

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 02/13/2023

Location: SUB 409

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS

Abby: Hey everyone! Our secretary is not here, so I will be doing the roll call today. 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	0	0	0	Valentine's day goody bag give away tomorrow
Bouton	0	0	0	0	
Capen	7	7	0	0	Tea Party the 21st at 7pm
College-Shango	0	0	0	0	
Esopus	0	0	0	0	
Gage	6	6	0	0	Wednesday Palentine's day 6-8pm
Lenape	1	1	0	0	The Super Bowl watch party went well last night :)
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	
Mohonk	2	1	0	0	Clothing Swap going on currently. Black History Month Movie night Feb. 24th at 7pm. "Our friend Martin"
Ridgeview	0	0	0	0	
Scudder	1	0	0	0	Nothing
Shawangunk	3	0	0	0	Wednesday at 6

Abby: Alright thank you!

RIDDLE IN THE MINUTES

Athena: The question for riddle in the minutes was, “ How many EBoard members are RAs” Does anybody know the answer to that?

Ashokan: 3

Athena: Correct. Ann is not on the EBoard.

Abby: It is 3, with Ann it is 4, but Ann is not technically on the Eboard.

Athena: Anyway, Mohonk won the riddle in the minutes this week.

Sophia: Yeah, to win these you need to comment under the facebook post with the minutes the riddle answer and what hall you're from. Multiple people can win.

SENATE:

Ann: Hi guys. The first thing I wanted to let you guys know about was Higher Ed. action day. Which is on Tuesday February 28th. This is a day that is co-sponsored by NYPERG and the Student Association. What happens is 8am you get on a bus, you go to Albany, and 5pm that same day you come back. If you register the bus and food provided that day is free. You're accounted for, space is limited. Every year, no matter the governor, for the past decade or two, the governor has proposed a tuition increase for SUNY students. That is true for this year. So, when Governor Hochul read her proposed budget for 2023 she's keeping state funding for SUNY the same, but we all know that costs are going up everywhere, which means the school has to pay for more, which means if the state doesn't pay for it, we end up paying for it. That does mean our tuition is highly likely to be increased. So, you go up with NYPERG and you're meeting with legislators pretty much the whole day talking about your personal experience having to pay for school, all of the things having to save up for tuition precludes you from doing, and just how much debt is affecting our lives, you're also going to be advocating for increased salary and benefits for our professors, who we know are underpaid and overworked. You can sign up to attend Higher Ed. Action day in NYPERG's instagram bio and probably also on their ENGAGE page. Professors usually do not put up a fight when you go to the Higher Ed. Action day and NYPERG will be sending out an excused absence. The collaborative Senate and Disability Rights center program on knowing your rights as a disabled student and knowing how to advocate for yourself is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday MARCH 29th at 2pm. So, be on the lookout for that. Priority will be given to students registered with the DRC, but we understand that everybody could use this information. The Senate is planning a plate smash for February 24th. Right now it's scheduled for 5, maybe 5:30 pm. Because February is American Heart health month, the senate wanted to do an initiative talking about emotional well being. We're going to be getting together and having ceramic plates we buy, and Sodexo is supplying some of their cracked and chipped plates they planned on throwing out, and you guys gte to write on the ceramic plates and then be able to put them in a ziploc bag and smash them. This provides students with a safe environment to let out negative thoughts and emotions. It should be

a lot of fun. I'll keep you guys updated on that. Finally, we did follow up about the dog leashes that were on campus at last Wednesday's president cabinet meeting. Dog leashes were hung draped over a tree branch outside of Ridgeview and Esopus hall, and were clipped or tied in a way to make the dog leash look like a noose to some students. We brought these concerns up to President Wheeler. He has put out a statement on it, part of the subject line was how to digest trauma as a campus community. So, he talked about it a little bit there. He got very personal with those of us at the meeting talking about his experiences and how he can relate to feeling unsafe in predominantly white spaces, and predominantly white areas. Some of the actions the Student Association is taking with the support of administration is contacting the PCC to see if they will hold a time and place for students who felt impacted by the incident to go and talk to a counselor. So, I will keep you guys updated on if and when that plans out. We are also trying to create a direct line with the Black Student Union and President Wheeler and his administration. Just so the administration is able to more directly provide support to that student group on campus. Maybe they can act as people who get out whatever information they tell them as well. So, the area coordinators on campus met on Wednesday as well. So, everyone is at this point aware. No one has come to a conclusion on how we can move forward. Everyone is trying to find their part, and see how they fall into the puzzle of healing. Nothing is concrete yet, I know that is frustrating, but it is on everyone's minds, everyone is aware of it, but it is an ongoing conversation.

Ashokan: Do you have updates on the bench situation?

Ann: Administration was receptive to hearing our feedback, but has not come back to us on a decision. The things that we requested were that the Black Student Union and Black student department be in writing on the statement on the contributions of enslaved Africans, which President Wheeler was in support of. We do not have a definite this is happening, or this is not happening yet. Also, the same situation with having the space to honor black professors on campus. Again, it received support but no decisions have been made.

NRHH:

Sophia: Hey everyone, even though I have no news today. I am going to introduce you guys to NRHH. So, I'm a chapter member of the national residence hall honorary. It's an on campus organization that is centered around service and recognition. We award outstanding individuals in organizations that we see doing good. If you would like to join us we would love to induct you into the chapter at the banquet. The date is to be announced. Give me your email if you are interested.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion To Open Old Business: Gage

Second: Capen

DORSKY BUZZ

Caroline: Hi everyone, thanks for coming to Dorsky Buzz on Friday. We had so much fun, you guys did a good job on the scavenger hunt.

Motion to Close Old Business: Mohonk

Second: Ashokan

NEW BUSINESS

Motion To Open New Business: Lenape

Second: Bliss

AC RETREAT

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

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. <<Riddle: What three campus eateries open before 8am?>> 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!

BSU MOVIE NIGHT

Sophia: Join the Black Student Union and RHSA for a movie night celebrating Black History Month. We will be watching the movie One Night in Miami. There will be an opportunity for discussion at the end of the film. Snacks will also be provided! Fri, Feb 24, 2023, 7:00 PM - Fri, Feb 24, 2023 10:00 PM at Student Union Building 402

Mazee: Hey everyone! On Monday we had Pres Cab and one thing we talked about was working with students to work on having more variety of food for those with dietary restrictions and

preventing cross-contamination. If you would like to be part of this please come see me after the meeting so I can get your name and email to share with Steve and Michele Halstead. Thank you.

Caroline: NPLC is the New Paltz Leadership Conference, where we as RHSA at New Paltz are replicating the regional and national conferences right here at New Paltz. You get to learn different leadership skills, learn what people do in different positions. If you're the AC rep, you talk to the AC from other halls. We're asking halls to team up to do presentations with other halls. For groups we have Esopus and Capen for programming, Ridgeview and Mohonk social media for Hall Government, A group of three Bliss, Collango, Bouton on communication, Ashokan and Scudder support, Minniewaska and Lenape resources, Gage and Shawangunk delegation and empowerment of the EBoard. NPLC is a day-long event that goes from 11:00am-7:30pm with extended breaks. This is Sunday March 26th in the SUB. This week during my office hours I am going to create a pocket that goes more in depth with what NPLC is, what you have to do, and a full schedule. Each hall will have clothes pins and banners that fit the theme. The winners get GFPs. The theme is, superheroes! We are super into leadership this spring. You have about 6 weeks. There will be a banquet dinner with good food.

NOMINATIONS

Abby: Mazee tabled for treasurer, do you accept, table, or decline?

Mazee: I table.

Abby: Athena you tabled for historian, do you accept, table, or decline?

Athena: I accept

Abby: Izzy, you tabled for NCC, do you accept, table, or decline?

Izzy: I decline

Ashokan: I nominate Jake for NCC

Mohonk: Second.

Jake: I accept.

Abby: Are there any more nominations? 3,2,1 seeing none.

Motion To Close New Business: Mohonk

Second: Ashokan

LIGHTNING ROUND ANSWER:

Sophia: Everyone ready for the question, superbowl 57 was just last night. Which major corporation replaced Pepsi as the sponsor of the superbowl halftime show this year?

Shawangunk: Apple music

Sophia: Awesome

UPCOMING EVENTS

- AC Retreat | Saturday, February 18th from 2pm-4pm

- BSU Movie Night | Friday, February 24th from 7pm-10pm

HALL CONCERNS

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

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 rhhsa@newpaltz.edu. Our food concerns meeting will be: February 27th during our normal AC meeting time. Provide constructive criticism. Any student concerns? 3,2,1 seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR:

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?

Mazee: How many of you guys use your coin? Awesome, for those of you who do not, why?

Capen: I lost my coin.

Mazee: We are trying our best to be more sustainable and want you guys to really use the green containers. We're going to try to get another Ozzi machine on campus. They're really expensive though.

Ann: They're 20 grand really expensive. Right now 25-30% of students on campus are using the green Ozzi program. It's really important for you guys to save money.

Ryan: When you guys post your fliers on instagram, make sure to add "@nprhsa" so I can repost it on the story.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE

Abby: Mohonk has the moose, does anyone else want the moose. Shawangunk was preparing for it. Love to see it.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Mazee: "At some point we have to choose between what the world wants you to be and who you are" Natasha Romanoff

ADJOURNMENT

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Mohonk

Second: Capen

Next Meeting will be in SUB 409!