RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING
March 6th, 2017
SUB 62/63

CALL TO ORDER 9:23PM
ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:23PM

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NRHH 9:26PM
Thank you to everyone who participated in the programs for Residence Hall Month. This week
an NRHH member will be going to all of the Hall Government meetings to talk about the organization. NRHH recruitment starts after spring break so keep an eye out for that as well!!

**SENATE 9: 26 PM**
The week of action will start after Spring Break and Senate will be trying to get a fully funded college. Look out for upcoming programs in April as well!

**OLD BUSINESS 9: 27PM**

Motion to Open: Scudder  
Second: bliss

**Coffeehouse**

Coffeehouse was a huge success so thank you to everyone who came out and performed it was an awesome night full of coffee, donuts and talent!

**BUZZ Karaoke**

Thanks to everyone who came out on Friday for BUZZ. We sang our hearts out, gave away an office supply basket and gave out some cool shirts. Look out for next month's BUZZ for some more great shirts.

**Relay Ball**

Thanks to everyone to came out, we raffled off a lot of cool prizes and raised $202!!

**NCC**

Spring Leadership Conference 2017 Marty like a Rockstar is happening this friday at SUNY New Paltz!!! We are so hyped to have everyone come to our university. Huge thank you to conference staff and the volunteers, this weekend is going to be amazing.

**Mike Hebert:** SLC is going to be lit this weekend, conference staff has been working on this conference for over a year and half so please hug them and overwhelm with emotion this weekend to say thank you.

**Brandon:** One last thing, the program submission form for S.T.A.R.S conference is on the website so you can start submitting programs!

**CCC**

We need some help making swag bags for conference so if you want to help and earn some GFP's for your hall, you can come to our office hours during the week. I’ll have a sign for you to sign in and out and leave instructions so you know what to do! I’ll post on the Facebook page when you can start coming to office hours

Motion to Close: Ridgeview  
Second: Lefevre

**NEW BUSINESS 9: 31PM**
Motion to Open: Capen  
Second: Esopus

Hallywood  
Hallywood is due April 3rd and everyone’s video idea has been cleared! Start filming now so you are able to get everything done in time. If you have any questions you can ask anyone on E-Board.

Dance Marathon  
One year ago today was the first Dance Marathon so it was pretty cool to see all the pictures pop up on Facebook. We currently have 5,464 dollars raised for Dance Marathon so keep fundraising and reaching out to family and friends to donate. If you know people who want to sign up, they can go to the Dance Marathon Facebook Page and click the signup button which will take them directly to the Donor Drive page. This weekend a group of committee members visited the hospital to see the kids and talked to Meredith who works at the hospital and is helping with Dance Marathon. The hospital has expanded and added a new room for Caregivers and nurses where they can get free massages and take showers. They also add more rooms for parents to sleep in, as well as adding more rooms were parents can talk to the doctors to better understand what is going on with their child. There is also a new statue of Maria Ferrari on the front lawn.

3 year planning committee  
An email was sent out to all hall government members with the RHSA Three Year Strategic Plan survey attached so please fill it out as soon as possible. Your feedback will help us know what in the plan should be explained in more detail, what doesn’t need to be explained in as much detail as it is, and what can be done to improve RHSA as a whole. You get one GFP for each submission. We are asking that you fill it out before March 29th so we can compile all the responses.

Scudder: I just tried to submit the survey and it says there is a security problem on your end and is not letting me submit my answers.

Brandon: Ok I’ll look into it. Thanks for letting me know.

Elections

Explanation of the Treasurer Role  
Rui: As treasurer, they must carry out all the general duties of an E-Board member such as planning and attending events, holding two office hours a week, etc. As a treasurer specifically, they must maintain any documents needed to fill out and complete dispersing orders (which are the forms we use to get money for CAS), keep track of how the money is being spent, work alongside the current president, president elect and treasurer elect to create the budget for the upcoming year, work with the president to review funding request and approve or deny them, and follow them as they go through the E-Board, the AC and then making sure the organization gets the money they asked for in a timely manner. They also hold a
position on the CAS board of directors, attend CAS board meetings, attend PresCab meetings, provide weekly budget updates to the Advisors and the E-Board and coordinate with the advisor for care package deliveries.

**Expectations:**
- Accountable
- Organized
- Inclusive
- Good Time Management
- Well-Spoken
- Good communication
- Basic Excel or Google Sheets skills
- Confident
- Understands numbers
- Vigilant
- Responsible

**Presentation:**

**Dariana:** Hi everyone, my name is Daraina Almeyda and I am running for treasurer for the RHSA E-Board for the 2017 to 2018 school year. RHSA has been a community that I have grown in and it really is something I didn’t appreciate until I got up here to run for E-Board. I care so much about E-Board and I want to be apart of the community that helps the campus and works toward building a better environment for the students. As treasurer, I would handle the phone bill, dispersing orders, funding request and help make the budget for the year. I would talk with June Pot from CAS and Jenn Slader from Residence Life when working with the budget and making sure it is used efficiently. As a member of E-Board, I would also help to plan programs and bring the community together so it is fun and welcoming. This community is something that I care very much about and want to be apart of and continue to cultivate because I think that if you care about something you should do all that you can to help it grow and get better for the future and I would like to continue to work with this community to help everyone involved in it. I yield to questions.

**Questions**

You said you had some ideas for funding requests; what would those be?

**Dariana:** I was talking to Rui to see if there was anything that could be improved upon and he said that paper funding requests are a hassle because it’s hard to get them in on time, so I was thinkin that an online funding request sheet would be very beneficial so we can ensure that every club is able to access it and get the money that they need.

Who have you talked to beside Rui and what was the best advice they gave you?
Dariana: I talked to Alana and Dan who are the past two treasurers before Rui. They all told me to always stay organized and to do things as quickly as possible. It’s important to stay on top of things to make sure everyone gets the money that they need.

Have you had any experience balancing a budget before?

Dariana: No, but I am a quick learner and Rui is there to guide me step by step and I have been looking into this position for a while so I know I need to learn quickly so I can help the community and I am not afraid to do that.

Are you proficient in programs like Excel and Google Sheets.

Dariana: Yes I am. My mom used to balance a lot of budgets and I had to learn how to use Excel so I could help her so I do know how to use those programs.

What RHSA events and committees are you a part of?

Dariana: I was a part of the self-care committee and the Three Year Planning Committee which I am very passionate about and I really want to hear what you all want so we can reap the benefits now and later.

Being the head of a budget means that you have to say no to purchases sometimes; are you comfortable with saying no to a group of people who want you to say yes?

Dariana: Yes, we need to look at the interest of RHSA as a whole and for the community so we need to see what is best for everyone and if that means that I have to say no then I will.

What would you do if you lost someone’s receipt?

Dariana: If I lost a receipt, I would talk to the person and see where they bought the stuff and then go to the store and see if I could get another copy of the receipt. But if we are being honest my organization skills are pretty on point so I don’t think I would lose any receipts.

Move to extend Question and Answer for Five Minutes
Second

How would you deal with a situation that made us go over budget?

Dariana: We have the main budget and the rainy day budget so if we go over or under in one budget I would pull money from the other budget and then talk to the E-Board to cut back on things so we can improve the situation and make sure it doesn’t happen again.

Motion to close question and answer: Bliss
Discussion
Motion to open discussion: Dubois
Second: Crispell

They were very persistent and motivated about being apart of RHSA.
We believe that after a few weeks of not getting the first position she ran for, it shows persistence that she wants to help E-Board in anyway she can.
We believe that Dariana was very well-spoken, she displayed good public speaking skills and knew about the position.
We believe that Dariana showed a lot of confidence and answered the situations given to her quickly.
She was very knowledgeable, had new ideas and is passionate about the position.
She admitted to not knowing everything but is open to learning and is excited to do so.
We like the idea of creating an online funding request form because it would make it more accessible to everyone on campus.
It was very smart to go to past E-Board members and ask about the biggest problem they had and looked into how she could improve them.

Move to close discussion: Bliss
Second: Capen

Move to open voting by secret ballot: Ridgeview
Second: Bouton

VOTING:
Dariana : 22
No Confidence: 1
Abstain: 0

The AC has voted, and Dariana will be the next Treasurer!
Nominations

Previous Nominations

Sam Halligan for PR: Accept  
Emily Harter for Historian: Accept  
Jackson Krugman for CCC: Accept  
Jennifer Covais for CCC: Accept  
Jules Robinson for Secretary: Accept  
Morgan Beardslee for Historian: Accept  
Katie Hennessy for Secretary: Accept  
Jennifer Covais for PR: Accept; now Declines  
James Weaver for PR: Accept  
Martha De La Cruz for CCC: Table, stil table

New Nominations

Breanne: Tim Natsch for Historian  
Rui: Second  
Tim: Table

Elee: Meg Tohill for Historian  
Ridgeview: Second  
Name Decline

Motion to close secretary nominations: Ridgeview  
Second: Scudder

Motion to close New Business: bliss  
Second: Dubois

UPCOMING EVENTS 10:05PM

· Dance Marathon, April 15th, MPR

HALL CONCERNS 10:05PM
Tim: My room hasn’t had Wifi all year and I have put in numerous work orders and it has not been fixed.

**STUDENT CONCERNS 10:06PM**

Rui: Following up with what Time said, the wifi has been a problem all year and even computers that are connected to ethernet cables are being disconnected. Calling the welcome center isn’t helping anymore and we need a more stable wifi setup.

Brenna: The DMJ department has a lot more electives for next semester so thank you for that!

Angelique: There are a lot of loose tiles around campus and now that is getting warmer it’s easy for them to fix them. Some spots include the SUB by the Singing Rocks, Walking to the Academic Quad, Walking in Front of Smiley, Where Gulliver used to be by the library, The main entrance to the library, between the SUB and side stairs of Capen, and by the greenhouse.

-- How do you know when the moon has had enough to eat?--

Lefevre: Tiles between SUB and Smiley, every time it rains a giant puddle forms so if they possibly fix that that would be great.

Katie Hennessy: It’s really hot in here can we open the door?

Elee: It will probably be hot all semester so dress appropriately.

Angelique: Walking from the Big Vending Machine to the SUB the handrails have caution tape over them and that is not safe for students.

Rui: Under the bridge by the Atrium there is a giant pothole that really needs to be fixed.

Meryl: I’ve been getting emails from Blackboard about student teaching that I shouldn’t be getting so if they could maybe fix that because I thought I wasn’t going to graduate when I got an email about student teaching. Also, when walking around campus, please be aware of where you walking so you can stay safe.

Brandon: I have talked to the professors who handle the student teaching emails and a lot of professors just email everyone on the list not just the ones who need to be emailed just to make sure they don’t miss anyone.

Rui: About the pedestrian thing, please be careful on the crosswalk going to Esopus Pond behind Gage hall because people don’t like to stop there and it can be really dangerous.

Lefevre: The light covers in science hall are loose and should be fixed.

Bobby: If you are bicyclist, please follow the stop signs and the rules of the road so you can stay safe.

Rui: Please be careful around the skateboarders as they like to skate by the academic buildings and they just make a lot of noise when they are out there. Also they have been moving the rocks around and don’t be afraid to ask them move them back.
**OPEN FLOOR 10:15PM**

**Bliss**: On Tuesday March 14th there will be a rally outside Humanities for Free Speech at 12pm sponsored by DMJ and the Oracle, please come by and talk with us.

**Brandon**: Today is my grandma’s birthday so if we could give her a shout out that’d be awesome.

**Ridgeview**: Thursday March 9th UPC is hosting John Richard Fisher who is a singer/comedian so come by it is happening at 8pm in the MPR!

**Bliss**: UGA is having its annual fundraiser for B Positive Foundation to help people with kids with cancer in the MPR from 5pm to 8pm on Thursday.

**Bliss**: The politics and international relations club is going to going DC so come to SA office to sign up Wednesday at 1:30pm.

**Brieanne**: Good luck on midterms and take care of yourself. Also if you know anyone who knows haunted houses around town or in the residence halls please let me know.

**Rui**: Thursday is the ribbon cutting for Science Hall so come by. Next wednesday is hot chocolate with the president in Lefevre Hall so check it out. Also next Thursday at 7:30pm is a planetarium show. Finally on March 22nd, there is a Science March so if you want to go and be apart of it, talk to the Biology Club, the Chemistry Club and NPASA. The march is happening April 22nd.

**Lefevre**: Debate Club happens every Wednesday at 7pm in SUB 416.

**Lefevre**: On March 14th we are having a St. Patricks Day program at 7:30 so come and learn how to Irish Step Dance and eat Irish soda bread.

**Capen**: Having a midnight breakfast program at 11pm so come by on Wednesday for pancakes!

**Ridgeview**: We are screening the Bachelor Finale soe come by!

**Dariana**: Please fill out the survey for the Three Year Planning Committee.

**Brieanne**: Cardio Hip-Hop this Wednesday at 5:15pm!

**Meryl**: Jewish Student Union is having a sunday brunch at 1pm in SUB 100N

**Brandon**: Come to our office hours to fill Swag Bags for Conference.

**Mike**: Hug Conference Staff and the volunteers this weekend.

**Rui**: Show your New Paltz pride when you see people from other schools.

**Mike**: If you are going to be by Old Main Quad Saturday Afternoon there will be an insane cult like cheer off happening so come join us!
Angelique: If you see people from other schools please don’t harass them. You can get in serious trouble and we are trying to show how welcoming and great New Paltz is that’s why we are having this conference so please be nice to them.

Breanne: The Radio Station is open for E Board Positions, have five or six spots to fill so if you are interested in learning more about the radio station let me know and I’ll give you all the information you need.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:25 PM
Collango gave her glasses and is giving her to Bouton!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:26 PM
“The master has failed more times than the beginner has tried.” -Stephen McCranie

ADJOURNMENT 10:26PM
Next meeting in SUB 62/63!

**PR Application Due Next Week!!**