

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 03/06/2023

Location: SUB 409

CALL TO ORDER 9:10

Abby: Hi everyone, I'd like to call this meeting to order.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:10

Abby: Let's talk about Pizza! What's your favorite kind?

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:12

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	0	0	0	_____
Bouton	3	1	0	0	Karaoke Night tomorrow at 7:30
Capen	8	6	0	0	Cereal and Chat Thursday at 7pm
Collango	1	0	0	0	Thursday Puss N Boots 8pm
Esopus	0	0	0	0	_____
Gage	5	5	0	0	_____
Lenape	1	1	0	0	_____
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	_____
Mohonk	3	2	0	0	_____
Ridgeview	0	0	0	0	_____
Scudder	0	0	0	0	_____
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	_____

Faith: Alright thank you!

SENATE: 9:14

Ann: Hi guys! I have two announcements, apologies to my senators in the room, you'll have to hear this again on Wednesday. As you know, the senate, a student union manager, and take back

the night have been involved in a menstrual product initiative which will in every bathroom in this building, the senate association office, the center for student engagement office, and at the welcome desk there will be free menstrual products available. That project is launching on April 8th, we are looking to see if any Hall Governments want to collaborate. Mostly we would be asking you to set up collection boxes in your hall somewhere. So, maybe outside your hall gov office or outside your RA office if you talk to the RAs and they're okay with that. We can provide some boxes, materials, and signage. You would just be responsible for putting it up and getting us the donations. We are only looking for closed, unopened donations so loose pads and tampons are not accepted. So, if any of your hall govs are interested in collaborating with us that would be cool, we might also be looking for volunteers to help set up on April 8th because we're planning a launch event in the afternoon. Come see me after the meeting if your hall government is interested in that. The other update is about the food concerns meeting that happened last week. I met with Mike Calviari who is the general manager of Sodexo. So, he mostly works for the company of Sodexo, but he's also in charge of the Sodexo on this campus. His offices are downstairs. I made the suggestion to have a greater variety of frozen kosher and halal meals in the roost and at nesters. Those were well received, there were no promises, but he said he would be looking into it. I also know that last week he and a few of his colleagues who work for sodexo visited the food provider that provides south east asian cuisine that might offer more options for the vegan/vegetarian options and potentially some halal options. I know that was a meeting he had, I don't know how it went or if it was successful. I have no idea if they plan on implementing anything here. The final thing is, I've been hearing the interest in meal exemptions so I have been researching SUNY schools that implement meal exemptions. So far Potsdam and Oswego both have systems in place to implement meal exemptions. So, I'm going to be reaching out to those institutions this week to see how they do it and if it is something we could try to mirror here. There is possibly hope that if they have good plans in place CAS would be willing to implement it at this school. That's where the student association has been at with that one. Any questions? Okay, thank you!

NRHH: 9:17

Sophia: Good job to all of you who participated in group process day this weekend, I hope you enjoyed the goodie bags that NRHH made for you! Just a reminder, we have a day long program happening this Thursday, March 9th from 12-3PM in the SUB and at 6PM in Gage Hall, we are making care packages to send to Turkey and Syria, come join us! We have some great things planned this semester so if you're into service and recognition, come give me your email so we can work together! Thanks!

NEW BUSINESS 9:18

Motion To Open New Business: Bliss

Second: Capen

SLC 9:18

Caroline: Hi everyone! As a reminder, NEACURH is hosting the annual Spring Leadership Conference, or SLC, on March 24th and 25th. This will be a virtual conference on Zoom, but I promise that there is still plenty to learn and to experience when it is online. If you want to learn more about SLC or if you would like to become a delegate, please see me at the end of the meeting. I will ask you to scan a QR code to fill out the JotForm with your information. Thank you!

NPLC

Caroline: Hi again! The day after SLC, on March 26th, you are all invited to attend the New Paltz Leadership Conference hosted by RHSA! The theme for this year is “Super into Leadership.” You should have all received the link to the NPLC 2023 packet which informs you of the schedule and everything you need to prepare for the event, including banners and clothespins. Reminder that the banner is to be created digitally, and it should represent your hall and the conference theme. We are now going to hand out clothespins, which you and your hall gov will also decorate together. Here are some examples from past conferences, including RLC, SLC, and NPLC. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please come see me; my office hours are Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30, or feel free to come up at the end of the meeting. And make sure to review the information provided in the NPLC packet. Thank you!

Gage: How many clothes pins are we making?

Caroline: Each Hall will be given 16 to make.

ANIMAL BUZZ 9:23

Abby: As a reminder, Animal Buzz is March 30th at 7:00pm SUB 100N. There will be baby goats, chickens, rabbits, and ducks!

5 Minute Break

ELECTION 9:29

Abby: We will now begin the NCC elections! Just a reminder that if you leave the room, you cannot reenter and there is to be no verbal communication and no technology. We will have an E-Board member keeping an eye out and if they catch you with technology, they will ask you to leave.

If you are running for NCC, please stand! We are going to ask the candidate to leave the room and we will invite you back in for your speech.

Caroline: The roles of NCC are:

A. The National Communications Coordinator must complete all duties in conjunction with the National Communications Coordinator on the NRHH Executive Board;

B. Serves as the voting representative on behalf of SUNY New Paltz in NCC Boardroom at NACURH, Inc. affiliated conferences;

C. Relays information from the regional and NACURH level to SUNY New Paltz, and vice versa;

D. Affiliates SUNY New Paltz with NACURH, Inc. through the NACURH Corporate Office; 5

E. Selects and prepares delegations to regional conferences and the NACURH Annual Conference;

1. Coordinates preparation of all conference materials;
2. Collects evaluations from the delegations to send to the Assistant Director of Residence Life;
3. Coordinates and prepares regional and NACURH-level bids as per Article Twelve, Section Five of this Constitution;

F. Attends the NEACURH Regional Leadership Conference and NEACURH Spring Leadership Conference;

G. Attends the NACURH Annual Conference at the close of their term (if still a current student);

H. Attends the Fall and Spring Sub-regional meetings, if able; I. Plans the annual New Paltz Leadership Conference;

J. Serves as the parliamentarian at all Associate Council meetings and Executive Board meetings;

K. Serves as a NACURH voting representative from NACURH Annual Conference to NACURH Annual Conference.

L. Attends an NRHH Executive Board meeting bi-weekly.

Abby: We are now going to have 5 minutes to list expectations of NCC, which begins with the first placard.

Expectations:

- To be present at meetings
- Organization
- Approachable
- Good at taking notes
- Time management
- Good communication
- Works diligently
- Positive attitude

Motion to Close Expectations: Bliss

Second: Capen

Candidate 1: Athena

Hi everyone! As you may know my name is Athena Anthos, my pronouns are She, Her, Hers and I am running for the NCC position. Let's kick it off with some basic facts: I am a sophomore majoring in English, and I am currently the RHSA historian. Since being in RHSA I am very familiar with its constitution and the duties of an e board member. I am also familiar with the duties I must uphold with my tentative future as your next NCC. Example: I know that I must serve as a voting representative on behalf of SUNY NP in the NCC Boardroom, I need to

coordinate preparation for all conference materials, Attend the NEACURH Regional Leadership Conference & Spring Leadership Conference, Plan the annual NPLC and many more.. How am I going to do all that and more? Well, let's start off with how I see myself as a people person; I love meeting new people and having conversations — though I can be shy I have obtained the ability to put myself out there if and when it is needed. I am kind and open minded — this is why I fit well with teamwork. I will always hear people out regardless of first impression. I also just love SUNY NP and RHSA and would be absolutely honored to represent everyone

Abby: We will now have 5 minutes of Question & Answer extendable up to 3 times. We will be using the speakers list and you can raise your placard when you have a question.

Question and Answer:

This position requires conference and office hours, how do you think you are prepared to manage your time?

- I am very much a planner girl. I would use my office hours to plan and prepare for conferences. I write everything down and I make sure I have everything

Besides what you said in your speech, what attracts you to this position instead of the position you are already in?

- Well, Caroline is very convincing. I will say she has a lot of fun with it and I want to get into going into these conferences more. I want more experience in that aspect especially since I want to be a teacher and I know there's a lot of meetings and possibly conferences that may come with that.

How do you feel you can best represent all of SUNY New Paltz, what does that look like to you?

- I know I already said this, but I am very open minded. I am not going to judge anyone by what they want to see on campus.

What characteristics as a leader do you think you embody?

- I'm organized, I'm an outgoing person, I can be shy, I'm outgoing if it is required of me or if I'm in that setting.

Would you say that you're good at taking notes?

- Yes, I am fantastic at taking notes. Anyone who has seen my notes would say so.

Have you been to any conferences on campus, or have you done anything with small group learning or are in charge of anything outside of RHSA?

- As far as my extracurriculars go in general it is mostly just RHSA. I have a lot of experience in small group work, I was a camp counselor at one point, as for conferences I have not been to any yet

How long have you been a historian for?

- Two semesters including this semester.

Motion to extend question and answer: Ashokan

Second: Mohonk

How do you think your experience in hall government last year and historian this year will help you?

- My leader profile has been built and I am confident I can take on this position. I want to take the step farther with NCC. Basically, my leader profile has been built and I feel confident to do this role.

Motion to close question and answer: Lenape

Second: Bliss

Discussion:

- Bouton thinks the candidate is very passionate about the eboard and NCC
- Mohonk thinks Athemna has very strong leadership skills.
- Gage thinks the candidate has skills that would benefit the NCC role and her career goals overall.
- Bliss thinks she has the charisma needed for the role.
- Ashokan thinks she has the proper past experience needed for the role.
- Capen feels that she is an approachable candidate for the position.

Motion to close discussion: Lenape

Second: Ashokan

Votes:

Athena | 12

No Confidence | 0

Abstain | 0

Abby: Congratulations Athena on becoming the next NCC of RHSA!

NOMINATIONS 9:53

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

Mazee: I decline.

Abby: Is Jacob here? Nope, okay.

Capen: I nominate Fiona for Historian.

Ashokan: second.

Fiona: I accept.

Gage: I nominate Kerry for historian.

Mohonk: Second.

Kerry: I accept.

Capen: I nominate Faith for Treasurer.

Bouton: Second.

Faith: I accept treasurer, decline secretary.

Abby: Any more nominations, 3,2,1 seeing none. Since president materials are due tonight. I will take a motion to close presidential nominations until 2024.

Motion to close nominations for president until 2024: Mohonk

Second: Bouton

Motion To Close New Business: Lenape

Second: Gage

LIGHTNING ROUND ANSWER: 9:56

Sophia: Happy Women's History month! (first placard and right answer)

Which female singer has won the Grammy Award for Album of the Year the most times?

Gage: Taylor Swift

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:57

- NPLC March 26th
- Animal Buzz March 31st 7pm SUB 100N

HALL CONCERNS 9:57

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.

Gage: The women's bathrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floor girls' bigger bathrooms have no lights over the toilets. I've seen girls using their phones as flashlights just so they can see in the stalls. I feel like that's an issue, but they just installed a brighter lightbulb in the lights they already have instead of installing ones over the toilets.

Abby: I can talk to Mandy and Finn about that and see if we can perhaps convince them to give us more lights. Any more hall concerns? 3, 2, 1 seeing none.

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:58

Abby: I have a follow up for student concerns. In response to the stickers on the machines, the stickers that are able to be seen on the machines are from a company the college no longer has a contract with, so they are old. They no longer apply to the machines, they just have not been taken off. In the future the head of the AWC is coming to one of our meetings so if you have something to say about the AWC please come to that meeting. If you guys have anything you would like to say about the AWC, anything you'd like to be improved I will let you guys know when that meeting will be happening. It will be coming up. 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

Mohonk: I believe New Paltz needs a drivers ed class of some sort. A non credited driving class.

Abby: Okay.

Bliss: One of the laptops in the library, PC 45, is pixelated. I have a photo.

Abby: Perfect, please send that when you can.

Gage: The accessible entrance near the Mckenna/ College theater, when it snowed the other day they didn't clear it. I had to try to wheel myself through the snow to get to the entrance, I feel this is pretty unfair to anyone who is disabled. They also don't salt everywhere that is accessible, and the ramps are very uneven and difficult to get up and down using a wheelchair.

Abby: I can talk to facilities about making sure stuff is cleared and salted and also about the uneven ramps.

Bliss: I also remember the ground all around the snack shack was covered in snow.

Abby: Yeah, I saw that. Any more student concerns? 3,2,1 seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR: 10:00

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: On the 8th from 7-9 we're doing an international women's day program. We're giving out cupcakes from a woman owned business. The next day we're collabing with RA Shradda and she is doing a Boba program at 6pm on that Thursday.

Capen: We have our cereal and chat, cool down and color this Thursday at 7:00pm. Then after break we have a welcome back mac and cheese moment on the 20th at 8:30 and it will be a walkover to this meeting too.

Ann: The Wednesday we come back from break is the 22nd of March and between 2-5pm, I think in 100N, but I'll tell you in the meeting when we come back for sure, there's going to be a meet and greet with the student association. So, myself and the other 7 members of the SA Eboard will be answering questions because elections are opening up at the end of March/the first week of April and you guys will be able to declare candidacy for 6 of the 8 positions. The positions that are available are the Student Association president, student association Vice President, The vice president of finance, the Vice President of programming, the Vice President of academic affairs and government, and the Vice President of Marketing and communication, and for most part those titles tell you the majority of what those positions entails, but you get to learn more about the details and the day to day activities. Myself and the council chair will be there. You're only eligible to run for senate chair or council chair if you're a member of those organizations, but we're going to be there and we will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Mohonk: Do you guys get paid?

Ann: Yes.

Reymar: One, goodluck to everyone in midterms I can't believe the school year is almost over. Second thing, with chairman Ann's permission and that of Vice President Cory I am currently recruiting members/students for the alumni affairs committee. Our CCC Sofia is a senator and a member of the said committee. Therefore, anyone who would like to join feel free to email me at: hallarer1@newpaltz.edu. Meeting times are still to be determined. Number 3, shoutout to CCC Sofia and NCC Caroline for being in attendance to the Chris Hayes event. We had such a huge turnout and if you wish to attend any more distinguished speaker series we will host more and we will be hosting more celebrities.

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

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:06

Abby: Molly went to group processing day to support the candidates! Gage passes the moose to Ashokan!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:07

"For there is always light if only we are brave enough to see it, if only we are brave enough to be it" - Amanda Gorman

ADJOURNMENT 10:07

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Gage

Second: Bliss

Next Meeting will be in SUB 409!

