

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 04/03/2023

Location: SUB 409

CALL TO ORDER 9:05

**Abby:** Hi everyone!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:05

**Abby:** geogusser

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:16

**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	1	0	0	-----
Bouton	3	3	0	0	-----
Capen	6	5	0	0	-----
Collango	0	0	0	0	-----
Esopus	0	0	0	0	-----
Gage	4	4	0	0	-----
Lenape	1	1	0	0	-----
Minnewaska	1	0	0	0	-----
Mohonk	2	2	0	0	Tomorrow pizza night at 7pm
Ridgeview	0	0	0	0	-----
Scudder	3	0	0	0	-----
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	-----

**Faith:** Alright thank you!

SENATE: 9:19

**Ann:** Hey, so big news our menstrual product initiative kicks off tomorrow. So, tomorrow around the middle of the day you guys should be able to go to any bathroom in this building and get a menstrual product for free. Between 7pm-9pm you guys will be able to out on the sub concourse. We're going to have very nice canvas bags, they look like big pencil cases, and you guys can come by and make a care package for when you next have your period. That's 7-9pm tomorrow. The supplies are limited. The deadline to file for candidacy for the student association executive board or the senate has been extended to April 6<sup>th</sup>, so now you have until Thursday to run. You can continue to do Hall Gov. and student association at the same time. I'll let you guys know when voting happens. We want all your voices to be heard during voting! That's all from me!

## OLD BUSINESS 9:19

Motion To Open Old Business: Lenape

Second: Capen

## ANIMAL BUZZ 9:19

**Abby:** I personally along with the eboard would like to thank all of you so much for the absolute amazing turnout we got for animal buzz. Only more animal buzzes to come, hopefully even bigger. My dream is alpacas.

Motion to Close Old Business: Ashokan

Second: Bouton

## NEW BUSINESS 9:20

Motion To Open New Business: Bliss

Second: Mohonk

## HALLYWOOD

**Eddie:** Sheets are due today! If you don't have them, please either drop it off during office hours, slip it under our door, or email it to us ASAP! And remember, your full video is due to be emailed to [rhsa@newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@newpaltz.edu) on April 24<sup>th</sup>! With any questions, refer to the Hollywood packet! [Hollywood Packet 2023.pdf](#)

## ESCAPE ROOM BUZZ

**Athena:** So excited to announce our last buzz event of the semester! Escape Room Buzz is going to be Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in SUB 100N! 4-6 people per group. Coming soon will be a link to sign up with a group for our various puzzles and mini escape rooms that we have set up! We will send out the link in the remind as well as the email blast and it will soon be in our Instagram bio! Hope to see you all there! (<https://forms.gle/PRE9kt7VCNau9N428>). Space will be limited, as we can only have a few groups going. Groups should be made up of four people.

## CONDOM CASINO

**Abby:** Our most loved program is coming back for the spring semester! Condom Casino is back everyone! Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the SUB MPR! Just like last semester, it is essentially a casino, but instead of chips, we use condoms. We are going to have a ton of fun games, including some from last semester, but a bunch of new games as well! We are looking for volunteers! This is a really big program, and we would deeply appreciate your help. Specifically, if you know how to run typical card games, we would love some help with that! The link to sign up with be in the minutes (<https://forms.gle/Gg2hyGdggNyU4Fhw6>) sent in the email blast and sent through the remind. You don't have to work the whole night, you'll just let us know what shifts you'll be able to work. On the google form I made half hour shifts, and I am asking you to select all that apply. You can only work half an hour if you need to or you can work the whole time if you want. It's a great opportunity to volunteer and if you're interested in doing RHSA in the future, this is a great way to get acquainted with how we do programs. Plus, volunteers get a free shirt! Again, it's Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the SUB MPR! Are there any questions?

5 Minute Break

## ELECTION

**Abby:** We will now begin the Treasurer 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 Treasurer, please stand! We are going to ask the candidate to leave the room and we will invite you back in for your speech.

**Abby:** The roles for Treasurer are:

- A. Responsible for maintaining accurate documentation of the current RHSA budget;
- B. Pays all approved expenses by following the procedure for Disbursing Orders (D.O.'s); 4 (D.O.'s must be handed in within two weeks or expense will be denied reimbursement)
- C. Works alongside the current President, President-elect, and Treasurer-elect to create the budget for the following year.
- D. Works with the President to review all Funding Requests submitted to RHSA and approves or denies each request.
  - 1. Funding Requests shall follow procedures outlined in Article 13, Section 4;
- E. Maintains communication with the CAS office.
- F. Holds a position on the CAS Board of Directors and attends monthly CAS Board meetings.
- G. Attends all President's Cabinet meetings.
- H. Maintains open communication with the Executive Board and Advisors about the current budget.
- I. Works alongside an Advisor to coordinate the Care Package program through On Campus Marketing (OCM). (Dorm room.com; they changed the name)

Expectations:

- Organized
- Works well under pressure
- Reliable
- Responsible with money
- Time management skills
- Experienced

Motion to Close Expectations: Lenape

Second: Mohonk

## **Candidate 1:** Faith

Hi everyone, my names Faith, I'm a 3rd year here, I use she/her pronouns, and I'm an elementary education major with a concentration in math. I wanted to focus my speech on the idea that life is about patterns and progress. At the end of the day how you shape your life is how it will inevitably turn out. Everything you do has purpose, even the most minuscule thing can spiral into more than you could imagine. College is specifically a time to shift and shape who you are to who you want to be. I've shaped my experience at SUNY New Paltz to focus on leadership opportunities within residence life. I am the SRA of Capen hall where I am learning the core necessities to work for and in a position that is upkeep and maintaining the building from both a safety perspective and a student perspective through programs and general safety. I

will use these skills in my future classroom often, along with that I've entertained the idea of going into counseling in schools because of the experiences I have received in this position. I joined NRHH to better understand and appreciate the ins and outs of this campus. Here I am the secretary of RHSA. I've learned that I love working as a group and working off people's ideas. When I initially ran for this position, my speech contained an initial fear to this aspect, and I particularly enjoyed secretary because although I would work as a team the majority of my job was fulfilled by myself (ie the minutes). This year has completely nixed this fear. Working as a group is preferable to me now and something I enjoy. I look forward to meetings with my different teams on campus and our E board meetings. I would be an ideal treasurer for you guys because I would be pulling from past and present experiences to do the best job possible. Last fall semester, fall 2022, I was the treasurer for the Capen Hall RA staff this means I have already worked closely with CAS and have an established relationship with June the person our current treasurer is in constant communication with. I would obviously also pull from my current position on the EBoard, secretary, because I have a general knowledge of what each person is expected to do each week for both their specific position and their contribution to the team. I want to be your treasurer for multiple reasons that range from just generally enjoying working on the RHSA EBoard to using the experiences I would gain from the position in my future career. As a math concentration I love the math aspect of life and in my future classroom we will most definitely have some sort of money system. All in all, i think I would be a good treasurer for you guys because you can ensure that I am running for the position knowing it is the best next step for me and I will do it to the best of my ability so I can learn for my next step. Thank you all for listening, i yield to questions.

**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 & ANSWER

### DISCUSSION

- Ashokan thinks Faith is more than qualified for the position.
- Mohonk appreciates that Faith is willing to use her experiences for the candidacy.
- Capen loves that Faith has experienced with a concentration in Math.
- Bliss thinks Faith has a good amount of experience.

Votes:

Faith: 14

No Confidence: 0

Abstain: 0

**Abby:** Congratulations Faith on becoming the next Treasurer of RHSA!

### NOMINATIONS 9:37

**Abby:** Does anyone have any nominations to give, do collect?

Close nominations for secretary till 2024: Bouton

Second: Bliss

PR materials due next week they can be dropped off at any of our office hours, slipped under the door, or given to us at any AC meeting.

Motion To Close New Business: Mohonk  
Second: Lenape

#### UPCOMING EVENTS 9:38

- Escape Room Buzz April 14<sup>th</sup> SUB 100N
- Condom Casino April 28<sup>th</sup> SUB MPR

#### HALL CONCERNS 9:39

**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.

#### STUDENT CONCERNS 9:39

**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)

**Mohonk:** We need a non-credited driving course.

**Abby:** I'm trying to see who I can go to about that.

**Capen:** Saturday the Humans vs Zombies thing happened, and they were screaming "get on the ground" and considering recent events I feel like there can be a better term they could use. It was concerning to hear outside of your window.

**Abby:** I also know it was invitational, so hopefully that was another school. I will still talk to our HVZ.

**Ann:** I'll take it to our counsel chair as well.

**Bliss:** Often time some of their ammunition is laying around in the grass. That stuff is made of plastic and Styrofoam.

**Abby:** They have been talked to multiple times about that, but they will be talked to again. We will bring these concerns to them, thank you for bringing them to us.

**Caroline:** They're supposed to clean up the morning after.

**Ann:** I have an update on the elevator situation. The slow and inadequate response will be addressed at the president cabinet meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. As it was explained to me that etching has been there since 2016 and some paneling has been over it. Recently the paneling was removed and that's why it got exposed again. It's both sad that it's an older marking. I just wanted to alleviate fears to anyone who may have been on high alert thinking this was a recent thing.

**Abby:** Are there anymore student concerns, 3,2,1 seeing none.

#### 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?

**Eddie:** Scholarships! When you go to [mynewpaltz.edu](http://mynewpaltz.edu), click on the money tab. Under the Financial Aid section, "Apply for Scholarships Online" is where you can find all the lovely

scholarship opportunities we have to offer. There is a general application to fill out for scholarships, but I recommend taking time to apply to additional scholarships you qualify for.

Reymar: Thank you to everyone who came to the women's leadership summit.

Abby: 3,2,1 seeing none.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:44

**Bliss:** She joined a cult, she's opening her mind a little bit.

**Abby:** We're passing the moose to Bouton.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:44

"I used to let some people tell me how to live and what to be, but if I can't be me, the fuck's the point?"-Ariana Grande

ADJOURNMENT 9:45

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Bouton

Second: Mohonk

Next Meeting will be in SUB 409!