RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING
Date: 5/6/2019
Location: SUB MPR

CALL TO ORDER 8:13 PM

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 8:14 PM
The mystery activity was the RHSA E-Board Hollywood Video and Eating!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:01 PM

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NRHH 9:07 PM
Hi everyone, yesterday we inducted 5 people, 2 honorary members including president Christian. Our NCC successor will be Emily Yulo!!!

SENATE 9:08 PM
They elected a new eboard, so check your emails!

OLD BUSINESS 9:09 PM
Pokemon BUZZ Beach Bash
Tie Dye Buzz Beach Bash was last Friday. Thanks for coming! Our tie dye was the best! Thanks for showing up. I tie dyed my shoes.

Motion to Close: Meryl
Second: Esopus

NEW BUSINESS 9:10 PM

BBQ
Hey Everyone! So as you may have noticed, there was a significant lack of inflatables on Old Main quad yesterday, but rain or shine all inflatables, dunk tanks, carnival games, and everything will be on Hasbrouck Quad tomorrow. If you were disappointed that there were no inflatables yesterday, go to Hasbrouck tomorrow from 4pm to 7pm. It’ll be a really fun time! See ya there!

Awards

Participation Awards
- Historian - Bliss and Capen
- CCC - Dubois and Ridgeview
- NCC - Bevier and Scudder
- Public Relations - Bouton and Lenape
- Secretary - Deyo and Crispell
- Treasurer - Collango and Gage
- President - Esopus and Lefevre

E-Board Choice
Each semester, the eight of us select one hall government member who we think has gone above and beyond what is required of them. They are active within their hall governments, they’re present at RHSA meetings and events, and they’re always looking to do more to improve the community around them. I would like to invite back up to the podium, myself.

President
This award is going to someone who has made an impact at Associate Council Meetings this semester. This individual would often brighten up the room with their smile and goofy attitude. You are a great person, thanks for the positivity you bring to the meetings and for speaking during elections. I appreciate you so much Renee, and I look forward to seeing what you do in the future. Come up and grab your award!

Treasurer
This person takes the time each week to attend our meetings, I don’t think they’ve ever missed one. They’ve been present, constantly moving to open new business or what have you. Although they are on the quieter side, their persistent dedication speaks volumes about the type of person they are. Their devotion to RHSA will translate into an ability to be reliable, on time, but most importantly, a guide to those who may have less experience. Josh, the eboard has been impressed with your dedication and we are eager to see all that you will achieve in the future!

Secretary
I want to start off by saying that I knew exactly who I was giving my E-Board choice to, right off the bat. This person has stood out to me from the moment she started coming to AC meetings and events. With an eagerness to learn, and a smile that lights up any room, this person has very quickly become such a welcome presence at meetings, events, and anywhere we see her on campus. As I started to get to know her, I realized just how much fun she is to be around, and how truly kind she is. She has truly gone above and beyond this year, both in her position, and in her work to make our campus a better place. Callie Quinn, you are such an incredibly kind person, and I am grateful to have gotten the opportunity to get to know you this year. I know you’re going to do such amazing things in your time here, so please come up and get your E-Board choice, Callie!

Public Relations
Hey everyone!! So, the person that I chose for my eboard choice has been so active on campus even though it's only their first year here. They are so much fun to work with, not only as an AC rep, but also as a UPC committee member, and now UPC Eboard member. I’m so proud to have had the opportunity to watch you grow within the campus community, and as a person, and I can’t wait to see what you do next. So Chris, come up here and get your eboard choice!

NCC
This award goes to someone very special. The first time I met this person, they absolutely blew me away. The amount of passion this person carried in everything they do and genuine kindness they embody was astounding. I had the absolute pleasure of working with this person during conference where they consistently sparked new ideas and was always there to support the team. This person will do anything for their friends and will not stop until they knows their friends are okay. I am so fortunate to have met Catherine Barrera and had the absolute pleasure of taking her to conference this past semester. Catherine Barrera, I cannot wait to see you grow and see all the wonderful things you will do. Come get your award.

CCC
This person has such an amazing energy, she brightens every room she is in. She comes to AC meetings even though she is not an AC representative. Ishrat Ali, you are amazing and you contribute so much to Ridgeview, RHSA, and campus as a whole. Thank you for being you and please come accept this award.

Historian
My e-board choice is going to someone who is so determined in everything they do! This person literally never gives up no matter what obstacles have come in their way, and I truly admire that. They have come to practically every RHSA program and Monday night meeting, especially the elections where you couldn’t miss them. They always speak out for what they believe in and has great discussion points. This person does all this extracurricular activity and still manages about a 3.5 GPA, while I’m here struggling with like a 2.0 so congrats on that my dude! Not only that, but spoiler alert, they won top 3 for most likely
to jump in the gunk! Overall, he is a great person who knows how to have a fun time while still getting everything done. It is a pleasure for me to give my personal e-board choice to **Joseph Beccalori**. So for one last time this semester, can we hear you move to exhaust the speakers list without additions for the crowd?

**RA Liaison of the Semester**
RA Liaison of the Semester is an award we give out to the hall gov liaison who has gone above and beyond what is required of them. They show a clear interest in RHSA and hall government, and they are dedicated to helping their Hall Government reach their full potential.

This next award goes to the hall gov liaison that goes above and beyond what is expected of them and shows a clear interest in RHSA and their Hall Government. This person was an obvious choice for the award, he is consistently at RHSA meetings, events and supports his hall government in any possible way. **Cole Sporcic** is a hardworking, dedicated and caring individual. He is a phenomenal RA and an amazing RA liaison. Whenever his Hall Gov needs him he is there to help them with whatever they need. Thank you Cole for your dedication to RHSA and to Ridgeview Hall Government. You deserve this recognition so much and I am proud to call you my friend!

**Hollywood Awards**

**Audience Choice**
1st - Capen  
2nd - Dubois  
3rd - Bouton

**E-Board Choice**
1st - Ridgeview  
2nd - Dubois  
3rd - Scudder

**Hall of the Semester**
President: Hall of the semester is an award we give out to the hall with the most GFPs at the end of each semester. GFPs or Good Fellowship Points, are earned by putting on programs in your hall, as well as attending RHSA meetings and programs. I would like to invite CCC Alexa up to the podium to give out this semester’s awards.

Alexa: Hi everyone, first of all I want to thank all of you for everything you’ve done this semester, it was so great, thank you guys.  
Third place - Bouton Hall  
Second Place - Ridgeview Hall  
First Place - Collango Hall

**Senior Cords**  
President: In recognition of their service and commitment to RHSA, we would like to present all those who served on the RHSA E-Board in the past who are graduating this year with cords. If I call your name, please come up to the podium to receive your graduation cords.
As President, I want to thank you all for all you’ve done for our organization when you held your positions, as you were all incredibly impactful. As Sam, I am super excited to see what you amazing people are going to do in the future. I see all of you living amazing and successful lives. You all have so much dedication and I appreciated the opportunity to work alongside each of you. Thank you for everything again, and let’s give a round of applause to our graduating seniors!

**Bronze Pins**

The Bronze Pin is the highest individual honor one can receive on a college campus, and the pins are given out by the NRHH or RHSA president. This pin shall be awarded to individuals who have provided leadership and direction to their campus organizations. The amount of bronze pins awarded each year cannot exceed the number 8, representative of the 8 regions within NACURH. Bronze pin recipients are individuals that go above and beyond what they are required to do, and they show a clear passion for what they do. These are the people who are committed to creating an inclusive and respectful community among their peers. Bronze pin recipients have worked their hardest and have dedicated their time to making their campus a better place. They are leaders, mentors role models, and some of the best people this school has to offer. If you have ever been awarded a bronze pin, please stand now. Tonight, I will be giving out 2 bronze pins.

**Meryl Stromberg**

Bronze pins are about leadership, and about the impact that one’s leadership can have on a community at large. I think an important thing to remember is that the impacts we leave on this university can stay here for quite a while. The impacts that you as leaders have on others can inspire others to grow and take on new positions.

For some backstory, when I was an associate council representative those bigger positions seemed so scary to me. Applying for RA and running for an Eboard position were incredibly intimidating. But all leaders have their start somewhere and most have their start because of other leaders. In my Freshman Year, my RA staff took me under their wing to teach me what it meant to be a leader. Each of them taught me something really amazing.

Tonight I want to highlight an individual whose impact on the community still remains. An individual who may have graduated at the end of my Freshman year, but helped me become the leader I am today. Without this person in my life I guarantee that I would not be speaking up here to you. Since none of you really know her, this individual was a former RA in Scudder Hall, the NRHH President from 2016-2017, and one of the people who helped bring conference to New Paltz as a housing chair. Meryl Stromberg, without people like you, leaders like me would have never had the confidence to emerge. It is because of you that I stand up here today in front of other leaders, hopefully inspiring them the same way you did to me. Thank you for all of your hard work, and in your commitment to the development of students please come up and get your pin.

**Sarah Creighton**

Bronze pins are also about passion and are given out to those who best represent hard working, strong and caring individuals. My next pin is going to someone who has shown so much dedication and passion even when things don't always work out. This person is always willing to their best work and put their best foot forward and that why I believe they deserve to be recognized.
From the minute I met this person, to the minute I started working with them. I noticed the passion that they had, the strong will to achieve and stand out against others. One of the first things I remember about this person was them carrying their hall government single handedly. Performing two or three positions at a time if necessary. Coming to meetings and filling in as an AC Rep because nobody else was willing to do it. This person continued growing and took on more positions such as RA and RHSA Secretary. Sarah Creighton, without your assistance this semester in holding this organization on its feet, I can truly say that I would have buckled under the pressure. I am immensely proud of you and amazed that you took on basically an entirely second position on top of secretary to help carry this board through. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication, I have never met anyone with a work ethic as crazy as yours, and someone who is willing to always put their foot forward when others need help. Once again I can’t thank you enough for all the hard work you have put in this semester. I hope you know how much you are appreciated by the Executive Board and how much I appreciate the work you have done. Please come up and get your pin.

Motion to Close: Sarah missed it because she was excited, sorry guys :(  
Second: Bouton

UPCOMING EVENTS 10:00 PM
BBQ, May 7th, Hasbrouck Quad, 4-7 PM

HALL CONCERNS 10:00 PM
If there’s something wrong in your hall that you have already talked to your RAs and RDs about and nothing has been done, this is your time to tell us.

STUDENT CONCERNS FOLLOW-UP 10:00 PM
Sam: There will be a $100 price increase for meal plans for next year

STUDENT CONCERNS 10:03 PM
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, etc), we will not hear them at this point but you can email us at rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu.

Collango: For student concerns follow-up, will the increased amount also get more money in our meal plans?
Sam: No, it’s just a price increase.
Collango: One door in Old Main doesn’t lock after 11, the one in the back by the parking lot.
Sam: Send a pic to me.

OPEN FLOOR 10:03 PM
If you have any general announcements about your personal clubs and organizations, stuff going on in New Paltz, hall governments, etc, this is your time to share!

Cole: Hi everyone, remember that waterslide? It will be on Thursday from 3-5pm. There will be a water slide, dunk tank, and you can pie the RAs.
Collango: Hello, we are having a slumber party on Wednesday from 9-12pm. There will be smash games, movies, and food. Come in PJs!
Thomas: Hello everyone it is I, Thomas. I love you guys! You’ve been doing a good job. Congrats! Are you stressed? Studying? There will be a studying program this Friday all day in Shango B lounge. There will be chill Super Mario Galaxy music playing.
Ridgeview: SRA Puja is graduating and we’re going to miss her. Wherever your life takes you, I hope it’s beautiful. Couldn’t hear most of this, but Jordan and Cat said some super sweet stuff for Puja <3
Matt O: You have been a mentor, leader, friend and you’ve done so much for Ridgeview and our community. I wouldn’t be here without you.
Capen: On Wednesday at 11:59pm in our main lounge, we are having a midnight breakfast program.
Bouton: On May 10th, it’ll be a lot of fun, we’re having a game night.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:04 PM
Deyo added fire and is giving her back to the E-board!!!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:04 PM
“Cast aside the illusion that there is a beginning and end to the story. The story has no beginning. And it has no end. All there is, is a performance of people connecting, living, influencing each other, and departing.”

SPECIAL RECOGNITION 10:04 PM
Lastly I want to take a moment to recognize a few important groups and individuals with us here tonight.
Thank you to everyone who came to banquet tonight, for your overall support and love of RHSA. In sharing these moments with us throughout the year, enjoying our programs, building a community and joining us here to celebrate.
Thank you to the AC for your amazing job this year in understanding everything RHSA. For your amazing job during elections, in being unbiased and being able to elect an amazing new Executive Board. Each of you add something to our meetings every Monday and it has been amazing being able to work with you.
To the NRHH eboard, y’all have done absolutely amazing things this semester. I am so proud of your hard work and dedication this. The Psi Chi chapter is doing so well and I am really excited to see what you will bring to the table next semester.
To the alumni who are here with us today. Thank you for caring about RHSA and coming back to the organization even after you graduate. Your love for RHSA truly shines through and I appreciate you for coming back to watch a new generation of students take over the board.
To our advisors:
Chrissy, thank you for all of the support in this past year. Your position as a long term advisor for the organization keeps us running on track and I greatly appreciate everything you have done for me and the others this year.
Cam, thank you for being so supportive and kind throughout the year. You are hilarious and I really appreciate what you have brought to the organization this year. Stay kind and amazing.
Shayna, I heavily debated reading this is in ASMR again, but seeing as I did that last semester, I’m avoiding a serious repeat. Thanks for your support and hard work this year. Know the entire Eboard appreciates what you have done for us.
The seven of us appreciate everything you have done for us this year.
To my eboard: It’s unbelievable that a year ago I took the mantle of President and I am so proud of everything we have accomplished from that point. I believe we have achieved so much this and year and
truly given back to the community. We have thrown some amazing programs, laughed at stupid things
said during Eboard meetings, and battled through tough times together. Thank you for helping me grow
this year and bringing so much meaning to my Presidency.

**Marissa**, Happy Banquet Marissa Appreciation Day. You may be at the end of the road for this
organization, but I look forward to the amazing things you will be doing next year. You are an absolute
gem of a person, thank you so much for everything you have done this year. You are an amazing person,
and you have so much to bring to the table. I look forward to seeing you do an amazing job as NRHH
president.

**Alexa**, Hey Alexa, what's the forecast for tomorrow's BBQ? Every month I am allotted one Alexa joke
and I just used it. I am glad being on the Executive Board could bring us together as close friends. I am so
appreciative for all of your hard work this year and everything that you do. You are such a kind person
and caring person, and I appreciate you so much. I look forward to many video game nights in the future,
and hope you have an absolutely amazing time living off campus next year.

**Pharez**, you have done an amazing job as NCC this year. Thank you for sharing your knowledge of the
region with the AC and hyping up a ton of people for conferences. You have such passion for your
position and such a special way of influencing the people who work with you. Everyone who I have met
that has been on a conference with you or shared an experience with you, appreciates you so much. I am
so thankful that you were on the board this year and Pharez, remember that time when I told you over the
summer that we have plenty of time to say nice things about each other this year. Well it sucks, but it
looks like we are coming to a close here. So thank you so much for what you bring to my life, the
organization and to others in this room. You are amazing, never forget that.

**Clare**, you are an amazing firecracker of energy and everything good in the world. Thank you for being
such a positive inspiration to everyone in the room. You are thoughtful, sweet and caring. I do not doubt
that you genuinely care about every person in this room. You did an amazing job this semester, thank you
for all of your hard work and I look forward to the change you will pursue as President next year. Thanks
for being a great friend, I look forward to the many amazing things that you will bring to the table.

**Sarah**, You are an absolute powerhouse. You care so much about people as well as the organization. I
have never met someone with so much passion and a careful mind for planning as you. You are going to
do an amazing job as VP of RHSA next year and I am super excited to see how you develop things. You
have an amazing future ahead of you!

**Juan**, Papa CAS, standing up here I am saddened by the fact that I couldn’t actually retrieve a signed
picture of June Potts for you, but know that one day I might have just that. Thank you so much for
everything you have done this year. In assisting me with the creation of a cool new budget, and the
redevelopment of an amazing sustainability program. I appreciate you a lot and you are going to be an
amazing RA next year. As stated many times before and maybe for the last time where is your paperwork.

**Jules**, heavens knows how much I missed you this semester. I am grateful to have you here at banquet
with us today. You are such an amazing person, and I love you so much. Thank you for supporting the
Eboard from behind the scenes this semester. Please, know that every one of us missed you a lot and that
whenever you are around we are all so happy to see you. On the way back, remember which cherry hill
road to take back.

To thank you for your hard work I got you some gifts, which showcase where you will be going next year
:)

Thank you all for your love and support. It has been an honor to serve as your President this year. So for
the last time, I would like to thank the seven of you for the hard work you have given to this Executive
Board and the organization in the last year. Thank you for everything.

With that said, for the final time, I will invite Historian Marissa to the podium.
**Transitionals**

**Historian**
First off, I just wanted to thank everyone for such a fun year. Without you, RHSA wouldn’t be successful. I am not going to lie, it feels really weird handing off my position to someone else just because being Historian of RHSA has really been a big part of this past year for me. I have met so many great people from our meetings and events. Not to mention, it is kinda fun when I’m walking around campus and people that I don’t really know are saying hello to me because they recognize me from being the Historian of RHSA.

At the same time though, I have grown immensely from this position and I am ready to give it up knowing that Noah will be taking my place. I know tonight is the night that I’m officially supposed to be passing my position off to Noah but I feel like Noah has really been in training since the start of this semester. He came to me months before even the elections were talked about expressing interest in the historian position. What makes Noah the perfect replacement for me is his passion and dedication towards this wonderful organization. After getting elected Historian, Noah has been ahead of me taking the photos and being ready to upload. He asks great questions and really wants to learn. His motivation will be a perfect fit working with a group of 7 more people. Noah, I’m sure you are jumping out of your seat all ready to come up here, so before I switch out with you, I got you 2 gifts. One is something I got you on a more personal level. While training, I noticed you talked about that hockey team you like, I believe they are called the Maple Leafs, so I bought you these really cute Maple Leaf socks (originally was gonna get you a jersey, but we had a budget and that would have maybe got you a string of a Maple Leaf Jersey), and secondly, I bought you your very own camera strap, I have not a doubt in me, that Noah is going to freaking KILL this position, and I am honored to pass my position off to my new suitemate for next semester, Noah Diamond.

**CCC**
Jonathan, I was so happy to hear that you were running for this position and you have been an amazing IT. It has been great getting to know you over the past few weeks. Between playing Pokemon Go, trying to learn crochet, or just going through your ideas and questions about the position. You have grown so much this year and it is obvious how committed you are to this organization. You have such a good attitude and I can’t think of anyone better to pass my position on to, and if you ever need help just remember that I am only a text away. You are smart, kind, and responsible and I cannot wait to see you thrive next year, both as a person and as CCC.

**NCC**
Serena Cruz, I am so happy to have the honor of transitioning you at NACURH 2019. You are smart, responsible and dedicated with everything you do. I cannot wait to see you grow in your new position and to see all the wonderful things you will accomplish. I got you these moose slippers for all the new places you’ll be walking across next year. Congratulations and I cannot wait to spend my last NACURH conference with you.

**Public Relations**
Kevin! I am so excited to hand this position off to you, because I know how amazing you are going to do! It feels like only a few days ago I was giving a speech for your eboard choice, and now I’m passing down the PR name. You work so hard and you add so much to the team. You are going to make some incredible posters, but more importantly, you are going to be an incredible addition to the team. You are like the
Spider Man to my Tony Stark! I hope I’ve trained you well, my little spider pal. Congrats, Kevin! I’m so proud of you! I love you 3000!!!!!!

**Secretary**

So I don’t know if you guys know Matt, but something that you should know about him is that when he is excited about something, he COMMITS. If you’ve ever come to my office hours, you’ve probably seen Matt there too, because he has been coming to my office hours since the beginning of the semester. I’m not joking. I don’t think I’ve sat a single set of office hours without him this semester. From the moment he decided to run for Secretary, he’s been there with me every week, learning everything he can, and he has already come SUCH a long way. From the moment he decided to run, he’s been at my office hours with so many amazing ideas, I mean Matt did his research. I’m just so grateful to be passing this position off to somebody who cares so deeply about the organization. I mean, this guy has been typing minutes since the start of the semester, I mean I couldn’t ask for a more dedicated IT. I can’t thank him enough for his eagerness to learn, and the passion he has for this organization. Matt, I just know that you are going to do such an amazing job this year.

**Treasurer**

This position is much like an obstacle course, you start running and the easiest way to excel is to jump up over and around each obstacle. The most difficult part, I would argue, would be the obstacles themselves that every so often get in your way and you’re gonna trip or you stumble, but that makes a difference between you and the person you’re racing against, which is time. How quickly you get up from this position has taught me multiple things, many of them which everybody will learn in time. I want to say that the most important thing is that no matter how many times you fall, no matter how many times you think it’s not worth it in the long run, how many times you just want to give up. You are really going to think like the Robinsons from *Meet the Robinsons* and just keep moving forward. And as you move forward, you’ll find your support group, you find the people who are there for you the most. I pay my biggest tribute to Sarah, Pharez, Clare, Sam, and Marissa, they really kept me sane. The biggest piece of advice that I can give to not only the future treasurer but everybody in this room is what defines you is not the fall, but how you act after the fall and I’m not talking about the fall semester, I’m talking about every time you fall down and you think you’re not gonna get up again. Each time you get back up you’re stronger than the last, so keep pushing yourself and keep believing in yourself because one day you’re gonna make it and that makes you a stronger person. I urge everyone to think about this especially during the trying times of finals week. Ok, thank you and have a great night.

**VP**

*No written copy was available.*

**President**

Honestly, I never thought this year would have gone by so quickly, but it did. As I stand here about to pass my gavel over to Clare, I would love to reflect with y’all. Two years ago, I was an Associate Council Representative in Scudder Hall, looking at this podium where Catherine Callain stood. From that day, I vowed that I would be President. What I want to tell you is that if you have a dream, a goal or a mission. Try your hardest to achieve it because dreams do come true.

The RHSA Eboard experience truly changes you forever, I look forward to the dreams and goals that the new Executive Board wishes to achieve next year. Know that the year may be tough at times, but nothing is more rewarding than achieving the goals you set for yourself and remembering why you took this journey. Tonight begins an amazing journey for each one of you. Each and everyone of you are crackling
with energy and the ability to do great things. I look forward to seeing the amazing things that you do in my last year at the University. Now this wouldn’t be a President transitional speech if I didn’t bring up the tradition of looking over the summer meeting and guessing who your successor will be. From literally week one, Clare was super excited and thinking about a second year already, and from that moment I knew that no matter what happened at the end of the day, she would become my successor. Clare Del Grosso is a phenomenal woman, leader and friend. I have never met someone in my life that thinks as big as Clare. When she wants something she will seek it out till she achieves it. Clare you are a natural leader, you are charming, wonderful and it is beautiful how much you care about RHSA and bringing it one step further than the past years. I am so proud of everything you accomplished this year. Through the good times and through the hard times, you never faltered. You understand your strengths and weaknesses and I think that is truly admirable. Your big ideas and passion are exactly what RHSA needs next year and I look forward to where you take the organization. There is no doubt in my mind that you are going to be an amazing President and I know I am leaving this organization in the best hands it could be in. Now, I’d like you all to join me in welcoming President Clare Del Grosso up to the podium to adjourn this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 10:43PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Clare
Second: Everyone

Good Luck on Finals! You are all going to do great! Just breathe and take it one step at a time! Thank you all for a great year!

Love,
Secretary Sarah and Secretary-IT Matt <3