RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING
Date: 1/22/2018
Location: Capen Hall

CALL TO ORDER : 9:00PM

MOMENT OF SILENCE : 9:00PM
With a heavy heart, I regret to inform you that a student, Shanon Pasternak, has passed. Please join me in a moment of silence to honor someone who was not only a student, but a dear friend. Thank you. Also, remember that you have resources and people around you to help you in dark times. You are never alone. If you need help finding any of these resources, we are all here to help.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY : 9:01PM
For tonight’s Mystery Activity, we are going to pass around a bucket that has slips of paper and markers inside. You might have to share the markers, but take a piece of paper and write a note of positivity on it, whether it be to stay strong or to keep going. Anything to encourage others. When the basket gets back to us, we’ll pass it around again so you can put your notes inside, and then you can all take one at the end of the meeting.

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS: 9:02PM

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NRHH : 9:03PM
Hey everyone! So, for those of you who don’t know me, I’m Rui, the newly elected NRHH president. I’m here to talk about NRHH, which is the National Residence Hall Honorary. I’m going to tell you right now that we’re changing the game. We have totally new philanthropy to focus on. NRHH as a whole focuses on service and recognition, and we’re going to dominate the game here at New Paltz. Keep on the lookout for things from us, because we have many events coming up targeted towards all residents on campus. If you have any questions about NRHH, you can talk to either myself or Catherine Callan, the NRHH NCC. I can’t wait to see what we can accomplish together.

SENATE : 9:04PM
There was no Senate report.

OLD BUSINESS : 9:05PM
  Motion to Open: Lenape
  Second: Capen

Hasbrouck Building Name Initiative
If you haven’t seen, the administration sent out an email featuring information about the building name initiative. There are going to be two information sessions. Each of those sessions will begin with a presentation of the history of the buildings, the history of the names, and information about the families connected to the names. These sessions are this upcoming Thursday from 6pm to 7pm in LC102 and Friday from 12:30pm to 2pm in the SUB MPR. The email says that you need to RSVP to these. While it is likely not the end of the world if you don’t, you should. You can find the link to do so in the email. It’s great information. We are student leaders on this campus and it’s important for us to know the history of where we live. If the names of the buildings are an important issue to you, make it a priority to be there.

Care Packages
We still have some care packages left in the office from last semester. I’m going to read a list of the names of the halls who still have care packages in the office, so if I read your hall’s name, please send a representative to come and pick them up. The halls are Lefevre, Bevier, Crispell, Capen, Ridgeview, Deyo, Bliss, Esopus, Bouton, Collango, and Lenape. Mind you, there are some halls, like Lefevre, that only have two packages, but then there are halls like Collango, that have two piles, so you might want to stop by the office and see how many you have before coming to take them. You can also ask your RA Liaisons to help. Please pick them up by the end of the week.

PR
Hi! I’m your resident PR. If you have any old placards in your folders, please take them. You can have them. Put them on your wall. Throw them out. Decorate with them. Do something with them. You have new ones now, so you don’t need to keep your old ones in the folder.

NCC
So the Spring Leadership Conference is coming up! It is going to be from 3/3 to 3/5. We had applications open all break and they were supposed to be due last night, but we thought it was unfair for them to be open just for break, so we’re going to extend that deadline through this Friday. You can still send in your
application and sign up for an interview time. For whatever reason, you can’t sign up for an interview slot on our website yet, but you can send a time in your email. For those that applied, I already checked your interview times and you’re good. Please apply! It’s a good time! It’s a three-day conference where there will be great programming at a new school and you’ll get to meet a whole bunch of new, great people. It’s going to be at WPI in Massachusetts, and it’s going to be cool! If you have any questions, you can talk to me afterwards, or come to my office hours! Also, spread this information to your hall governments, and encourage them to apply if anyone seems interested. It would be especially great if you’re applying for any positions this semester.

CCC
Hi everyone! So, since it’s a new semester, I’m going to need new contact sheets for your new hall governments! Please get those to me ASAP. Try and have your elections this week, if you can. Your RA Liaisons should be setting those up. My office hours are on Friday and I’d like the contact sheets by then, but I need them by the next AC meeting at latest.

Motion to Close: Lefevre
Second: Scudder

NEW BUSINESS : 9:10PM

Motion to Open: Capen
Second: Esopus

The Chosen One BUZZ Bingo
Our initiative, after listening to you guys, has been to not do karaoke at every BUZZ. Because of this, we’re doing BUZZ KARAOKE. Wait, no. We’re doing BUZZ BINGO! It’s going to be great. You know how bingo works, so I’m not going to explain that to you. You might not see me there because of this, but it’s gonna be super fun and really cool. I better see all of your faces there, but you might not see me. Just kidding.
Elec - There are prizes at bingo, right? Well, we’re not just giving out any regular prizes. We’re giving out prizes themed as per each E-Board member. One of you is going to get a prize about the things that Andrea loves. Maybe you’ll get Dariana stuff or something.
Dariana - To be clear, I am not giving any of you my personal items.
Elec - Basically, these prizes are going to be hand-picked by E-Board members. They’re going to be really nice. We’re not going to, like, give you a piece of gum or something. It’s going to be good and memorable.
Andrea - Like Kan Jam and stuff that you can use for future programs.
Elec - The date is 2/9 and it’s going to be in SUB 62/63 from 7:30pm to 9pm. The shirts are going to be so great.

G.R.O.W.
Hi! So we are going to have an event soon called G.R.O.W. As Mario mentioned earlier, leadership opportunities are going to be opening up on campus very soon. We’re going to talk about different ways to be leaders, so come hang out with us, grow as a person, and embrace your best self. It’s going to be on 2/11 from 1pm to 3pm.
Elec - We’re going to be giving great information and tell-alls about how to succeed on campus because we love you.
Election Schedule
In each of your folders is a copy of the election schedule. Please take note that there will not be meetings on February 19th and March 19th. Each week, an application will be due, and that election will be the next week.

In order to run for the RHSA E-Board, you must:
- Have lived on a college campus for at least two semesters, this semester included
- Have a 2.75 GPA
- Have been active in Hall Government for at least one semester

Additionally, to run for President, you must have served on a previous RHSA E-Board.

If you are running for a position, or even just thinking about it, go to the office hours of the person who holds that position and talk to them about it, and reach out to those who have held the position before and talk to them as well. Talk to all of the E-Board members if you’re trying to figure out which position would be right for you. Being on E-Board is an amazing experience that I would very much recommend.

1/29 - NCC applications are due
2/5 - NCC Election, President applications are due
2/12 - President Election, Vice President applications are due
2/26 - Vice President Election, Treasurer applications are due
3/5 - Treasurer Election, Secretary applications are due
3/12 - Secretary Election, PR applications are due
3/26 - PR Election, CCC applications are due
4/2 - CCC Election, Historian applications are due
4/9 - Historian Election

Nominations
Previous Nominations
Ryan Tso for NCC - Accept
Pharez Varlack for NCC - Accept
Emily Harter for NCC - Accept
Clare Del Grosso for NCC - Accept
Narelys Chum for NCC - Table
Jamie Ericksen for NCC - Table
Sam Halligan for NCC - Table
Sam - I’d like to decline.

Motion to Open Nominations : Collango
Second : Ridgeview

Ridgeview - I’d like to nominate Sam Halligan for President.
Bouton - Second.
Sam - Accept.
Deyo - I’d like to nominate Katie Russell for CCC.
Crispell - Second.
Katie - Accept.
Collango - I’d like to nominate James Weaver for Historian.
Crispell - Second.
James - Accept.
Esopus - I’d like to nominate Gabby Rivera for CCC.
Capen - Second.
Gabby - Accept.
Ridgeview - I’d like to nominate Jules Robinson for Vice President.
Bouton - Second.
Jules - Table.
Deyo - I’d like to nominate Dariana Almeyda for President.
Collango - Second.
Dariana - Table.
Lenape - I’d like to nominate Marissa Richman for Historian.
Bouton - Second.
Marissa - Accept.
Ridgeview - I’d like to nominate Sarah Creighton for PR.
Capen - Second.
Sarah - Accept.
Collango - I’d like to nominate Emily Kimoto for PR.
Lenape - Second.
Emily - Table.
Lenape - I’d like to nominate Juan Molino for Treasurer.
Esopus - Second.
Juan - Accept.
Lenape - I’d like to nominate Lauren Felis for Treasurer.
Collango - Second.
Lauren - Decline.
Scudder - I’d like to nominate Nick Vangi for Historian.
Capen - Second.
Nick - Accept.

Motion to Table Nominations: Crispell
Second: Scudder

NCC applications are due next meeting! If you have accepted a nomination, bring your application then and make sure you have enough for every hall and the E-Board. If you were not nominated but still want to run, you can still bring an application.

Motion to Close: Collango
Second: Lenape

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:21PM
The Chosen One BUZZ Bingo, February 9th, SUB 62/63, 7:30pm-9pm
G.R.O.W., February 11th, SUB100N, 1pm-3pm

HALL CONCERNS : 9:21PM
Esopus - The elevator still isn’t fixed.
Elee - Is it broken?
Esopus - It has broken three times in two days.
Jenny - They are waiting to hear back from the people they have a contract with.

STUDENT CONCERNS : 9:22PM
Lenape - By the commuter lot next to Ridgeview, there is a hole in the crosswalk and I almost broke my neck before I came here. It looks like an open pipe, about 3 to 4 inches in diameter.
Elee - Is the hole blocked off?
Lenape - No.
-- You buy me to eat, but never eat me. What am I? --
Jenny - So, over break, Chrissy and I met with Gary, the head of Facilities, and he gave us feedback on all of the concerns left over from last semester. Most of the things were being taken care of, but were still in administrative limbo so we didn't have updates yet. What he wanted us to say to you was that if there’s anything wrong with general areas, like classroom buildings or outdoor things, Facilities wants you to tell your professors and the secretaries of departments, because faculty can put in campus-wide work orders. It’s messy to bring it through RHSA, because it goes through a lot more people than it needs to. Tell your professor, and if they say they don’t know how to do it or they can’t, they’re lying. Like, when you guys mentioned the temperature of buildings, that’s something that should go through them instead. If there’s anything like the hole, that is an immediate issue, you can call Facilities at (845) 257-3300 as soon as you see it. I would call the second I see that the hole isn’t blocked off and tell them to barricade it or something. Unfortunately, it’s probably a hole from them doing construction, but it’s not okay that it’s not blocked off. Students can call Facilities for emergencies.

OPEN FLOOR : 9:25PM
Scudder - Hello, I’m Benjy, the president of the Jewish Student Union. The sad news is that there aren’t any Jewish holidays coming up. The good news, however, is that Shabbat 200 is coming! It’s our biggest event of the year. We try to get 200 people, Jewish and non-Jewish, to come. It’s going to be on Friday 2/9 in the SUB MPR. Services start at 6:15pm and dinner is served at 7pm. I know that it is the same night as BUZZ, but it starts earlier, so you can go to this first and then to BUZZ. If you have any questions about the event, or anything related to the JSU, feel free to come ask me!
Deyo - Hey guys! So, UPC is putting on an event this Friday, 1/26. We’re going to be doing a Family Feud/Project Adventure program in SUB100N from 10-12. This Sunday, 1/28, we’re also going to have an ice skating rink! This is going to be from 12-4. Weather permitting, it’s going to be on the SUB Concourse, but if not, it will be in the MPR.
Emily - Can you elaborate on how that is going to work?
Deyo - Iceless ice skating! We have not seen the actual equipment yet, but it’s meant to be like an actual ice skating rink. You will be ice skating, and there will be hot chocolate.
Elee - There are tiles that you can put on top of a flat surface and they imitate ice without actually being ice, so you can skate on them.
Scudder - Hi everyone! My name is Gabriella Rivera, and I’m working on a workshop for girls with curly, wavy, and natural hair. I grew up in a biracial family, and my mom is white, so she never taught me how to do my hair. I know this is a common situation, so I want to hold a huge workshop on how to take care of your hair. If anyone would like to lend their expertise or anything for this event, please email me at riverag6@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu
Elee - Please bear with me with these new placards. I have a hard time reading them because I can’t see them easily, so I usually base it off of color, and I haven’t gotten used to these ones yet, so I might be a bit slow.
Jules - Speaking of, can we get a shoutout to our lovely PR Sam for how great these new placards are?
Sam - Do you like tape? Well I do! This Sunday, I’m having a program where you can tape me to the floor! Wait, no. Not Sunday. Next Wednesday at 7:30pm! There is a meaning, but you just don’t know it yet. This will be happening in Ridgeview.

Dariana - If you’re interested in any of our positions, please come see us. Also, where’s the bucket at? If you could bring it back up, we’ll send it back around so you can all put your notes in it.

Elee - Keep passing the bucket.

Jennifer - Hi everyone. If you’re interested in Greek Life, it’s recruitment season. I’m going to hype my own organization, of course, but check out others as well. My org, AEPhi, is going to be in SUB 62/63 at 8:30pm tomorrow 1/23! Come learn about what we do. We’re a national organization with hundreds of chapters all over the country. Greek Life changed my life, and it could change yours as well.

Elee - If you want to rush APO, the co-ed community service fraternity, we have information sessions on Wednesday at 8pm in 100S, Friday at 8pm in 100S, and next Wednesday at...wait, no, that’s not right. The sessions are this Wednesday, 1/24, at 8pm in 100S, this Saturday, 1/27, at 1pm in 100S, next Wednesday, 1/31, at 8pm in 100S, and next Friday, 2/3, at 8pm in 100S.

Mario - If you’re applying for NCC, definitely talk to not only me but past NCCs as well. Brandon Knowles was here earlier, and he’s a past NCC. There’s also Mike Hebert and Sammi Liu, and you can find them on Facebook. I also have Mike’s email, if any of you would like. I can help you guys figure out how to contact past NCCs.

Andrea - Along with that, raise your hand if you’re into free stuff. Keep them raised if you’re interested in becoming an RA. Take out your phones, go on Instagram, and follow @npreslife to get updates about the selection process and other things related to becoming an RA. Follow for everyday updates, challenges, and trivia questions.

Collango - For people without Instagram, where could we find that information?

Deyo - Posters around campus.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE : 9:35PM
RHSA is passing her to Capen!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK : 9:37PM
“Más vale pájaro en mano que ciento volando.” - Mario’s parents
*Translation: A bird in the hand is worth more than one hundred flying.*

ADJOURNMENT 9:37PM
Next Meeting in Gage!