

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for Monday October 2nd, 2017



Call to Order 6:18pm

Roll Call: What's your favorite scary movie?

Laura Daly, President
Kayla Olowin, Vice President
Kay Rinkers, Director of Outreach
Tucker Antico, Director of Finance
Brendan Maguire, Director of Records
Matt Beyen, ARHS Cinemas
Amanda Klovekorn, Recruitment & PR Chair
Laekin O'Hara, NCC
Jessica Mingle, UPUA Liaison
Paige Fox, Panhellenic Liaison
Mitch Rosen, Movin On' Liaison
Stephen Day, East President
Stephen Dougherty, East Vice President
Andrew Keane, East Treasurer
Angie Zhang, East Rep
Cameron Francis, West President
Brian Shoemaker, West Representative
Nick Mahon, Campus Safety & Security
Hannah Yost, SHRA President & Student Health and Wellness
Jessica Shuey, SHRA Administrative Vice President
Joelle Smith, SHRA Rep
Anila Anthony, PHRA President
Brian Kile, PHRA Vice President
Emma Kurtis, PHRA Representative
Joey Cortez, PHRA Representative
Megan Mercurio, NHAS President
Rayna Klingensmith, NHAS Vice President
Nathaniel Waxman, NHAS Representative
John Hurst, Co-Advisor
Mark Rameker, Co-Advisor
Dan, Coordinator of East
Alex Gubler, Ally House
Sabina, President of MASA
Fabian, Treasurer of MASA
Kelsey, Chair of MASA

Guest of the Week

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Open Student Forum

- Alex Gubler, Ally House

- Looking for \$528.50 to host “Ally House Movie Night.” (showing a movie to raise awareness for National Coming Out Week)
 - Cameron Francis: Will you consider bringing it inside since it’s cold?
 - Alex: We’re going to rent out the Waring Classroom in anticipation of the weather.
 - Cameron: And it’s October 12th?
 - Alex: Yes
 - Anila: You’re an RA so are you using an RA budget? Or no?
 - Alex: We’re going to use our funds for popcorn and cotton candy.. But if I used our budget for the rest of the event we wouldn’t be able to host this event.
 - Stephen Dougherty: Have you requested money from anyone else?
 - Alex: No
- Sabina Carbajal, The Mexican-American Student Association (hosting a cultural event for Penn State Students & State College Community)
 - Looking for \$1,500 for “Una Noche en Mexico”
 - Brian Shoemaker: Are you doing any advertising to bring people together from campus as well as state college people?
 - Sabina: We have not started advertising yet but we’ve just received UPAC funding last Tuesday, so we didn’t know how this was going to be feasible until now. We will be advertising this week, beginning today.
 - Brian Kile: Are you charging for this event?
 - Sabina: It is completely free for everybody.

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** (mdr5000@psu.edu)
 - Starting Artist Discussions! We already passed the number of responses we got last year.
 - Look out for the link in the groupme later.
 - UPAC hearing this week. So expect a request sometime in the next few weeks.
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Panhellenic Council - Paige Fox** (pef5050@psu.edu)
 - October 18th - Donut Stress Event
 - Look out for a sign-up sheet!
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Thomas Andrews was nominated and elected for the Eberly College of Science Representative

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (jeH9@psu.edu)
 - Mark Rameker: Any questions for things happening around campus?
 - John Hurst:

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Stephen Day** (scd5284@psu.edu)
 - Halloween Activity: Costume contest and a pumpkin activity
 - Winners will be recognized and awarded at a party with free food!
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Megan Mercurio** (mem6323@psu.edu)
 - Partnering with the RAs for a Ohio State Tailgate
 - Talking with food services this week at our meeting
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Anila Anthony** (axa99@psu.edu)
 - Tentative date for Pumpkin Palooza - 26th October
 - RA’s going to do haunted house at the same time

- Pollock Dining Assistant Manager met with us to discuss Mix Renovations
 - Anila: Are the advisors supposed to come to the retreat?
 - John Hurst: Yes
 - Cameron Francis: How did PHRADay go?
 - Anila: I think it went well.
- **South (SHRA) - Hannah Yost (hby5050@psu.edu)**
 - Paint n' Sip on Thursday was a success
 - Looking to start preparations for SHRAalloween
- **West (WHRA) - Cameron Francis (cyf5173@psu.edu)**
 - Donated remaining care packages to Food services' Puerto Rico relief effort
 - Member pictures taken for website
 - Roommate game event being held this Wednesday

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Homecoming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - David Carcamo (djc5782@psu.edu)**
 - Ad Hoc Committee
 - Brian Kile: Do you know what day the committee would be meeting?
 - David: No, not yet.
- **Public Relations - Amanda Klovekorn (alk5617@psu.edu)**
 - Submit PR requests
 - Delegates apply for CAACURH Instagram
 - Once there aren't any new elections and I have a definite list I'll post open positions
- **Social - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **THON - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram (afd5151@psu.edu)**
 - Nothing new to report
 - psuarhs.org

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Recruitment - Amanda Klovekorn (alk5617@psu.edu)**
 - Along with sending pictures to the Historian if anyone takes videos at events send them to me, we can possibly try to put together a sort of recruitment video if there's good material!
- **ARHS Cinemas - Matt Beyen (mdb5548@psu.edu)**
 - We are playing The Hitman's Bodyguard this weekend!
 - Flex Theatre has gotten up and running again.. Anime Club & Critically Acclaimed Movie Club will be doing things there. Interest in co-sponsoring?
 - General agreement
- **Campus Safety & Security - Nick Mahon (nam5557@psu.edu) & Julia Bollinger (jfb5368@psu.edu)**
 - Cameron: What is with the new cameras at all the stop signs?
 - Nick: I have nothing to do with it. So I'm not sure.
- **Diversity - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Laekin O'Hara (ljo5051@psu.edu)**
 - Less than 5 weeks to CAACURH 2017!
 - 80% of our delegates are registered for conference!!
 - They are having some space issues but we are working on it
 - I'm hoping to have this sorted out tonight or tomorrow with the conference team
 - We are having our first delegation meeting on Sunday 10/8
 - Legislative Chat Cancelled for tonight
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - Hannah Yost (hby5050@psu.edu)**
 - SHAB Meeting Updates
 - UHS will halt registration for those without shot requirements
 - UP is 85% compliant with MMR shots
 - Feminine hygiene products, condoms, healthy snacks: possible vending machines in discreet areas
 - UPUA is working on medical amnesty, would protect individuals who call about somebody being heavily intoxicated and the individual heavily intoxicated
 - Domestic violence awareness planning?
 - Laekin: I think Hannah had a lot of really great things we should talk about during open discussion.
- **Sustainability - Nick Mahon (nam5557@psu.edu)**
 - Thank you for everyone who helped out last week! Currently working on a living wall with eco-reps.

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Laura Daly (lvd5265@psu.edu)**
 - Retreat Sign Ups
 - Budget Request
 - Event Help
 - Interest in Casino Night this semester
- **Vice President - Kayla Olowin (kms7123@psu.edu)**
 - Retreat
 - Food Services Meeting
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Programming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Outreach - Kay Rinkers (kgr5093@psu.edu)**
 - Updates
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire (bfm5125@psu.edu)**
 - If you can't make the retreat please, send me an email letting me know.
- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico (tja5251@psu.edu)**
 - Account Balance: \$22,727.83

Forum Break 6:58 - 7:14pm

Open Discussion

Laura's Budget Request

- Ordering food instead of making food?
- Informal raise of hands... wings over/pizza/both? (General agreement on both..)
 - I'm requesting \$1,000. \$485 for the high ropes course and the rest for food. The money regarding food.. It's a cap. I wanted the money to have so I don't have to come back with a misestimation.
 - Matt Beyen: Regarding the \$485, that is for 25-32 people at the high ropes course.

Ally House Budget Request

- Cameron Francis: I think this is a really good event and we should fund it in full.
 - No other comments

Mexican American Student Association Budget Request

- Stephen Day: I don't believe we should fund this event because there has been 0 advertisement for it. I think it will be hard to get people to show up to it.
 - Stephen Dougherty: I think it's too much money that they're asking for when they're already being given \$3,600 by UPAC.
 - Hannah Yost: We're giving them money for food which UPAC doesn't cover. They've done events like this in the past, successful ones. This is a great event to show diversity on campus. We don't do many diverse activities on campus so to get behind this would be great. Especially as an organization where we don't do much diverse stuff - we should get behind events regarding cultural diversity.
 - Brian Shoemaker: Does anyone know from previous years how long was it before the event?
 - Laura Daly: They've put on a lot of these events before.
 - Megan Mercurio: I don't think we should jeopardize them for not advertising it because they literally just got the funding. They can't advertise an event without funding. And it's the 8th year they're doing this, so I imagine people will show up.
 - Stephen Day: Great points. But I still do think they have 4 days to advertise this regardless of past years. I will be open to change my opinion if we can persuade them to move the date back.
 - Nathaniel: I don't think they'd move it back. I don't think it's as disorganized as it seems. They said they recently received invoices. Their full budget is a significantly smaller number than originally requested. I think it's a small price to gamble and they have a good track record.
 - Laura: For UPAC you have to apply 40 days before an event for funding. So it's not like it was thrown together this week.
 - Rayna: I don't think it was just thrown together as well. The only thing they said is that they didn't have advertising printed out. I think they were just nervous during their presentation.
 - Anila Anthony: I think the money going towards catering food and decorations isn't much.
 - Laekin: We've done a lot with this organization in the past. Some of the numbers aren't fully adding up, but they did just get the invoices so that might be why. I think the appropriate thing to do is to pass a portion of the money at the very least. But in the future, we can say to come to us in advance if it's something we want to do. Amanda can do advertising if we want to make the event successful for us and them.
 - Laura: Last year, they came on the 12th without a representative and ended up coming on the 19th. We passed \$1,500 on the 19th for the event on October 1st.
 - Cameron Francis: We should pass \$1,000 for food needs and partial decorations.
 - Stephen Day: I agree but they came to us four days in advance. So we are in a strange position. If we don't fully fund them, they have to scramble for money. So we either go all-in or nothing.
 - Brian: They definitely have \$500 in their bank account. I think they can handle just \$1000. ARHS spends too much money..so I think \$1000 is good.

Hannah's Agenda Ideas

- Breast Cancer Halloween Event "Awareness Month"
 - Hannah: UHS is interested in collaborating with us for a Breast Cancer Awareness event. Carnival style games.. One self examination area, bra-pong, different breast cancer games. Laekin had suggested a bunch of ideas with this and UHS would be more than happy to have someone there to hand out information. They can't 100% ensure someone can provide self examination information because they're short staffed. If we decide on a day tonight, I can get back to Robin and she can send somebody for that event. Feedback on feasibility?

- Laekin O'Hara: I want to do an informal vote.. Option A) small scale and each of the areas do it or B) have it done in one or two of the areas on a specific day.
- Anila Anthony: Whose staffing it?
- Hannah: We would and UHS would send someone to relay information about breast cancer.
- Kayla: If we do it at two areas, can they send two? I know you said they're short staffed.
- Hannah: I'd have to get back to you on that.
- Paige: I think south would be a great area to host it since they have all the sorority dorms and a huge female population.
- Laekin: What is the area meeting times?
- Pollock/South: 7, East 6:00, West: 6:30, North: 5:15
- Brian: October 26th would interfere with our Pollock Palooza.
- Laekin: How about Wednesday the 25th or Friday the 27th?
- Brian: What time are you thinking?
- Laekin: We would have to work around UHS hours. Maybe 3-6 or 4-7, something like that.
- Nathan: You'd want more than an hour or two to do it since it's so inclusive.
- Laekin: So if we do Friday the 27th, would everyone be ok with that?
- (General agreement)
- Laekin: So we're saying 3-4 hours or more on Friday the 27th?
- Hannah: I think 3-4 hours is good, but rather the question is lunch hours or evening hours?
- Laura: I think lunch hours is better, maybe 1-4. It works with UHS hours too.
- Laekin: What if we come up with two options and Hannah you can see which works better with UHS?
- Laura: 12-3 or 3-6.
- Laekin: Even if we could have a UHS person for an hour, we could do a presentation and then break out.
- Hannah: We'd also have to consider reserving space outside.
- Laekin: It's going to be cold.
- Laura: I was thinking you guys try and do it where Paint n Sip is.
- Hannah: Oh ok, that works.
- Laekin: So we could do tabling and stuff like that. Maybe Hannah and I could work on sending out a poll that would be like "what would you want to see on this event" and come back to it? But for now, we're doing it on the 27th from 12-3 or 3-6 and get back to UHS.
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Casino Night Interest

- Interest in hosting a Casino Night this semester?
 - Brian Kile: I was elected as NRHH President and one of the things I wanted to do is partner with ARHS and host a casino night. Depending on what the NRHH budget is, we buy the prizes and save ARHS money, and we would just need people/food/scheduling.
 - Laura: Would you want to do food?
 - Brian: Yeah, I'm hoping to get this more in order on Friday when I meet with Rich.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- Hannah: I know I brought up doing something for Domestic Violence Awareness Month last week, but since we're doing the Breast Cancer Awareness month event, should I push it off?
 - Cameron: I don't think you should. We can do it at West on the week of the 15th.
 - Rayna: Is there a week or month for Domestic Violence Awareness?
 - Hannah: This month in general is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
 - Laura: I still think it's a good idea to do both.
 - Kayla: I looked it up and it's emphasized October 15th - October 21st.
 - Hannah: We talked about doing bracelets and stuff, how many would we want to hand out? Would you guys want to have a banner to sign?
 - Cameron: I say approximately 500 bracelets to spread out in each area.
 - Laura: Are you guys still proposing to do a table in each area?

- Hannah: Yeah
- John Hurst: Can I also suggest that we maybe go more biodegradable and use something from Oriental Trading Company that can biodegrade so we don't keep throwing plastics into the trash stream? I think they're a good idea, don't get me wrong, but maybe look into threaded bracelets with the same color.
- Laura: I would look into it tonight because they need a decent amount of time to prepare for that many bracelets.
- John Hurst: And Hannah, Oriental Trading has a lot of stuff online and threaded bracelets are usually cheap.
- Hannah: For 500 silicone bracelets, it's \$270. For 500 ribbons, it's \$150. Anila proposed the idea of having a nail polish station, where people paint one nail purple to encourage the discussion of domestic violence.
- Laura: Do you know when the bracelets would be ready?
- Hannah: 7-10 days with free shipping.

Old Business

New Business

- Laekin O'Hara moves to open elections
 - Brian Kile seconds
 - No objections
 - Laekin moves to nominate Stephen Dougherty for Philanthropy Chair
 - Stephen Day seconds
 - No objections
 - Stephen Dougherty accepts the nomination
 - Question & Answer Period
 - Matt Beyen: Would you be interested in working with Philanthropic Organizations?
 - Stephen Dougherty: Yes, that is the plan.
 - Brian Kile: Do you have any Philanthropic Organizations you'd like to support?
 - Stephen Dougherty: Right now, Puerto Rico Donation Efforts. I then want to focus locally.
 - Nathaniel: Can you speak towards any specific philanthropic experiences?
 - Stephen: I was the VP of the Philanthropy Club at my High School.
 - Stephen Day is elected Philanthropy Chair
- Brian Kile motions to close elections
 - Stephen Dougherty seconds
- Cameron Francis motions to pass \$528.50 for the Ally House Budget Request
 - Brian Kile seconds
 - Motion passes 12-0-4
- Megan Mercurio motions to pass a cap of \$1,000 for the ARHS Retreat
 - Cameron Francis seconds
 - Motion passes 16-0-0
- Brian Kile motions to pass \$1,000 to the MASA Budget Request
 - Cameron seconds

- Hannah Yost Objects: Fund the full amount. This isn't a random organization, we have history with them and this is an important event to the mexican american community and provides culture we don't get to see everyday.
 - Megan Mercurio seconds: Even if they don't have some funding it could hinder events beneficial to the community. We should pass the full amount
 - Objection passes 9-6-1
 - Rayna Klingensmith motions to pass \$1,563 to the MASA Budget Request
 - Hannah Yost Seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes 9-5-2
- Brian Kile motions to pass a ceiling of \$2,000 for the Domestic Violence Awareness Week materials
 - Cameron Francis seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes 16-0-0

Informal Discussion

- Megan Mercurio motions to close the meeting
 - Stephen Day seconds
 - No objections
 - Meeting adjourned 8:12pm

Budget Requests:

Organization: Ally House

Contact: Alex Gubler (afg5136@psu.edu)

- ASA Account Number
 - 1360
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Ally House Movie Night
 - Wednesday, October 11th 2017 - 7:30 PM
 - West Halls - Upper Quad
- Describe The Event
 - We will be showing the film I Love You Phillip Morris. This is a well known film in the LGBTQ+ Community and we'll be doing it as part of National Coming Out Week. We will be showing the movie outdoors and serving popcorn and other refreshments. We're hoping this will attract students of all identities to take part in the week of celebration.
- History of Event
 - This will be a new event for us.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - This event is taking place in a quad surrounded by four different West Hall buildings, making it easily accessible for students living in West. It is also open to all Penn State students and community members.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - No

- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$500
- How will this funding be used?
 - This funding will be used to purchase the copyright of the film for the evening of the screening.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - Yes

Organization: The Mexican-American Student Association

Contact: Sabina Carbajal (scc5352@psu.edu)

- ASA Account Number
 - n/a
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Una Noche en Mexico
 - Friday October 6th 2017
 - 6:30-9:30pm
 - Heritage Hall, HUB
- Describe The Event
 - Through this annual event, we hope to let the Penn State community and State College community get a glimpse at the Mexican cultural that is celebrated in México, but is also celebrated here in the United States.
- History of Event
 - This event is held every year, usually with the help of UPAC and ARHS, to bring an aspect of the Mexican culture to the community in and around Penn State. A different theme is showcased every year, past themes have included mexican holidays, a quinceanera, and el dia de los muertos.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - Every year there is a different theme, that highlights one aspect of the culture, to give students an in depth and interactive learning experience. This event is in the spirit of the idea of "all in", where we try to get people involved in diversity and inclusion efforts.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$2,400
- How will this funding be used?
 - This funding will be used to cover catering, decorations, and the rest of heritage hall. We will use some of our own funds, also, which is why not all of it is included in the budget.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - Yes

