RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING
Date: 9/11/17
Location: LC102

CALL TO ORDER : 9:02PM

MOMENT OF SILENCE: 9:03PM
Dariana - Sixteen years ago today, hundreds of thousands of normal people started their daily commute and went to work, just like any other day. Sixteen years ago today, the twin towers were struck down. Mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts, grandparents, siblings, loved people were killed that day. My mother could have very easily been one of those people, had she not been running late because she tore her stocking. I am so grateful and so blessed that she is still here today, but not everyone was so lucky. Because of those tragic events, many of use were not as fortunate. I’d like you all to join me in a moment of silence to remember the lives lost sixteen years ago. Thank you.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY : 9:04PM
One thing we’re very excited about is the link between our RHSA and the national level. The National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH) holds a national conference every summer and several of us went. We want to show you how amazing our organization is, locally and nationally. We watched the NACURH 2017 video. As you can tell, conference is super cool and we’ll be talking more later on about how you can get involved.

Now, we are going to pass out some post cards. Res Life is fronting a project to send postcards to the children who witnessed the violence in Charlottesville. This is not a political program; it’s for the children. You can fill these out during the meeting and we’ll be collecting them at the end.

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS: 9:08PM
To give a hall report, you are going to tell me how many people from your hall are present and how many of them are wearing RHSA shirts, and then what you did at your last Hall Gov meeting.

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NRHH : 9:12PM
Catherine is gonna come down!
Catherine - Hi, I’m Catherine. I like being in the front so here I am. I am your NRHH representative for the year.
Teresa - Hi, I’m Teresa. I’m the NRHH Secretary.
Catherine - We’re just going to explain in simple terms what NRHH is. So, NRHH is the National Residence Hall Honorary. We are an honor society made up of students who live on campus, and our two core values are recognition and service. We are RHSA’s sister organization, which is why we get to talk at meetings. I am also the NCC of NRHH, and I work alongside Mario, who is the NCC of RHSA, but he’ll introduce himself later. We work closely together and are in charge of basically anything to do with conferences. I love conference so much. There are also other members of NRHH here, including Allie who is our PR and Tori who just got elected VP. Keep an eye out for how to apply and look out for GIs. I’m really excited to be working with you guys this year!

SENATE : 9:14PM
There is no Senate report this week because there is no Senate. However, Senate elections are this week so please vote!

OLD BUSINESS : 9:15PM

   Motion to Open: Dubois
   Second: Deyo

E-Board Intros
Elle uses she/her pronouns. She is a double major in Psychology and Political Science with a minor in Deaf Studies. She is the President. The President ensures the general welfare of the organization as a whole and acts as a sounding board to the rest of the E-Board.
Andrea uses she/her pronouns. She is a Communications major with a concentration in Public Relations and a minor in Black Studies. She is the Vice President. The Vice-President is responsible for FUSEing all RHSA events, coordinating an inter-hall program, and taking the place of the President in her absence.
Dariana uses she/her pronouns/ She is an Adolescent Education major with a concentration in English. She is the Treasurer. The Treasurer maintains all aspects of RHSA’s finances and coordinates the Care Package Program
Jules uses they/them or she/her pronouns. They are a Biology major with a concentration in Organismal/Environmental Sciences. They are the Secretary. The Secretary takes minutes at all Associate Council and Executive Board meetings, distributes AC agendas, and maintains RHSA’s office supplies. Sam uses he/him pronouns. He is a Psychology major. He is the Public Relations Officer. The Public Relations officer is responsible for publicizing all RHSA events and meetings. Mario uses he/him pronouns. He is a double major in Psychology and Biology. He is the National Communications Coordinator (NCC). The NCC is responsible for connecting SUNY New Paltz to schools throughout the region and the nation. He takes delegates to conferences and organizes the annual S.T.A.R.S Conference. Jennifer uses she/her pronouns. She is a Political Science major with a concentration in American Government and a minor in International Relations. She is the Campus Communications Coordinator (CCC). The Campus Communication Coordinator (CCC) is responsible for all communication between RHSA and various departments and organizations on campus including Residence Life and the National Residence Hall Honorary. The CCC also keeps track of Good Fellowship Points. Emily uses she/her pronouns. She is a Digital Media Productions major with a concentration in Film. She is the Historian. The Historian is responsible for chronicling the history of RHSA. The Historian also serves as the webmaster for the RHSA website and social media sites. During her introduction, Emily took a photo of the AC that will likely be posted to social media later. Chrissy uses she/her pronouns. She currently goes to Stony Brook, is the RD of Lefevre, and is one of the RHSA Advisors. Jenny uses she/her pronouns. She just graduated from Syracuse, is the RD of Collango, and is one of the RHSA Advisors.

Welcome Weekend
“Oh, is that me?” - Sam
It was a success. We had a barbecue, an ice cream social, and played Man Hunt. It was great to see everyone. Thank you for coming by.

Secretary
Hey guys! After the meeting, can all of the AC Reps and anyone else who will likely be attending our meetings please come and give me your Hawkmails (or another Gmail account)? Starting next meeting, the agenda will be posted to a shared Google Docs folder.

NCC
Time for a lesson on Parly-Pro! Parly-Pro is short for Parliamentary Procedure, which is how we talk at meetings. We use Parly-Pro to keep meetings more organized. Parly-Pro helps us make sure we’re focusing on the topic at hand and encourages discussion.
If you want to speak, you have to raise the placard found in your folder and you will be called on by whoever is running the meeting, almost always Ellee. Everything done in meetings is moved along by motions, such as “Move to open new business.” Motions also need seconds, so someone else will have to second the motion. On the back of your placards is a cheat sheet of commonly used motions you might need.
For example, you would raise your placard and say “Point of Personal Privilege” before following it up with something that needs to be done for you. For example, if it’s too warm and you want a door open, or if you need someone to speak up. Another is “Point of Information”, which you would use if, for example, you missed something someone said and you need them to repeat it.
Be courteous of people speaking, don’t abuse any motions, and be respectful of all halls.

PR
I need photos of every Hall Gov. Please take a photo of your entire Hall Gov and send it to our email rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu. Also, at the end of the meeting, please put the placards in your folders and return them to me.

CCC
I need to get contact sheets from all Hall Govs. Please give me a sheet with the names, positions, pronouns, and dietary restrictions of all of the members of your Hall Gov. You can come to my office hours, which are listed on the website, bring the sheet to the next AC meeting, or email it to me at rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu. Those are due by the next AC meeting.

Motion to Close: Ridgeview
Second: Dubois

NEW BUSINESS : 9:25 PM

Motion to Open: Collango
Second: Capen

Administration’s Initiative
Last week, the administration sent out an important email about a new initiative here on our campus that we should all be aware of. It’s in regard to a community dialogue about the Hasbrouck quad building names. While these names are of the founders of our town, and the administration notes that the buildings are named for the families that have been here for 300 years (full of prominent Hudson Valley citizens both white and black) and not the original individuals, many students have expressed discomfort about living in halls named for individuals who were slave owners. With a goal of inclusivity, this academic year will host a dialogue with the following goals:
1 - Analyze the issues surrounding the names of the buildings
2 - Develop a consensus on pros and cons of keeping or replacing the names
If the names are changed, it will open the discussion on what new names to recommend to the Board of Trustees.
The Diversity and Inclusion Council will lead this process through a mixture of town hall-type discussion, focus groups, and more between students, alumni, faculty, and the historians of Historic Huguenot Street. The administration is hoping to have a comprehensive answer by April 15th, 2018.

Superhero BUZZ Karaoke
One of our first events of the semester is coming up! Superhero BUZZ Karaoke will be on 9/29 and will be our first BUZZ of the semester. There will be two kinds of shirts given out and you get GFPs for attending.
Scudder - Are the shirts going to be in all sizes this semester?
Sizes will range from S to XXL.

Hall Gov Social
If you were here last semester, you might remember that part of my platform was to make Hall Gov Social an opportunity to mix and mingle with other halls.
If you look in your folder, you should see a nice little envelope marked “Don’t open until we say so!”
Well, I’m saying so. Open it.
This is your invitation to Hall Gov Social! It’s Family Feud-themed. You will be broken up into families
to mingle with other Hall Govs. We’ll also be having Asian Fusion and pizza. If you have any other
dietary restrictions, make sure you put that on the contact sheet so I know and can accommodate. All of
the information is on the cute invitations made by Sam. We’ll all be there, and we hope to see you there!

Social Media Challenges
I am in charge of the RHSA Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat. You can find us on all of those
things!

Facebook - Residence Hall Student Association
Twitter - @nprhsa
Instagram - @nprhsa
Snapchat - @nprhsa

The first three are the ones used most often, and are also the ones that feature Social Media Challenges!
On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, there will be Social Media Challenges, which might be a random
trivia question or asking you to upload a picture of some sort for GFPS. When you reply back, use #nprhsa
and #whatever hall you’re from. You can also tag us in photos of your entire Hall Gov and use the same
hashtags and you’ll get GFPS for that as well. You can check the GFP packet on the website to see how
many GFPS you’ll get for each thing.

#education
On 11/14, we will be having a program called #education. In each room in the SUB, there will be a
different organization presenting about what it’s like to be a student at New Paltz through their eyes. Let
me know if you’re part of an organization that you think would like to be a part of this.

Programming Committee
Going hand-in-hand with that, we are looking to gear our organization towards creating a more inclusive
and developed campus. If you want to help out with programming in any way, I have a paper up here.
Sign up at the end of the meeting to join the Programming Committee. If you have any ideas, we are more
than willing to listen.

Motion to Close: Capen
Second: Scudder

UPCOMING EVENTS : 9:34PM
Superhero BUZZ Karaoke, September 29th, SUB 62/63, 7:30pm
Hall Gov Social, October 1st, SUB 100N, 1:00pm

HALL CONCERNS : 9:34PM
If there are any problems in your hall, and you have gone to your RAs and RD and nothing has been done,
this is your time to talk about it.
Collango - We tried to get this fixed last year as well. In some of the bathrooms in Shango, there are
screws sticking out. People have not only torn clothes on them, but some people have accidentally cut
themselves on them (including Emily).
Gage - There are no paper towel dispensers or electric hand dryers in any of the bathrooms in Gage.
Elee - We are a green campus and paper towels are extremely wasteful, so that’s why we don’t have
those. We don’t have electric dryers because of the noise. Imagine living in the room next to the bathroom
and being woken up at 4am every time someone dries their hands.
Gage - I’ve been hearing stories of students getting hurt because they cut their hands trying to dry them on
the walls. What should I say to them?
Elee - Tell them to bring a hand towel to the bathroom with them.
Andrea - Sympathize with them, of course, but you can tell them exactly what Elee said. We are a green
campus, and electric dryers are loud.
Mario - You can also tell them to voice their concerns to the RAs and see if their RA would use part of
their budget to buy hand towels for the bathroom.
-- What has cities but no buildings, forests but no trees, and water but no fish? --
Esopus - Some of the shower drains fall out. You’ll be in the shower and it will just fall to the side.
Elee - That happens in Lefevre too.
Collango - They do that to make things easier for the custodians to clean.
Elee - If it’s a problem, put in a work order with your SRA.

STUDENT CONCERNS : 9:35PM
If you’ve seen anything going on around campus that needs to be fixed or improved, this is your time to
share. However, if there are any food-related concerns, please email those to use at
rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu
Andrea - Between the SUB and Haggerty, there is a ramp that has been under construction for a really
long time and it’s extremely inconvenient, but we don’t ever get any updates on it. If we could get an
update on that, that would be awesome.
Esopus - Leaving the SUB, I watched someone put a cigarette in one of the tall ash trays, and then it
caught on fire. There’s a problem with people putting things like leaves in them.
Scudder - Second. I watched that happen last semester and the ash and smoke blew into people’s’
windows and stuff.
Deyo - Parking is a huge issue across campus. Part of the Crispell parking lot has been closed for a long
time and we don’t have any information about it other than that it’s closed. We need at least an update.
Lenape - I second the parking thing. In Lenape, everyone got parking ticket warnings that are turning into
tickets because we are apparently not allowed to use half of the lot.
Elee - For future reference, there is no need to second anything and continue talking about it. If you’re
called on, just say “I yield to redundancy.”
Collango - Point of information, do any of the ash trays have a covering?
They are covered. Environmental Health and Safety should be contacted about this.
Esopus - I thought this was funny until I talked to my RA about it. I was walking down Main Street the
other day and saw Big Bird. He wasn’t walking down Main Street; he was walking through the apartment
complex just off campus.
Elee - Okay, I will talk to administration about it.
Collango - Construction has started on the second floor of the Smiley Arts Building, so any lockers up
there for art students aren’t able to be used. Being an art student without a locker for your supplies is
incredibly difficult.
Dariana - The Financial Aid Office never answers the phone. I work at the Welcome Center and I spend
all of my shifts just trying to call Financial Aid. I spoke with someone who was trying to call for six hours
straight. Financial Aid is one of the most important things on campus and something needs to be done
about that.
Deyo - The School of Business has not been communicating whether or not computer labs are being used for classes. In the past, they’ve done so and it makes everything a lot easier, so they need to start doing that again.
Scudder - Binge drinking is a serious concern for new students. We should give out information about how to moderate that because it can easily turn into a bad situation.
Andrea - Perfect timing! SUNY New Paltz just recently got a grant to hire someone to do Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention and she just started working today. She’s getting herself settled and is going to be seeing what she wants to do. I can give you her contact information so you can try and help her out. Her office is on the third floor of the SUB. You make a left after getting out of the elevators and it’s straight down that way.
Emily - I was walking home to Shango in the pitch black, and it’s well lit until you get to the Old Maid Quad area. If you’re coming out of Old Main, the whole quad is lit up besides a strip of pavement between the two quad parts. It’s a safety concern, so maybe we could get a light there.
Dariana - I really hope this doesn’t fall under food concerns, but last time I said something about Has, I asked for bigger cups and it worked, so I figured I’d try again. They need to properly clean and sanitize their plates.
Elee - That’s a food concern. Email it to us.
Mario - There’s a little walkway in front of Bevier, and the stairs aren’t lit up, so I kinda almost tripped down the stairs.
Lefevre - You know the bridges that connect the two parts of campus and help cross the Gunk? The one closest to the SUB, I don’t know if people besides me actually use it, but it’s definitely not safe for students to walk on. If it’s going to be there and open to be used, it should be improved so it’s safe to use.
Bliss - Accessing water on campus is difficult. In some of the halls, the water fountains are gross. Only the academic buildings definitely have good water. We also can’t purchase water bottles on campus.
Elee - If you go to the CAS office, they give out free refillable water bottles.
Bliss - It’s still hard to get clean water.
Emily - Point of information, I carry a refillable water bottle everywhere, and there are places in Has, the SUB, Starbuck’s, and all of the academic buildings where you can get water. There’s also at least one good water fountain in every hall. You just have to be willing to look for it, and carrying around the bottle everywhere motivates you.
Dariana - Point of information, the water fountains in the halls definitely all dispense filtered water and they are definitely all clean. They are trying to get more of the nice water bottle refilling stations in every hall on every floor, but for now, this is what we have.
Elee - In the past two years, the number of those refilling stations has doubled, so imagine what’s to come. We just have to hold out for that.
Dubois - Is a concern about the dining plans considered a food concern?
Elee - Yes, so email that concern to us.
Esopus - There is a button to open the doors to get out of Has, but not one to get in.
Scudder - I’ve noticed a lot of skunks running around campus, even during the daytime.
Elee - Skunks will spray you if you go near them and scare them, but if you don’t engage, you should be fine.
Bouton - On the far side of the pond by Esopus, there’s a bridge. On one side, there’s Esopus, and on the other is the South Classroom Building. The light on the side of the bridge by Esopus is out.
Gage - Are the things we voice concerns about going to be fixed?
Elee - I bring all of these concerns to the administration, and in the next few weeks, there will be a section of the agenda for Student Concerns Follow-Up, and that will be for any answers and/or solutions I get from the administration.
Gage - So, if people come to us with concerns, we bring those concerns here.
Elee - Yeah.
Deyo - There are garbage trucks early in the morning very often.
Elee - I’m sorry, but that’s the town schedule. They do it that early so they don’t interrupt our day. There’s nothing we can do about that.
Lenape - Is there anything we can do about maybe allowing us to come in other doors besides the main one after 11?
Dariana - 11 is the cut-off because we don’t want you letting in people who don’t live in the building. It’s a safety precaution that cannot be changed.

OPEN FLOOR : 9:56PM
Scudder - Rosh Hashanah is coming up! If you want to celebrate with the Jewish Student Union (JSU), our services, including dinner, start Wednesday 9/20 at 7:30pm in SUB100N. There will also be services at 9am Thursday morning, and lunch at 2. If you’re interested in celebrating with us, professors must give you an excused absence for it.
Jennifer - Alpha Epsilon Phi is tabling from 12-3 on Wednesday in the SUB to collect donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. In addition, Meet the Greeks is this Friday in the SUB MPR. I’ll be tabling from 3-6. Come get to know all of the recognized Greek organizations on campus. Some orgs will be performing and strolling from 6-8. If you come find me and tell me your hall, you will get GFPs.
Scudder - Are those notes that are being taken going to be emailed out?
Elee - Jules will post the minutes on our website newpaltz.edu/rhsa tomorrow night and you be able to access them after that.
Collango - Point of information. When do you want the contact sheets handed in?
Jennifer - I want those given to me by the next AC meeting.
Esopus - I’ve been working with the Cultural Advocate of Esopus, and we’re trying to have different potlucks and cultural information days. Meet me after this meeting if you’re interested in helping out.
Also, if you play any musical instruments, we’re trying to have a big jam session-type program.
Lefevre - Union Programming Council (UPC) is hosting Escape The Room on 9/14 from 4-8 in the MPR.
Lefevre - TBA Improv is having a show in Scudder Hall on Wednesday 9/13 at 7pm. Also, there’s an emergency blood drive tomorrow 9/12 from 12-6 in the MPR for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.
Deyo - UPC is also having a candy terrarium program on Thursday 9/21 from 1-3 in SUB 100N.
Ridgeview - Anthropology Club is starting up again. You don’t have to be an Anthropology major to join the club. Come see me and I can put you on the email list.
Jennifer - Are you interested in international relations and politics? This Thursday from 5:30-6:30 the International Relations club will be having their first meeting in SUB 409.
Deyo - New Paltz has a women’s rugby team. We have a game on 9/24 against Stony Brook. Kickoff is at 1 and it’s on the field behind Esopus.
Scudder - Are there any other things like Big Bird that I should know about?
Elee - If we get any more information about that situation, we’ll be sure to let you know.
Andrea - We’re not here for spreading other things.
Andrea - Please don’t forget about the sign-up sheets in the front! Come sign up after the meeting.
Sam - Are you interested in performing? If so, Gage and Ridgeview are having an Open Mic for their Saturday Night Fever on 9/16 at 9pm in Gage Hall.
Mario - If you love New Paltz, consider doing tours for Open House with C.R.E.W. Open House is 8/28 and you can come give tours for as long as you want. Doing tabling in sub outside 100n come show love for new paltz
Deyo - Astronomy Nights begin again 9/21. Tickets are bought prior, and there are 7:30 and 8:30 shows.
PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE : 10:07PM
Molly the Moose is the mascot of RHSA. Every week, Molly will be passed to a new hall, where that hall will babysit her for a week, until the next AC meeting. Next week, you’ll bring her back with a new article of clothing, and by the end of the semester, she’ll be completely decked out. In the past, we’ve had people give her bracelets, shirts, capes, underwear, etc. This week, Molly is going to go to Deyo Hall!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK : 10:09PM
“Don’t let your history interfere with your destiny.” - Dr. Steve Maraboli

ADJOURNMENT 10:09PM
Next Meeting in Esopus