

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 03/27/2023

Location: SUB 409

CALL TO ORDER 9:00

**Abby:** Hi everyone! I call this meeting to order.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:07

**Abby:** AC Appreciation/feast + AWC feedback

**Renee:** Thank you all first for giving me the opportunity to meet with you. So, since it's feedback here's your opportunity to give us some feedback! Our goal every day is to provide the best service that we can provide to all of our students. When you don't see anything, when something is canceled it's never with malice.

**Mohonk:** I appreciate the AC in the elting gym. It's less slippery now and you can play without falling.

**Renee:** I appreciate it. We also just got the floors done.

**Capen:** Brenna, I'm a 2026 graduate. I am an avid track user. I love our blue indoor track and I know the instructions are there for each lane, but I feel like a lot of people tend to walk with their friends and take up both lanes. I don't know if there would be a way to remind people of the rules. I know there are already 2-3 signs about it. Maybe an announcement.

**Renee:** Maybe we can get more signs on the screens. Maybe we can put something in the elevator.

**Bliss:** I like the exercise rooms in the AWC, I do feel the music plays can be a little too loud. My only issue is that if you bring your own music you're listening to in your earbuds or headphones it can be a little hard to hear.

**Renee:** Those are immediate correctable errors. You can always tell the attendant at that curve or go to the front desk. If you ever feel uncomfortable about something, you can ask the supervisor. You can ask the supervisor to turn it down because a lot of times we don't want to be that person that turns it down for everyone else.

**Capen:** Is there any way to have the pool open for more hours to the public?

**Renee:** There's a possibility, but it is an issue of guards and manning.

**Capen:** Are you guys hiring lifeguards? Because there's always one guard, right?

**Renee:** There's one guard somedays, but two when we have enough people.

**Mohonk:** As a lifeguard, I was wondering if it was possible for us to work longer hours on some days instead of the typical two hours we work.

**Renee:** I will take that up with Kevin. Some of that situation is to make sure everyone gets a fair shot. What you can do is talk with the other lifeguards because the lifeguard position seems to be the one people keep dropping out of.

**Mohonk:** Wouldn't it be fairer to have two present so everyone gets a fair shot

**Renee:** Like I said, we'll look into that. We also pay lifeguards more so it's also a cost factor.

**Gage:** I know a few machines have not been available, like the stair master, have not been available for the semester.

**Renee:** In that respect we have a new contract, it's a contract thing. We are going to be getting more cardio equipment. With that said, there'd probably be a 48-hour period where we will need to close the gym.

**Gage:** Do you know if that will be for this semester or more in the fall?

**Renee:** We're hoping it will be this semester.

**Capen:** Is there a space where you can go to work out that is an open area with no machines.

**Renee:** We have the yoga student downstairs, but a lot of times we have people in there. There's times that the dance studio is open. You can always go to the front desk and ask for the supervisor to come and ask if there are any open spaces.

**Mohonk:** For me when the gym gets busy and there's a lot of dumbbells it will come to the point when no one has weights.

**Ashokan:** Is there any way to get lighter pound weights? The taller racks with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25.

**Mazee:** It's 2.5-25.5

**Renee:** Okay, cool.

**Ann:** There are a couple of people who are on the swim team who stay after for the 9pm slot at the pool. So, when you sign up for the slot it looks like only 3 people are there and you show up to half the swim team being there. Maybe encourage them to sign up IMLeagues so the count is more accurate.

**Sophia:** This was brought to me today, I heard that the punching bag on the top floor has a tear in it and it is leaking some water onto the track and people are slipping while they are running.

**Renee:** Again, if you see something that is a hazard go to the front desk and report it. We're looking into a more stable punching bag. So, we're looking at some of the local boxing gyms.

**Mohonk:** The punching bag is filled with water?

**Renee:** The base can be filled with water.

**Gage:** I was wondering about card access for in season athletes to the AWC, do you know the time frame for that. I know sometimes I try to go at 10 and I am denied, but at 11 sometimes it works.

**Renee:** When the AWC closes the gym is closed, but when there is a game, this access may extend. Athletes have a little more privilege because you're there more often. Some athletes have access to be open.

**Renee:** I have a couple of things. One of the things that we're looking into for next year is to get more game equipment, possibly some pickleball nets. We're trying to shift some of our resources so we can provide more of you guys to be able to do your own thing without needing supervision from us. So, I think pickleball, if you guys have any more recommendations, please let me know.

**Gage:** Do we have badminton still?

**Renee:** We're going to have a renovation on our north turf. We're looking to take it down right now north turf is only big enough to play field hockey and women's lacrosse. It's also the only turf that can be plowed. The money from this is coming from the state.

**Sophia:** I was wondering if you have taken a poll in the town community.

**Renee:** We haven't taken a poll in the town. I may get in trouble for saying this, but I am employed for you guys. We have a wonderful indoor track people from the town can buy memberships from.

**Minnewaska:** I feel like the community people have a whole campus to walk.

**Ashokan:** Will the lanes still be 400m or will they change in size?

**Renee:** It's too narrow right now, so

**Ashokan:** With the renovation are they going to add lights on the field.

**Renee:** Lights is a whole other battle we are not ready to tackle. Lights would be something we would need to consult the town on for safety reasons that might be something we need to tackle later.

**Gage:** Are we going to lose the shed?

**Renee:** No, we will make a bigger one.

**Faith:** Is there any way to make it so athletes in uniform will not need to sign in?

**Renee:** No, there needs to be a way to account for everyone in the building. When I enter, I swipe, everyone needs to swipe. If they give you problems talk to the supervisor. Next time they do that say I spoke to Renee and see what they do.

**Capen:** Are they getting rid of the indoor track in the gym?

**Renee:** No. All the stuff in the gym would remain the same. We are getting more cardio equipment, there should be an addition of a Jacobs ladder.

**Mohonk:** Would it be possible to start a dodgeball team?

**Renee:** Dodgeball is not an NCA sponsored sport. You could start a dodgeball club, but that would be through student engagement.

**Ann:** You would also need a coach and insurance for a sport like that.

**Renee:** Thank you everyone, my email is [bosticr@newpaltz.edu](mailto:bosticr@newpaltz.edu). The one thing I will say is I am a big personal about exchanging ideas.

#### ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:42

**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, 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	2	0	0	0	_____
Bliss	1	1	0	0	_____
Bouton	2	0	0	0	Changing clothing swap to April 3rd at 6:30pm
Capen	8	6	0	0	_____
Collango	1	0	0	0	_____
Esopus			0	0	_____
Gage	3	3	0	0	_____
Lenape	1	1	0	0	Thursday 8:30 pm Board game program
Minnewaska	1	0	0	0	Thursday 8:00 pm circle event
Mohonk	2	1	0	0	_____
Ridgeview	0	0	0	0	_____
Scudder	0	0	0	0	_____
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	_____

**Faith:** Alright thank you!

SENATE: 9:45

**Ann:** Hi guys, the SA, student association candidacy form is now. Open on engage until Friday the 31<sup>st</sup>. So, you go to mynewpaltz.edu, student engagement, engage you have to hit sign in... You must hit sign in, but once you sign in there are 6 executive board and 32 senate positions available. Please run it is so much fun. You get to be a part of something really cool and fun. You can approach me with any questions and email me with any questions. You must be in good academic standing to file for candidacy so that is a GPA of at least a 2.0. You must not be on academic probation, and you must be in good judicial standing as well. The period launch event that is happening in collaboration with senate, take back the night, SUB manager Carla, and now gage hall government On April 4th, Tuesday, 7:00pm-9:00pm Sub 62/63. We're going to watching a documentary about period poverty, have a station for making care packages, and be raffling off reusable menstrual products. It's going to be so much fun and there's going to be food. This Wednesday, hopefully every hall government came in, I gave you a flier. This is for the know your rights workshop that is happening as a collaboration between senate and the DRC. The last update is Abby and I met with Steve and Mike from the food concerns meeting on Friday. <<Riddle: How many E Board members are there?>>First and foremost, we did talk to Steve about his comment about how kosher students would not go here he did apologize and say it was wrong. We know his boss tore into him about that. Apologies on his behalf about that he knows we are very upset about it.

**Ashokan:** He should apologize in person.

**Ann:** The four of us have come up with hopefully a plan to provide food for kosher students next academic year. Steve and Mike at this point in time are very reluctant to build a kosher kitchen. Mike is on a mission to expand the frozen options available at the roost and nesters. Once they do all the research, they need to do they will hopefully be offered in the roost and nesters. Abby and I are on a little mission to reach out to kosher food trucks in the kitchen to see if they'd be willing to take the trip to New Paltz every once and awhile. Students may need to pay a little bit, and when we know more about what this program would look like we will keep you posted.

**Bliss:** Was anything mentioned about the mouse?

**Abby:** They said if it was a bigger problem had they had known about it, it would have been delt with. When they heard about it, they said the mouse was no longer there. There is no infestation of mice in the dining hall, so you don't have to worry about that they're being cautious and on the lookout since that was reported,

**Bouton:** We're setting a menstrual product box we're wondering where to put them once they're collected.

**Ann:** SUB 210. Alright, thank you everyone!

NRHH: 9:55

**Sophia:** Hi everyone thank you for sitting in on my presentation at NPLC, questions or interest in joining let me know!

OLD BUSINESS 9:56

Motion To Open Old Business: Ashokan

Second: Bliss

## NPLC 9:56

**Caroline:** Thank you all for coming to NPLC yesterday! It was such a blast, and I loved hearing all your presentations and seeing your banners and clothespins. You are one hardworking AC full of leaders! If you have any feedback you would like to share concerning NPLC, I would be open to hearing it at the end of the meeting, via email at [rhsa@newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@newpaltz.edu), or at my office hours Wednesdays 12:30-3:30. Thank you!

## SLC 9:56

**Caroline:** It certainly was a busy conference weekend! Friday and Saturday, Abby, Athena, and I virtually attended Spring Leadership Conference with NEACURH. We saw a bunch of awesome bids, voted to confirm regional board members, attended educational sessions, and more. If you want to learn more about regional conferences, come talk to me! They are supposed to make an in-person return next fall, so stay tuned, and consider becoming a delegate in the near future. Thank you!

Motion to Close Old Business: Lenape

Second: Bouton

## NEW BUSINESS 9:57

Motion To Open New Business: Bliss

Second: Capen

## ANIMAL BUZZ 9:57

**Abby:** As you all know, animal buzz, the biggest event of the year is on Friday SUB 100N!

## HALLYWOOD 9:59

**Eddie:** Here's your reminder for Hallywood. Your sheets that will have your video idea proposals are due April 3. You can hand them in during office hours, or slide them under the door to the office if we aren't there, or email them to [rhsa@newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@newpaltz.edu). Then your full videos will be due April 24<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found in the Hallywood packet. [Hallywood Packet 2023.pdf](#)

Gage: Does it have to be a sitcom theme?

Abby: Do what you will with the word it's a loose guideline.

## ESCAPE ROOM BUZZ 10:00

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! 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 10:02

**Sophia:** 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 will be in the minutes (<https://forms.gle/Gg2hyGdggNyU4Fhw6>) sent in the email blast and sent through the reminder. 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 10:04

**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 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 Vice President, 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 Vice President are:

- 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. Attend all President's 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;
  - 1. 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, which begins with the first placard.

#### Expectations:

- Bliss thinks the vice president should be able to do a little bit of everything.
- Organized
- Good time management
- Works well with others
- Good communication
- Active listener

- Good problem solver

Motion to Close Expectations: Mohonk

Second: Capen

### **Candidate 1: Eddie**

I believe most of you know me by now, but for those who don't. My name is Eddie Curley. My pronouns are he/him, and I'm rerunning for Vice President. I believe the Vice President should be a leader, an active member of the community and someone anyone could go to. These are all characteristics I embody. Through my first year here at New Paltz, I've joined over 5 clubs, 2 which I have a position in, and 3 organizations on campus. I am a part of the Dean's Student Advisory Board for the business school, involved in NRHH, and the current spring 2023 Vice President of RHSA. I would love the honor of continuing to serve the New Paltz student body and give everyone a voice that can be heard. I believe everyone should have a voice and as Vice President I would do my best to represent you all. Thank you all for the opportunity to be re-elected for this position. I truly love being a part of RHSA and look forward to future meetings with you all. Thanks. 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**

- You are a very involved person; do you have measurers you take to make sure you are not spreading yourself too thin?

I rely on google calendar to make sure I have time for everything. I do a lot of planning and stay organized. Most of the time if I am getting overwhelmed, I can take a break, I can skip a club meeting, not RHSA obviously. I honestly reach out to anyone if I need extra help so I do not have a problem with timing.

- What would be your approach to solving conflict?

I like to go straight on to a problem to figure out the exact problem and how to fix it. Whether that's talk to administration, fellow E Board members, I make sure to find the best way to resolve an issue.

- Within the past semester you have been VP of RHSA. What have you learned and what do you look forward to?

I've learned more to be a leader in a sense because it is a huge role. I met with president cabinet meetings those are very fascinating. I love how everything runs and works together. As for what I look forward to, next year I am hoping to be vice president for you guys again and continue to represent you guys as much as possible.

- What qualifies you to be Vice President again?

My leadership skills, my organizational skills, and my connections.

- You are an active member of the community, is having more events involving the community not just the school something you look forward to?

Motion to extend Q & A: Capen

Second: Bliss

I would investigate doing something like that. I am very community oriented. I was a part of an organization back home that bettered the community. Also being a part of NRHH I can partner with them and try to incorporate things like that to work on community program.

- Are there any outside job experiences you can pull from for this position?

I would say the career resource center, I am an intern there. It's good to just be involved there because I know the resources to lead students with. Today Sophia was applying for an internship and had a question for what the Career resource needed to be able to work with her. I helped and guided Sophia to have the resources to speak to someone and resolve the issue to what she needed to get done.

#### DISCUSSION 10:16

- Capen thinks that Eddie is very well versed and his dabble in a bunch of clubs and organizations is beneficial.
- Mohonk thinks that Eddie is very well organized.
- Capen thinks Eddie is very organized.
- Lenape thinks he seemed passionate about the position.
- Mohonk thinks he is very qualified.

Votes:

Eddie: 10

No Confidence:

Abstain: 1

**Abby:** Congratulations Eddie on becoming the next Vice President of RHSA!

#### NOMINATIONS 10:17

**Abby:**

Close nominations for treasurer till 2024

Secretary materials due next week

Motion To Close New Business:

Second:

#### LIGHTNING ROUND ANSWER: 10:17

**Sophia:** \*side eye\* In a bizarre legal proceeding, this celebrity and entrepreneur is currently engaged and is testifying in a trial over a ski accident from 2016.

Answer: Gwyenth Paltrow

#### UPCOMING EVENTS 10:18

- Animal Buzz March 31<sup>st</sup> SUB 100N
- Escape Room Buzz April 14<sup>th</sup> SUB 100N
- Condom Casino April 28<sup>th</sup> SUB MPR

#### HALL CONCERNS 10:18

**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 10:19

**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)

## OPEN FLOOR: 10:20

**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? I will be having a program in gage hall Monday at

**Eddie:** Scholarships! When you go to 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.

**Mohonk:** As you all know I am a member of the spring concert community, which is happening on May 6th, if you want to join come to me or Hayley.

**Bouton:** RA Nate and Bouton Hall Gov. are hosting a meet and greet with President Wheeler. Faith: Me and the SRA of Lenape Hall will be doing a pop up Narcan training in Lenape April 26th, which is a Wednesday from 1-2 the individual training only takes 10-15 minutes.

**Abby:** It's NPAD time! Gage hall and scudder have a jester's jam Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30pm SUB 100N. Come find out what it is.

## PASSING OF MOLLY, THE MOOSE 10:37

**Abby:** Capen has the moose we will pass it to Bliss!

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:38

**Athena:** "every day I wake up," - Abby

## ADJOURNMENT 10:38

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Ashokan

Second: Eddie

Next Meeting will be in SUB 409!