

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 02/06/2023

Location: SUB 409

CALL TO ORDER 9:06

Abby: Welcome to the meeting everyone, I'm going to call this meeting to order!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:06

Abby: E-board question and answer.

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:21

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 |
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| Ashokan | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Elections are this Wednesday at 8:30 |
| Bliss | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | _____ |
| Bouton | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Valentines day cookie decorating this Thursday at 7 pm |
| Capen | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | Tea party the 21st 7pm |
| Collango | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _____ |
| Esopus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _____ |
| Gage | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | Thursday at 9pm Valentines day card making 2pm-4pm |
| Lenape | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Meetings are Wednesday at 7:15 Sunday at 6pm a SuperBowl watch party |
| Minnewaska | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _____ |
| Mohonk | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | _____ |

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| Ridgeview | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Stay on track program, get yourself organized this Wednesday at 7 pm |
| Scudder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _____ |
| Shawangunk | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Meetings are Tuesday at 5pm |

Faith: Alright thank you!

SENATE: 9:25

Ann: Hey. First and foremost I wanted to give you guys an update on the benches situation. So, for anyone who was not here last meeting. You might notice the stone benches over by the gunk between Awosting and Gage. Those benches were updated over the winter break to display the names of the settlers of New Paltz and the founders of the university. These are the same people who the Peregrine quad. complex used to be named later. The names were changed because these individuals owned enslaved people. So, I met with Tahana, our chief diversity officer, and it was me, a Vice President from the Black Student Union and the council chair at the student association office. I found out a lot of information from Tahana who explained that the bench is not complete and it needs to be updated. The intention of the bench is to present a holistic approach to the history of SUNY New Paltz. Formally what people understood to be the forming of New Paltz was the founding huguenots and the huguenots were slave owners and we sort of honored those people by naming buildings after them. So, after the names were changed in 2019, people wanted to make sure the history was not erased, but strengthened by presenting the whole story. So, the bench is supposed to be completed to include the history of indigenous and african people who also were part of the founding of the town and university. It's far from a perfect project, and sort of what we found out this morning is that the intention of the project is more or less unchangeable. The university at this point has spent too much time and money in it to change the project in it's entirety and at this point the bench has been constructed and the plaques have been put up. So, it was kind of disheartening that the university would not be responsive to a whole lot of our feedback. We did find out there are places students can get involved. So, for example, the statements on the contributions of African and Indigenous people haven't been completed yet. So, at this morning's meeting we advocated for the black studies department and the Black Student Union to be involved in the writing of the statement on the contributions of Africans. Tahana was very supportive of that idea. We're bringing it up at Wednesday's President Cabinet meeting because there are other members other than Tahana who also worked on this project. This is a very bureaucratic process we have to go through, but so far we have the university's support on that. Also, we're advocating with Tahana's support for a section of the space to be dedicated to the former faculty and staff members of the black studies department. Recognizing that too often Black History is sized down to only enslavement. We feel at this point in time that the benches would continue on that trend, so to move away from it we wanted to highlight that black people are a very important part of our campus community and always have

been and contribute very strongly to us academically. I'll be able to give you guys a better update on it after we see how Wednesday's meeting goes. That's where we're at right now.

Mohonk: I know that you being involved in this. I was wondering if you could talk about another issues that came about recently. It came about on the 1st, but in front of Ridgeview there's a dog leash that's on a tree and it's tied in the form of a noose. And it's unsettling with it being there at the start of Black History Month. Especially in front of Ridgeview because it's a very open area and they're very informative with the LGBTQ+ community. I was talking with my fellow classmates in my black history class, and honestly I don't know what their intentions were, but I know the impact was very negative. Especially to black students. It's very weird for the noose to be tied up and seeing students talk about lynchings in the start of Black History Month. I find it very offensive. Is there any way you can look into that and find out more about it.

Ann: I actually did not find out about it until today because I'm a part of the black lives matter at the school collective that's here. It's a very cool space and group we have on campus, and I recommend that people get involved. There's an email they send out at the end of every meeting. That is actually how I found out about that. I don't, at this point in time, know who to go to about it. I can tell you that the black studies department is aware and ResLife is also aware. I know that ResLife reports up to Mike Patterson and Stephanie Blaisdell. So, they should know about it if they do not know already.

Mohonk: I'm confused on why it's still up and the campus has not taken it down.

Ann: I am also confused. Currently, it's not on Wednesday's meeting agenda, and they're pretty strict about us sticking to that agenda, but this is a big enough issue that we are going to talk about.

Abby: I can add it to the agenda.

Ann: The other sort of update that I have is that Senate is partnering with the Disabilities Resource Center on the know your rights programming because we recognize that with students with disabilities on campus, both disabilities that are documented and not documented, that advocating to your professor that you're elected to get these accommodations is one of the most common struggles that we have to go through. So, we're going to put on at least one program, possibly a series of programs, on advocating for yourself and how to sound professional and professors will take you seriously. Unfortunately academia is pretty classist and there's a certain way of talking to certain professors and we wanted to make sure everyone has the best chance possible at advocating for themselves in academic spaces. So, I will be able to give you guys updates on when I have the first meeting tomorrow. Then finally, because I can't be here at the end, NPAD is on Saturday. It's a self love festival. Downstairs in SUB 62/63 from 8:30pm-10:00pm I'd love for you guys to be there to engage in some self love.

Shawangunk: With the disabilities, I was not sure who I should reach out to, you or blackboard, or I don't know where to go. But blackboards website is not allowing access to open dyslexia. For students who are dyslexic they have this app that is able to allow websites to turn into open dyslexic so it's easier for us to read. Unfortunately Blackboard did have this option now

brightspace does not. So, I have to take everything I have. Is there any possibilities for Brightspace to allow that to open.

Ann: The person I am meeting with tomorrow is Emi DiSciullo, she is the learning support specialist. So, this is her specialty and I will be sure to bring it up.

Shawangunk: Thank you so much.

NRHH: 9:31

Sophia: Hi guys I'm here on behalf of the National Residence Hall Honorary. No report yet, but if you have questions please give me emails.

OLD BUSINESS 9:31

Motion To Open Old Business: Shawangunk

Second: Bliss

RIDDLE IN THE MINUTES 9:32

Faith: The question for riddle in the minutes was, "Where was Hugo the Hawk born?" Does anyone know the answer?

Bouton: The Shawangunk Mountains.

Faith: Yes! Mohonk got the GFPs for riddle in minutes this week! Congratulations Mohonk.

Capen: What's the facebook page called? I couldn't find it?

Athena: It should be linked in the instagram bio. If it isn't working Ryan and I can look into that.

Capen: Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS UPDATE 9:33

Eddie: My office hours are Friday from 2:30pm-4:30pm

Motion to Close Old Business: Ashokan

Second: Ridegview

NEW BUSINESS 9:33

Motion To Open New Business: Ashokan

Second: Ridegview

DORSKY BUZZ 9:33

Caroline: We're so excited to announce we are teaming up with the dorsky art museum for Dorsky Buzz! Friday, February 10th at 7pm in the Dorsky Museum we will hold an immersive scavenger hunt with prizes and a raffle! Come take the chance to appreciate the amazing art we have on campus and support the museum. Also, please bring technology that you can use to fill

out the google form where you'll put your scavenger hunt answers for credit! Hope to see you there!

AC RETREAT 9:34

Eddie: We are so excited to invite you all to our Spring AC Retreat! On Saturday, February 18th we are going to be going ice skating! We rented out an ice rink for you all! A sign-up will be going out in the email blast and through the remind. It will be first come first serve since we are taking a bus and there are a limited amount of seats. As we get closer we will give more details regarding getting on the bus, times, and everything like that. Hope you guys can join us!

SLC 9:34

Caroline: Hi everyone! Now that we're in the spring semester, it's time for the Spring Leadership Conference with NEACURH! As a reminder, NEACURH stands for Northeast Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls. In November, President Abby, CCC Sophia, Joaldo from Capen, and I all attended the Regional Leadership Conference, or RLC, which was online. Despite being on Zoom, I still believe that we and the rest of NEACURH made the most of the Zoom conference experience. Due to lack of bids for a conference space this semester, SLC will also be online, March 24th and 25th. I promise that there is still much to learn and experience when a conference is online, so I hope that you want to join us! If you are looking to attend, or you just want to learn more about the conference, please see me at the end of the meeting. I will ask you to fill out a JotForm using this QR code so I can gauge an idea of who's interested. Thank you!

NOMINATIONS 9:36

Abby: Nominations are when you can nominate someone for any position that is coming up. This includes the president, but as a reminder the only person who can run is me. You have to be on it for a year.

Sophia: What if I want to run?

Abby: That's so true. The only people you can nominate are the people up here for president. If you nominate somebody you have to accept, table, or decline and every nomination needs a second. So, with that I am going to need a motion to open nominations.

Motion To Close New Business: Ashokan

Second: Capen

Abby: Alright, are there any nominations for any position?

Capen: I nominate Sophia for president.

Sophia: I decline, I don't even need a second, don't second. Thank you though.

Bliss: Bliss would like to nominate Mazee for Treasurer.

Mohonk: Second

Mazee: I table.

Mohonk: Mohonk nominates Tarik for PR.

Lenape: Second.

Abby: Do you accept, table, or decline?

Tarik: Accept

Bliss: Bliss nominates Jacob for treasurer.

Lenape: Second

Abby: Do you accept, table, or decline?

Jacob: Table <<Riddle: How many EBoard members are also RAs?>>

Mohonk: Mohonk nominates Ryan for PR.

Shawangunk: Second

Abby: Do you accept, table, or decline?

Ryan: Accept

Gage: Gage nominates Heather for PR.

Bliss: Second

Abby: Do you accept, table, or decline?

Heather: I accept

Mohonk: Mohonk nominates Athena for Historian.

Bouton: Second

Abby: Do you accept, table, or decline?

Athena: I table

Capen: I nominate Eddie for Vice President.

Mohonk: Second

Abby: Do you accept, table, or decline?

Eddie: I accept

Ashokan: I nominate Izzy for secretary

Capen: Capen seconds.

Abby: Do you accept, table, or decline?

Izzy: I accept.

Mohonk: Mohonk nominate Abby for president

Bouton: Second.

Abby: I accept.

Mohonk: Mohonk nominates Faith for secretary

Shawangunk: Second

Faith: I accept.

Shawangunk: Shawangunk nominates Caroline for NCC.

Mohonk: Second

Caroline: I decline.

Abby: You cannot run for two positions unless you run for one, do not get it, and someone nominates you for another.

Shawangunk: Shawangunk nominates Sophia for CCC

Bliss: Second

Sophia: I decline. Does no one want to run for CCC? Do you want to know what I do? I keep RHSA in contact with the hall governments and other organizations. In the beginning of the semester I keep in touch with all of the Hall Gov. Liaisons to make sure they know what they're doing and if any information needs to be sent out to them it's me who does it. I also reach out to possible collaborators, etcetera. I keep RHSA in contact with the campus.

Gage: Gage nominate Camille for Secretary

Shawangunk: Second

Camille: I accept

Mohonk: Mohonk nominates Ange for CCC.

Bouton: I second

Ange: I accept

Caroline: Guys NCC is missing.

Shawangunk: One more time can we get what NCC does.

Caroline: NCC affiliates RHSA which is one of hundred RHAs or RHSAs across the country. They're all affiliated under a national organization that oversees advocacy and programming which is what RHSA does, but in a more national context.

Capen: When are the elections?

Abby: Election materials are due February 27th and the next Monday is the elections.

Caroline: Your major duties are centered around conferences. So, there's one in the fall, there's one in the spring. Then there's a national conference in May or June. This year it's in Indiana. You also plan with what would be the NRHH, NCC plans the New Paltz leadership conference.

Abby: Election schedule: election materials are due the Monday before the election.

Caroline: Your major duties are centered around conferences.

Abby: Elections schedule, election materials are due the Monday before your elections. NCC materials are due on the 27th. March 6th is when president materials are due. All this information is on our website.

Ashokan: Can I nominate Izzy for NCC and can she retract her secretary one.

Izzy: I decline my secretary nomination.

Mohonk: Mohonk seconds.

Izzy: I table.

Abby: Are there any more nominations? Alright 3,2,1 seeing none. They will open again next week.

LIGHTNING ROUND ANSWER: 9:48

Sophia: The first hall with a placard raised gets a GFP if they get this question right: Last night's Grammys was historical for many women including Beyonce and Adele, but who made history as the first transgender woman to win a grammy?

Gage: Kim Petras

Sophia: Yeah!

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:49

- Dorsky Buzz | Friday, February 10th from 7pm to 9pm @ the Dorsky
- AC Retreat | Saturday, February 18th from 2pm-4pm

HALL CONCERNS 9:49

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.

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:50

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. This does not include the pipe that burst at the dining hall yesterday. 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 Our food concerns meeting will be: February 27th

Mohonk: I would like there to be an animation class.

Derek: There's also throw up that hasn't been cleaned up for a week or so.

Abby: If you ever see this, take a picture and send it to me just because they respond fastest to emails.

Mohonk: There's vomit on the wall in the old main.

Abby: Okay, send pictures if you can. 3, 2, 1 seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR: 9:53

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? It is time for RA staff selection. There are meetings happening. There are posters all around campus with the QR code to join that meeting. You can also ask those of us who are RAs up here.

Bliss: Bliss has a Candy Gram program on Wednesday the 8th

Ryan: This Sunday I have a SuperBowl watch party at 6:30pm in Ashokan.

Gage: Gage is hosting a Palentines next Wednesday the 15th 6pm-9pm.

Ridgeview: Ridge is having an organizational program on Wednesday

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

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:56

Abby: I think my moose isn't here.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:56

Eddie: “The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty” - Winston Churchill

ADJOURNMENT 9:57

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Bliss

Second: Capen

Next Meeting will be in SUB 409!