that you never stray away from an opportunity you have.

Has there ever been an opportunity for you that you really had to fight for to be able to grasp onto it and hold onto it until you got it, and if so can you elaborate on it?

**Haley:** Not really. I think that usually, like I've had a few jobs and I interview I get them. You know what I mean? I do take the process seriously, I just make a good impression. That's my number one thing to do. One thing I've been struggling for is that I really want to be an RA. I'm only a sophomore, I did apply last year and I was not chosen, but I am going to try again this semester. Applications just opened, I'm working towards it. I've been building my resume. I'm working so hard for that, it is something I am fighting for.

What do you think makes you stand out?

**Haley:** I don't consider myself a super special person. I am pretty involved in the campus community and I think that with my experiences in other organizations that I might be able to help, or even extend an olive branch between them. That's one thing that may set me apart from others. I'm no better than anyone else, I'm not going to say that.

**Motion to Close Question and Answer:** Lenape

**Second :** Ashokan

### Candidate 2: Tarik

Ladies, Gentlemen, people using nonspecific genders. When you look at me you probably see a chucklesmuck who could never be vice president. The only thing about it is, you couldn't possibly be more wrong. My name is Tarik and I want to be vice president of the RHSA board. This isn't about what I can do for the school, it's about what I can do for you guys, as a Vice

President candidate my determination, perfectionism, and drive to be apart of something big would amke the ideal Vice president. However, I consider my drive to be my biggest weakness. When I'm doing a task, whether big or small, I tend to go overboard making sure the task is done right and done with the utmost effort. It may take longer to get done, but it will get done. One thing I noticed is that there are not enough lively events on campus, we have movies and karaoke nights but it's just not enough. All students are usually stressed from school work, tests, or life in general. I would try to schedule big campus events every few months or so. So, students can just forget about their intense lives for maybe a few hours. I just want to make sure that everyone has a good time on campus and no one is left out during their time here at New Paltz. While having a good time is important to me, it's also important that any and all problems are resolved. Whatever problem occurs with students and faculty, I will do whatever is within my power as Vice President to do so. This may sound corny but I don't want to be a Vice President, I want to be your Vice President. Done.

### **Motion to Open Question and Answer: Gage**

**Second:** Bliss

Question and Answer:

What separates you from other candidates?

**Tarik:** My charming personality and go to spirit.

What inspired your drive for this position?

**Tarik:** I always wanted to be apart of something. Even something like school politics. I always wanted to be a leader, or in this case a back up leader.

What qualities help you become a leader?

**Tarik:** I'm always punctual with time, I always arrive early, even if it's 15-30 moniytes. I'm always coming up with new ideas small or large. I always try my best to do a good job and the results that you guys want.

You mentioned in your speech that you wanted to plan bigger events, can you give one example of these events and what goals you may have?

**Tarik:** One example would be, big campus wide waterballoon fights. Or something big like maybe a trip to a spa so we can get some massages. Not saying that's possible, but it's nothing I can guarantee. As for my goals, I just want to be apart of something big and make an impact.

I think it's very beautiful especially that part that you pointed out about doing things you would when we were kids. Because yes we are all adults here sometimes it's a nice thing you want to leave in that kid touch so we still enjoy school and the possibility. How would you try to organize it so it's spread across the campus and more past just hall government people and more to be a whole campus wide experience.

**Tarik:** I would spend more time getting word out, going on the campus radio, passing out posters and fliers, I would even advertise it during my class time if my professors would allow it.

Do you have any previous experience in hall government

**Tarik:** Currently I am the public relations officer of Mohonk Hall. I basically manage our instagram and print flyers and posters.

How does that help you become a good Vice President?

**Tarik:** I am a people person, whether it's public relations or vice presidency you are the people and I want to help you.

During your speech you mentioned that your weakness was focusing on one thing and sometimes also not being able to fully finish that because you want to keep doing more for it. That's also beautiful, do you have an example of a project you wanted to get done, but you kept putting more and more ideas into it to make it better?

**Tarik:** Yes, last semester, my first semester here at New Paltz I always spent my of my free time, hours in the library finishing a task that would only need to be done in half an hour. I'm a perfectionist. It's a struggle and a weakness I just want to make sure that I can complete this task to the best of my ability and get the results I want, but again as Vice President it's not about what I want it's about what you guys want.

**Motion to extend question and answer:** Bliss

**Second:** Mohonk

How do you organize and time manage everything while having classes?

**Tarik:** I would use my free time. Any freetime I have because I want to get it done and there's not much I need to get done with school and work. So, freetime I can give to my RSHA duties.

Back to you saying how being a perfectionist is a positive and negative trait of yours.

How are you able to balance both getting the job done in a timely manor, and also having the standards you have and people may have for you?

**Tarik:** I would normally wake up early last semester to get my work done. I would normally get it done early so I have more time to myself and the more time I have to myself and that time can be dedicated to do other tasks.

In terms of you being in the Mohonk Hall government what qualities can you bring to the Vice President?

**Tarik:** My artistic ability, my passion, and my punctuality if that's a quality.

How do you plan to combat when you get too focused on a task and hit a wall, how do you plan to get out of that?

**Tarik:** I try to get out of my head, and remember it's not just about me. It's about everyone and remember that I'm apart of a team and I can't be selfish.

In terms of being a part of a team, how do you think you work well with others?

**Tarik:** Very well, I haven't had a problem on hall gov. and I bet I won't have any problems here on the RSHA board.

**Motion to Close Question and Answer:** Ashokan

**Second:** Lenape



### **Candidate 3: Eddie**

I believe most of you know me by now, but for those who don't my name is Edward Curley, but everyone calls me eddie. I am the representative for Bliss Hall. My pronouns are he/him, and I'm running for Vice President. The reason why I believe I should be Vice president is because I believe Vice President should be a leader, active member of the community and someone anyone could go to. I would like to prove to all of RHSA, that I am all of these. Through my first semester here at new paltz, I've joined over 5 clubs, 2 which I have a position in, which eboard member you can see on my resume, and 3 organizations on campus. I am apart of the Deans Student Advisory Board, involved in NRHH, and am the bliss hall representative. I would love the honor of serving the new paltz student body and give everyone a voice that can be heard. I believe everyone should have a voice and as your Vice President I would do my best to represent you all. Thank you all for the opportunity to be elected and run for this position. I truly love being apart of RHSA and look forward to future meetings with you all. Thanks. I yield to questions.

#### **Questions and Answers:**

What are the organizations and clubs you are involved in?

**Eddie:** It's NRHH, the deans student advisory board, and RHSA

What qualities do you think you can bring from these clubs to being Vice President?

**Eddie:** I believe I am a leader, I am a really goo listener, I'm organized, I have really good time management.

You mentioned you were on the dean's students advisory board. Could you tell us some of your responsibilities there.

**Eddie:** We have monthly meetings with the dean of the business school and we talk about common problems with the teacher and anything we want to bring up to the dean. We've talked about things teachers have said, things they do well, brightspace, we've talked about it all. I work with the dean closely to make these problems less often and improve upon things on campus.

You stated you were in 5 clubs and 3 organizations. So, that's 8 things at once, having this on top of it, how would you be able to, if you ever get over flustered by everything, what do you do when you have free time? Do you ever have free time with all of these responsibilities?

**Eddie:** Like I said in one of my questions, I get bored very easily. So, if I'm not constantly doing something I start to question what I am doing with myself. So, I like the hectic part of it and being involved in everything. Last semester I was bored. I want to work my way the best I can if I can't do that, I can always reconsider dropping a position in a club or making more time for schoolwork through that.

In terms of working with the dean. What are some examples of something you helped resolve?

**Eddie:** We brought up to the dean a teacher saying something about someone who is non binary and how they are using the incorrect pronouns for the student. We brought it to the dean and the dean sat down and talked to the professor. Another example is brightspace, they're doing multiple meetings with faculty and staff on ways to improve brightspace. So, they can learn to use it through the transition from blackboard to brightspace.

How can this role benefit you moving forward?

**Eddie:** Vice President could benefit me because I would be able to have a closer sense to administration. I would also have more involvement in student government and the whole population.

**Motion to Extend Question and Answer:** Bliss

**Second:** Mohonk

What makes you a good team player?

**Eddie:** I like to look at everything through multiple angles. I like seeing everyones perspective and as a team leader I'm very organized.

If you were to work with close minded individuals, how would you handle working with them?

**Eddie:** So, to work with them I would definitely express my views and tell them what I think they can improve upon and it would be up to them if they would like to improve. I would also have less interactions with them and possibly take it to higher ups to see if they could handle it with that individual.

You stated that you didn't like being bored and you liked how everything will be hectic, as you worded, but it seems like when you worded that you keep adding more and more onto yourself until it's overwhelming. How would you be able to prevent yourself from getting to the stage where you are overwhelmed with everything and you'll have to drop something and possibly drop something?

**Eddie:** Right now I am currently content with everything. So, I'm not going for more after this position. I am going towards NRHH and volunteering more. I am looking forward to having a great semester and being pretty busy. If it comes to it, I would go to drop out of clubs I don't have a position in first and take more time for myself.

**Motion to Close Question and Answer:** Lenape

**Second:** Mohonk

**Candidate 4:** Athena

Goodevent AC, it's nice to see your friendly faces. As you may know, my name is Athena Anthos, my pronouns are she/her/hers, I am a sophomore, and I'm running to be your Vice President. Since beginning my first semester here on campus I basically know the ins and outs of campus and the lovely residence halls. I have a lot of experience in this field since I was in hall

government for 2 semesters and I have already been on the RHSA EBoard. I have been the historian, but I have decided I am ready for a higher position, but let me tell you this this decision was not at all made lightly, it took a lot of thinking. I am knowledgeable of what I am responsible for as the Vice President. According to the constitution, I was going to list some of these but it is to my knowledge that these have already been read to you, so obviously I would be a stand in for our president Abby when they're not there, attend all Pres. Cab. meetings, which I want to go to so badly, work closely with student activities and services, and contact catering and off campus transportation, and maintain and organize all information for on and off campus events. Like I said earlier, I did make my decision knowing all of this and I know I am ready to take it on. Like I mentioned before I have already been on this EBoard for a semester already. So, I know this campus like I know the EBoard and the duties of RHSA. So, I know how difficult it can be and how sometimes it can make you just want to pull your hair out. But in the end I am very passionate about the Residence Hall Student Association and I care about what RHSA is about and helping my peers. I want to continue representing you all and I have the drive to make sure you not only see, but feel change. I am aware that I am observed as bubbly and vivacious and maybe even a little bit silly, but I can assure you when it is needed I can be very professional and super businessy. I know how to take things seriously and handle it. I hope I have made you confident that I am fit to be your vice president because I am confident that I am your perfect fit.

**Motion to Open Question and Answer: Mohonk**

**Second:** Lenape

**Question and Answer:**

Do you have any other campus leadership experience currently, or do you plan to take on any in the future, and if so how will you be able to balance your time with multiple positions.

**Athena:** I know that I do not have any other positions right now, I am a night host, but I don't know how leadership that is. I am planning on applying to be an RA, but that is next year, and I am applying for this semester. I am a very organized person. I have a planner and I time my day out by the hour, I write everything down and I do it. So, that's how I've always managed my time and there's space in my schedule so I'm ready.

What qualities can you bring about from past experiences to be Vice President?

**Athena:** I can say that I can extract some of my customer service experience into this because during office hours people do call the phone. I know how to answer the phone pretty professionally. In terms of other things, I've talked about my time management, and I have already been on the Eboard which is a huge advantage. There is a lot to understand about the duties of being an EBoard member.

What is your favorite activity that you have participated in in planning on the EBoard?

**Athena:** I really enjoy helping ideas be developed. Obviously I can bring my own ideas to the table, but I like building on other ideas, and I like planning the room out. That is really exciting to me. I always volunteer to do decorations.

You just mentioned that you always like to bring your ideas to the table, but it says that one of your weaknesses is lack of confidence for the ideas. How do you find a way to push through your weakness to being out the ideas for better programs?

**Athena:** My peers and coworkers really help with that especially since I'm more familiar with the EBoard it helps. When I was talking about that I was talking about how ideas that I think are outside of the box. I do bring creative ideas that aren't too out of the box because I get nervous, but I am working on that as I get more comfortable with our EBoard. That makes me more comfortable to bring up my silly little ideas.

I know you said you mentioned that you plan things out by the hour, and it is very organized. How do you respond to situations that do not go as planned.

**Athena:** My day does not always go as planned because lets say I need to do a grocery run or go pick up tshirts with Abby in the middle of my day when it's needed. Usually since there is space in my schedule, because I try to make sure there's a couple hours of space here and there, I can move things around. I can also move things around in my schedule. So, when things go unexpected that's usually how I can do it and usually I try not to stress too much.

### **Motion to Extend Question and Answer: Mohonk**

#### **Second: Bouton**

Besides already being on the EBoard from RHSA, what do you think stands you out from other candidates?

**Athena:** I do not know a lot about the other candidates, and I do not want to say the other candidates are not approachable, but I find that I can be very approachable. I find that I just also have a lot of experience with balancing several meetings in a week. I do not know the situation for everyone else.

Should you be elected for Vice President, obviously you've been on the EBoard but VP is a higher position, if there was conflict among EBoard members how would you handle that situation?

**Athena:** This always depends on the situation. I always try to handle things personally first and try not to let it spread throughout the eboard. Since we are so small it can be easy to have conflict get out there. I would try to handle it on a smaller scale, but if it got bigger I would take it to our advisors and see what they have to say about it and go from there.

Vice Presidents are known for working under pressure. Aside from hall government, what are other things that you have done?

**Athena:** I can say that when I was a camp counselor there were a lot of things that went on there under pressure. If the kids weren't ready on time, and that's another thing: punctuality, but especially with that working under pressure. I also used to work at Tops and Old Navy, so I had

to make sure things go done very quickly. I didn't exactly know how to do them, but I handle them by attempting to stay calm and go to the people I know can help me and I move on from there. I do the best I can because in the end that's all that you can do, the best you can.

Since you state that you are the only one between the four candidates that has been on the EBoard, that means you have been closest to the Vice President in the past. Has there ever been times before where the Vice President had a duty and obligation and you looked at it and were glad you were historian or that you did not have to resolve the problem yourself.

**Athena:** Not necessarily because I was really siked to run for this position. I was very envious of our vice president I did want to be where he was, and I was happy to run for next year, but he left and I guess I just really like the duties, communicating, transportation, setting up our events, that's all very exciting to me. I never thought I would hate to do any of that, if that makes sense.

**Motion to Close Question and Answer:** Capen

**Second:** Lenape

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

**Motion to Open Discussion:** Lenape

**Second:** Mohonk

Discussion:

- Overall, all three candidates presented themselves very well, I was very impressed with Athena how she somehow memorized the RHSA constitution, how she managed to say all those to the top of her head. It shows how she put a lot of dedication and time to RHSA. If seen fit Athena would be a great Vice President.
- Capen thinks Eddie is quite qualified to be Vice President. Capen likes that he was very presentable. They were all pretty nervous, but Eddie's body language and answers to the discussion questions. Eddie responded in a timely manner and he was very involved if chosen he was open to dropping other positions he was involved in. Capen things that showed how dedicated he was to RHSA.
- Mohonk feels as if those who are more experienced in time spent on what they've been doing and how long they've been here is a great indicator for Vice Preisdent.
- Bliss really enjoys the fact that Athena has been on the EBoard and she is fully aware of the responsibilities and she has been apart of the EBoard longer than the other candidates.
- Capen also enjoys that Athena has been on the EBoard, but understands that is may not have accessible to everyone. So, Capen also understands how involved Eddie is in all the clubs and organizations and sees how that could possibly be beneficial to the EBoard.

- Ashokan recognizes that Haley is very hard working, driven, and brings creativity and consistency to the table and she does a lot of work behind the scenes.
- Capen feels that Tarik has a more sympathetic side to Tarik other than just being this big muscular man. Capen really thinks he is a good fit for RHSA VP because he will help the EBoard and president Abby to get the job done.

**Motion to Extend Discussion: Bliss**

**Second: Mohonk**

- Mohonk feels as though Athena is a good fit since she is on the EBoard, a night host, and has a job at tops which shows she can work under pressure while doing a good job at the same time.
- Gage thinks that 4 candidates were good. They all had a positive mindset and attitude.
- Bliss likes the attributes of Tarik that he was trying to bring the whole campus together, it was not just the EBoard it was a focus for the whole EBoard being positive.
- Capen recognizes that Tarik is well spoken and does not crumble under pressure.
- Bliss would also like to mention that they like the organization of Eddie for having so many clubs and still wanting to do more and still finding time and dedication for them.

**Motion to Close Discussion: Lenape**

**Second: Capen**

Votes:

Haley | 1

Tarik | 0

Eddie | 8

Athena | 3

No Confidence | 0

Abstain | 1

**Abby:** Congratulations to our new Vice President: Eddie!

UPCOMING EVENTS 10:28

- Dorsky Buzz | Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm @ the Dorsky

HALL CONCERNS 10:28

**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.

**Sophia:** Apparently Minnewaska washers are broken.

**Abby:** Again. Okay, 3,2,1 seeing none.

## STUDENT CONCERNS 10:29

**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](mailto:rhsa@newpaltz.edu) Our food concerns meeting will be: February 27<sup>th</sup> Are there any student concerns?

**Capen:** How does one go about filing a title IX report?

**Fannely:** You can go directly to Danielle, the title IX reporter, or you can talk to UPD, or your RD and RA.

**Cindy:** Your RA does not complete the form that would be done with your RD.

**Bliss:** Do we have a follow up on the textbook thing?

**Mazee:** There should have been a committee made to work on it this semester. They're still doing a pilot program again with some small changes. If you want to be apart of this committee come up to me please so I can take down your email.

**Ann:** They're looking to work with specific focal groups. So, that would be the EOP and SMP students. So, get connected with Mazee so we can all build the connections we need to build on campus.

## OPEN FLOOR: 10:31

**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?

**Ann:** Mohonk and Ridgeview RA staffs are kicking off our semester season of NPAD on February 11th. We're doing a self love festival. I'm not going to give too much away, it's a bunch of stations to do stuff that makes you feel good. Fostering love within yourself. Recognizing that leading up to Valentines day there's an emphasizes on needing love and validation from another person, but you don't need that because you have yourself. Pull up.

## PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:33

**Abby:** Bliss, would you like to explain the amazing costume?

**Bliss:** Every year my person tradition is to dance with a lovely lady when it snows. Luckily for us it snowed on Tuesday. So, I took Molly to a masquerade dance and she did win gender neutral royalty. She got to dance with the very lucky anonymous person.

**Abby:** Who wants Molly the Moose?

**Mohonk:** We do!

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:34

**Caroline:** "Young people are our greatest strength. Not for what we can make them do, but for where they can lead us." -bell hooks

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ADJOURNMENT 10:34

**Motion To Adjourn the Meeting:** Bliss

**Second:** Abby

Next Meeting will be in SUB 409!

