



Residence Hall Association

MANY HALLS ONE HOME

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**General Body Meeting
March 28th, 2022 Agenda**

1. Opening at 8:38PM
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Benedict approves minutes
 - b. Hand seconds
3. Old business
 - a. 3/21 roll call
 - b. Nominations for RHA Awards due April 19th @ 11:59pm
 - c. NEACURH Banner
 - i. Shoutout to Lubabau for the amazing banner
4. New business
 - a. BJ's and Costco cards available
 - i. Yuchen: Can I use my personal Costco Card?
 1. Emmanuel: Yes, just make sure to bring the tax form
 - b. Spending summary
 - i. April: You can use the money for many things including making care packages. Essentially you guys must spend thoughtfully, but if you wanted any advice ask me or Emmanuel
 - ii. Emmanuel: You calculate the percent, the percentage breakdown
 1. Red= less than 25%
 2. Yellow = more, less than 50%
 3. Blue = above 50%
 4. Green = above 75%
 - iii. Emmanuel: If you have not spent the money by the deadline, there is a likely chance you won't be able to use it. April 4th is the deadline, so do not wait for the deadline to ask for a grant fund. You already have a projector, outside screen, apple TV, so we have that set..
 - iv. April: Also, as allocations are going through, please have them in before April 4th, if it is a non-gbm event, include the usg note in the flier for approval. Please make note if the event is a GBM event, so April can approve it. These are ways to get this through quick
 - v. Emmanuel: The first column is this year's budget. Projected it seems Aaman and Gray will be open during the fall, occupancy projection for every building is shown in the chart.
 1. Type budget projection
 - a. Every council baseline of \$1000. Added \$1.00 per resident in the building. Compared to 5% increase
 - i. Average (baseline + \$1.00 per res) and 5% inc, \$1,298
 - c. 22-23 budget vote
 - i. Pro/Con
 1. PRO: Stay the same or increase
 2. CON: X
 3. PRO: Great idea
 4. CON: X
 5. PRO: Fair and equitable
 6. CON: X
 - ii. Discussions
 1. Laudy: Emmanuel worked hard on this
 2. Douglas entertains motion to move into period of voting
 - iii. Vote
 1. Passes 41/2/0
 - d. RHA eboard elections

i. President

1. Chloe

a. I want to represent you, the senate. I know a lot of students on campus and I feel that as president you get a unique opportunity to listen. I am confident I will be a great representative. I can promise to find the best solution to your problems. I would change the parking rules. I want to represent you, I might sound shy during this but I would love to speak for all of you. I hope you consider me for RHA President.

b. Questions

i. Cardozo: Why do you not say never say never?

ii. Heather: What is your favorite soup

iii. Academic program that you are in. Giving your junior year will be hectic, how do you plan on balancing this role?

1. Chloe: To be fair, I don't have a minor for anything so that does leave me with free time in my schedule and next year will not be the most busy personally

iv. What do you think will set you aside?

1. Chloe: I have a good perspective, I am good at picturing stuff

v. Yuchen: What is the best event your hall council has held?

1. Chloe: Karaoke night

vi. Stimson: What is the issue that I am most looking forward to tackling as President?

1. Chloe: Bureaucracy, I know more about what students want to see change in the university.

vii. Yuchen

1. Which person sitting in this room are you most grateful for?

a. Trevor, Val, roommates

2. What would you consider to be your biggest personality trait?

a. I want to set realistic goals and expectations

viii. Cardozo: What is your biggest weakness?

1. Chloe: Lack of energy

c. Pro/Cons

i. PRO: Good at public speaking

ii. CON: Lacking energy

iii. PRO: Listens to others

iv. CON: Can't do much about parking

v. PRO: Dedicated to commitments

vi. CON: Potential busy class schedule

vii. PRO: Can potentially help with parking

viii. CON: X

ix. PRO: Women in STEM

x. CON: X

xi. PRO: Goes to office hours

xii. CON: No experience with large events

xiii. PRO: Has energy

xiv. CON: X

2. Maria

a. Running for president. Very fortunate to have leadership skills and I was the president and co-founder of the high school founders club. I am always one of the first people to volunteer when it comes to involvement at Benedict Hall

Council. PEX Card purchases. It is important because RHA means a lot to me. v. EAT, SLEEP, AND STUDY here and we want it to be welcoming.

b. Questions

- i. Laudy: What is the largest impact you did that would leave an impact for future halls
 1. Benedict hall council created the Gatsby event
- ii. What are you concerned with?
 1. I'm concerned with having a friendly and outgoing non discriminatory residence hall where everyone is welcome
- iii. Cardozo: In your time of experience, what is one challenge you come across and how did you resolve it?
 1. Communication
- iv. Yuchen: As President, you will be heavily involved in advocacy, what is one issue that you see that persists at Stony Brook.
 1. Living away from home people struggle with their mental health.
- v. Douglas:
 1. Quality over quantity, but how could you convince RHA senate that the recommendation is short
 - a. It was at a library I volunteered at where I helped plan events and I know it is a big part of RHA.
- vi. Gershwin: I don't know you as a candidate, what are some fun facts
 1. I am a military brat, I grew up moving a lot. I grew up meeting people and I want to get involved.
- vii. Irving: What year are you and what is your major?
 1. Junior and Pre Dentistry major
- viii. Stimson:
 1. What would you say your leadership style would be?
 - a. Open communication
- ix. Yuchen: Part of being a leader includes dealing with hard people, how would you deal with those that come around you?
 1. It comes down to handling as best as possible. Sometimes you have to deal with difficult people.
- x. Douglas: How do you think the role of RHA will help to know the school better?
 1. I want to make this as comfortable and as welcoming for other people including myself.
- xi. Sanger: What kind of relationships have you built between other senators during GBM?
 1. Some of my past professors, I am able to show my personality. When you sit at the tables with other buildings, it is nice to look at other faces
- xii. Irving:
 1. Events that you hosted
 - a. Are you smarter than a 5th grader
 - b. Tie Dye event
 - c. Harry Potter themed Christmas Party
- xiii. Benedict: What is your favorite color
 1. Red, rainbow

c. Pro/Con

- i. PRO: Gives very warm vibe

- ii. CON: Answers feel stereotypical and over used
- iii. PRO: Very qualified
- iv. CON: Disconnected from student body
- v. PRO: Lots of life experience
- vi. CON: No time
- vii. PRO: Advocate for mental health
- viii. CON: Did not wear a tie
- ix. PRO: Very connected to student life
- x. CON: Seemed disconnected with others
- xi. PRO: Seemed connected with others
- xii. CON: Unrelated past work experience
- xiii. PRO: Confident public speaker
- xiv. CON: X
- xv. PRO: Responsible and decisive
- xvi. CON: Indecisive
- xvii. PRO: Approachable
- xviii. CON: No strong leadership sense
- xix. PRO: Charismatic
- xx. CON: X

d. Discussion

- i. Gershwin: She seems disconnected, she is telling us the usual campaign.
- ii. Hand: I feel like that is biased
- iii. Dewey: I feel Chloe does have better things in her speech while Maria might not have the same experience, her confidence is right
- iv. Dewey: You did not ask about anything to be fixed.
- v. Jaylin: Maria's question time went a lot longer. I would be interested to see them both answer the same questions
- vi. Brian: I do not want to say much because I was biased, but she is very qualified.
- vii. Michelle: Let's keep our head in this game and make good decisions
- viii. Gershwin: Both are good candidates, but maybe she would be better for another position?
- ix. Mount: We are looking at two different people. I look more into their qualifications, both of these people are analytical. I liked how Chloe talked about her weaknesses. Maria's ability to move.
- x. Douglas: It is not their duty to interact with us, and I agree with Gershwin. Maria has a warm personality. I think Chloe can do that
- xi. Chloe followed career certifications but she went to Val's office hours,
- xii. Being president entails a lot of work, I feel like you need to be more outgoing.
- xiii. Benedict: I am biased but speaking on Maria' behalf, the role of the president is to root for the e-board, her personality helps the future e-board work together with her. In benedict, she has been a big part
- xiv. Both of them did good but I think Maria handled all the questions
- xv. CJ: I definitely think that the facilitation of discussion is beneficial.
- xvi. Stimson: She answered questions well and the audience asked her so many questions. Chloe has more of a vision in my opinion
- xvii. Benedict: Maria's resume is very packed
- xviii. Having worked with Maria, she always takes up extra work, she would always go out of her way to do more.

- xix. Maria has connected with other people (gatsby night)
- xx. Gershwin: I would like to respond to that, but bullying them into changing things would work, Chloe can make change
- xxi. Douglas: Call to move to end this discussion

e. Final Vote

1. 22 Chloe/18 Maria

ii. Senior Vice President

1. Jen: Hello my name is Jenn. i have experience working internally but i also have experience externally and want to be an advocate for change. This means hearing the change people want and acting upon that. An example is with construction, for the greater good of the student body we dont know where to start, as svp i would implement a system thats a google form where you can talk about pressing issues and then we talk about them at gbm. Earth fire water, theres separate and i want to close that gap. As SVP i will ensure all voices are heard, skills are maximized, and bring meaning to RHA at stony brook.
2. Questions
 - a. You said you have plans to keep us engaged, but won't that go over time and wdyam?
 - i. I mentioned ice breakers, yeah it might take time but it wont be too long help senators get involved with other senators.
 - b. In the event your icebreakers dont work, what happens when people simply dont want to stay?
 - i. I didnt think about that BUT i'd still want to hear what you guys want to stay engaged, like roll calls id call on you guys to read
 - c. What are some goals with managing a crowd?
 - i. Keeping people engaged with new ideas
 - d. Why svp?
 - i. I want to move around more, show my leadership skills and grow more, it will allow me to sprout and become more of what i can to reach my full potential. Cuz i already am eboard, i can be a guide and teach them into the new eboard.
 - e. ??
 - i. I dont have any different ideas for the superbowl but val had a great event and I oil love to continue that event
 - f. Whats your biggest strength
 - i. My vocal confidence. I had a lot of presence on stage and a lot of experience outside to prepare me for the role
 - g. Favorite song
 - i. Melodical rap, Worth it by Young Thug
 - h. What would set you apart from the other candidates
 - i. I am eboard lmao, almost all are graduating so for those yet to come i will give them the knowledge needed to jazz lowkey im gotta do it
 - i. What will do for rha
 - i. I know what is needed and what people want
 - j. Why are you running for svp not president
 - i. I respectfully declined president because admin entails internal work and i want to work externally
 - k. ?
 - i. If i am elected, i will reach out to other professionals
3. Pro and con

- a. Pro energetic
 - b. Pro, full of experience
 - c. Pro blunt
 - d. Con: too blunt
 - e. Pro for the people
 - f. Con good in current position
 - g. Pro speaking workshop
 - h. Con next years minutes may worsen
 - i. Pro works with current position
4. Maria:
- a. I have a lot of organization at this school, i want to make gbms more fun, it will be great for professional development. Thank you for listening
 - b. Questions
 - c. A lot of people hate gbms, can you make them not suck
 - i. This requires time and effort, i want to make it so we get something out of it
 - ii. You mentioned a debate event, what topics ?
 - iii. For something like a mock debate, i feel like i want people to get their own ideas and go off from there.
 - iv. *mumbles*
 - v. Yes! Some responsibilities is communication with the senate and other organizations to have events and help RHA and i was thinking to keep people actively engaged, pictures of RHA and a lottery at the end building by building.
 - vi. Are you good at writing emails? Like very good
 - vii. I am good at talking to people and writing in general, i can make clear and concise pieces of communication. I am also good at answering emails and will make sure everyone is answered
 - viii. What would you happen to respond with as samples?
 - ix. depends what is in the email, you need to wonder what is in the email, is it captivating etc
 - x. Whats your greatest strength
 - xi. *collective moan and sigh*, i have practice with children and authority figures, i can communication and balance how messages are portrayed in certain situations
 - xii. Whats your biggest weakness
 - xiii. *another groan*, one weakness can ALSO be communication, i am relentless when i want to get something done, but its also a good thing because i get what i want it, its a balance by situation and how i want to react
 - xiv. Provide an example where you needed to be concise and thorough
 - xv. With children, i need to explain things in a way they understand, one time i had to teach an 11 year old how to put on their retainer and keep it clean. As long as you get the point across but also keep them interested.i can name bio204 as an example where i explained liver stuff and what information in the article happened for future generations.
 - xvi. Give a critique
 - xvii. What is your favorite song
 - xviii. It changes

- xix. What countries did you live in and how will that help you
- xx. Born in germany, raised in sicily, it made me run to a lot of diversity
- xxi. Pro: military rat teaches communication
- xxii. Con: repeats same stuff
- xxiii. Pro warm personally approachable
- xxiv. Con red watch band at rha
- xxv. Pro social skills
- xxvi. Con beats around the bush
- xxvii. Pro red watch band at senator meetings
- xxviii. Con better fit for other positions
- xxix. Pro lots of life experience
- xxx. Con
- xxxi. Pro good at building community
- xxxii. Con
- xxxiii. Pro good at public speaking
- xxxiv. Con

d. Discussion

- i. First time jenn seemed, off her experience, she is qualified but a downfall is also her experience, she only knows our system and is not as diverse as someone on the outside, icebreakers suck and lets not forget roll call allows to interject ideas by calling people on stupid answers. I feel like Maria can bring more diversity in it, she's worldly. Jen Sherpa has qualifications and a cleaner resume, Maria could add more and this would be a great addition for her, as the community we should give people a chance to boost their status.
- ii. Personally I get what he is saying but Jenn made good points like during q and a, she was down to earth, good eye contact, overall she's a great fit for the role.
- iii. Both candidates are great, jenn could get svp and maria can be residential which is a good thing that allows both of them to get eboard
- iv. I think it is unfair to say we should choose one over the other because of the resume, I understand but we should keep in mind those who are most qualified. Both are qualified and are excellent at public speaking, i just think both candidates have um good qualifications we don't like to see.
- v. In regards to some people's regards for next semester, jenn is a great mentor and a good leader and is personable, i think she will be fine with training people's next year's meeting.
- vi. I actually second benedict's point and we shouldn't just consider if they are qualified because we can find a way to get both into eboard and for them to use their own strength to make a collectively strong eboard.
- vii. I genuinely think both are suited for the job but that is not the issue or need. One is more knowledgeable and that is Jenn, specifically svp requires a performance every week, both are talented, hard working and experienced but jenn is the clear choice in this scenario. She personally works so well in this role.

- viii. I disagree with Lauty because we want to vote for the lead person, if we are trying to get both we can hear them out over their interests. We need to focus on just this role and we know who is more qualified, but not gonna say.
- ix. Lauty: you need to look at the macro picture too, it is bigger than that
- x. Chavez seconds what lauty states
- xi. I think everyone is focusing on the superficial things and jenn has been focal and charismatic and that can't be the sole reason to vote for her
- xii. Douglass: Of course not but it is important in the role, engaging in the crowd twice a week, reminding us twice a week. For what it seems like, Jenn is showing the energy RHA needs next year.
- xiii. Lauty: to add on that, energy doesn't mean high spirit, warmth is another
- xiv. Jenn is focal and loved by RHA and I see why people love her and his she's involved and how she posts and that's why I love Instagram, and I love her office hours, and I love her and think she's a great candidate.

e. Nominations for 22-23 VP of Finance

- i. Bid packet requirement for VP of Finance
 - 1. 2 semesters of RHA
 - 2. Stimson seconds
- ii. Nominations
 - 1. Maria for VP of Finance
 - a. Decline
 - 2. Irving nominates Michelle for VP of Finance
 - a. O Neil seconds
 - 3. Nominate Anushir for VP of Finance (CROSS REF PROXY)
 - a. Accepts
 - 4. Rana Guney for VP of Finance
 - 5. Heather Stalling for VP of Finance
 - a. Declines
- iii. Nominations close forever :)

5. Tokens of appreciation

- a. To Tanya
- b. Anya for proxy
- c. Everyone
- d. Everyone who ran
- e. Secretary
- f. Grayson
- g. Heather
- h. Emmanuel
- i. Yuchen
- j. To Jen
- k. Michelle
- l. Maria
- m. Jen
- n. Tabler
- o. Han

6. Open Agenda

7. Close Meeting

- a. Motion to end meeting at 11:34PM



HALL COUNCIL PHOTO CONTEST

SPRING 2022 THEMES

MARCH 1 - MARCH MADNESS

MARCH 8 - HEROES & VILLAINS

MARCH 22 - CRAZY HAIR DAY

MARCH 29 - ATHLETES & MATHLETES

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Scan to access the PAL application (due March 31st)

FOR ALL CAMPUS EVENTS, CHECK OUT SB ENGAGED
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/events>



RHA Individual Award Nominations



RHA Event Award Nominations



RHA Outstanding Executive Board Nominations



RHA Executive Board Vote