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Dear Interim Chairperson Basch,

I am writing this letter to support President N'della Seque and the New Paltz Student Association in their efforts to change the names of the Hasbrouck Complex buildings.

The importance of shared governance is exemplified during times of change. The collaborative deliberations that occur through shared governance result in positive change reflective of the views and values of the institution. On the issue of changing the names of the Hasbrouck Complex buildings, I commend the work that the college council, faculty, staff and administration of SUNY New Paltz have done collectively to seek inclusive solutions. Furthermore, I commend President Donald P. Christian's work in providing a platform where student voices are heard and valued.

The campus-wide engagement process instrumented by the New Paltz community signifies the impact that the names of the Hasbrouck Complex buildings have on students and their experience at SUNY New Paltz. It is critical to both current and prospective students at SUNY New Paltz that this college council demonstrates their value of the student voice and support a decision that addresses their concerns.

Thank you for being receptive to all voices on this important matter, and for your promotion of shared governance at SUNY New Paltz.

Sincerely,

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