

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for February 24th, 2020



Call to Order: 6:15 pm

Roll Call: How are midterms going?

Nathaniel, President

Gregory, DoP

Maria, DoF

Abi, DoR

Ben, SHRA Pres and Cinema Chair

Michael,

Sarah,

Kirsten

Sam

Natalie

Mark Rameker, Co-Advisor

Jim Maineckie, Director

Abdul, A Φ A

Crishan, A Φ A

Officer Jason Crance, UP Police

Open Student Forum:

- UPUA Lyft Codes Budget Request
- A Φ A Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant Budget Request
 - Tickets \$20 for students, \$30 for Alumni
 - Expected turnout for event is 200 people, historically we sell out of ticket
 - Food is being covered hopefully ARHS, Educational Equity and from ticket sales
 - Our biggest concern is finance, but we've been in frequent communication with former pageant
 - ARHS would be represented both on the flier (pre-advertisements) and the Ad booklet handed out to attendees
 - We would be comfortable putting in \$1-2k of our organization's money

Guest of the Week:

- We've heard rumors about the outsourcing of Penn State to go, and the subsequent removal from the discount, can you confirm this?
 - Yes, we had a sampling group around the same time as the sushi taste test.
 - How can we move forward with making sure ARHS is included in the conversation without just hearing it in rumors?
 - I hadn't realized that we hadn't included you, we're working on being better at that.
 - Should the meal plan cost be changing along with the removal of discount from common items?
 - We don't think so, we think we're adding in the same value we are removing from our staff.
- Changes for next fall: Continuous dining in the breakfast/lunch, more standard hours by focusing on all you care to eat, all areas open for breakfast-dinner in the weekdays, opening up areas as the semester goes on and staffing goes up. Addition of Kosher lunches. Longer convenience store and coffee hours, especially as the semester goes on.
- What renovations will be occurring in West?

- Basically everything, we're still very much in the concept stage. We're definitely going to add in air condition but nothing else is decided and there are lots of radical ideas.
- Thank you for inviting us to the cycle menu discussion, can you update us on things?
 - We're mostly done, tomorrow we meet to solidify the breakfast options but I can bring in the solidified menu next time myself or JR comes in.
- Breakfast sandwiches?
 - No longer happening as we decided on all you can eat breakfast.
- At edge in Pollock a human cashier took my order, what prompted the change?

Officer Report:

- Rash of bike thefts on campus. We've been able to retrieve 4 of 8 stolen bikes, we have a suspect in mind. One of the biggest common denominators is that people aren't locking up their bikes, so they were just able to walk away with it. We don't know that the perpetrator even has a connection to campus. This weekend is State Paddy's, there will be an increased police presence. Most calls from THON were about lost items. Someone went in and damaged the washers and dryers in East. Reminders: See something, say something and the amnesty policy.

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Macy Klocko**
 - Nothing to report
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (jeH9@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA)**
 - No meeting last week
- **North (NHAS) - Jennifer Rodriguez**
 - Nothing to report
- **Pollock (PHRA) - MJ Scheck**
 - Hershey Park tickets are now for sale in Pollock ResLife office
 - The trip is 4/4 and tickets are \$30
 - Edge in Pollock is now using a cashier ordering system
- **South (SHRA) - Ben Lakavage** (bzl5349@psu.edu)
 - SAND JAR EVENT THIS THURSDAY FROM 5-8! Located in the main redifer dining area. Free pizza provided.
 - Marce's sand company was 20 cents more expensive per pound
- **West (WHRA) - Michael Keller** (mrk5578@psu.edu)
 - Potential spring formal event, we were reached out to by the SLO's

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Homecoming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Public Relations - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

- **Social - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **THON - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Web Design - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Recruitment - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **ARHS Cinemas - Ben Lakavage (bzl5349@psu.edu) & Kirsten Worrall (kpw5273@psu.edu)**
 - The movies this weekend will be Just Mercy and Queen and Slim
 - Purchase Order and Future Purchase Orders
 - Passed \$9 in exec funds due to a change in how HUB marketing is doing events/poster printing
 - We're up to 450 attendees a weekend
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Diversity - Michael Keller (mrk5578@psu.edu)**
 - BWR Nominations
 - Ask Michael for the form if you want to submit one
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - OPEN**
 - Ben and I went. It was great we saw a lot of bills on the table.
 - NACURRH is approaching, it's a great opportunity for personal and professional leadership development. This is the first year there are no delegate caps. Please apply! This is open to areas as well.
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Sustainability - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nathaniel Waksman (nxw37@psu.edu)**
 - Be safe this weekend!
- **Vice President - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Advocacy - Emma Kertis (eck5201@psu.edu)**
 - Sorry I couldn't make it tonight y'all, I have an exam
- **Director of Outreach - Judy Rodriguez (jrr5741@psu.edu)**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Programming - Gregory Edmunds (gte5015@psu.edu)**
 - Casino night on the 28th 6-11pm
- **Director of Records - Abi Mason (arhsdor@gmail.com)**
 - Agendas!
 - Also next week we are really going to need office hours to be done! Last year we had some raffle winners at Casino Night that hadn't been able to stay until the end, they still got a prize and it was just picked up from the office.

- **Director of Finance - Maria Howe** (mrh64@psu.edu)
 - Balance: *inquire over email*

Quorum Check

Forum Break 7:23-7:25 pm

Open Discussion

- Storage Squad
- UPUA Lyft Codes Budget Request
- A Φ A Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant Budget Request
- Posters for ARHS Cinemas

Old Business

- The Gail A. Hurley Leadership Scholarship

New Business

- UPUA Lyft Codes Budget Request
 - Motion to pass \$750 to the UPUA Lyft Codes, Seconded
 - PASSES
- A Φ A Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant Budget Request
 - Motion to pass \$700 to the A Φ A budget request, seconded
 - Motion fails
 - Motion to pass \$0 for A Φ A budget request, seconded
 - Passes

Informal Discussion

Motion to close the meeting, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Budget Requests

Organization: UPUA

Contact: Tyler Ladzinski

- ASA Account Number: 0736
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Lyft Coupon Codes for Spring, March 5th 2020-March 17th 2020
- Describe The Event
 - Lyft Coupons for UP Students to the UP Airport
- History of Event
 - In the spring of 2016, the Facilities Committee provided transportation for students to the State College Airport. This transportation took shape in the form of two vans that could each transport students and their luggage. This service, free of charge to students, operated for three days and had set dates and times. As a result, the vans didn't wait on students who were running late and just followed the provided schedule.
 - In 2017, Penn State officially partnered with Lyft making it one of the official ride-share services for the University. After the university partnered with Lyft, the UPUA decided to look into the possibility of utilizing their services to succeed the prior transportation service. Upon research it was discovered that organizations can subsidize rides by purchasing codes for riders to use. These codes can be in amounts of anywhere from \$5 to \$30. Codes are only valid based on predetermined starting or ending locations and can be set to only be valid over a preset time.
- How will this event benefit on-campus students?

- o This will benefit on campus students because a portion of residence hall students need to get to the UP Airport to travel for break and this will subsidize the burden that is placed on them.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - o No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - o \$750
- How will this funding be used?
 - o To purchase 50 additional Lyft coupon codes for Spring Break
 - UPUA Purchasing 200 Codes-- \$3000
 - ARHS Purchasing 50 Codes-- \$750
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - o Yes

Organization: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Contact: Crishon Washington

- ASA Account Number: 0608
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - o Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - o Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant, April 19, 2020 / 1-4 PM / The Graduate State College Hotel
- Describe The Event
 - o This nationally recognized program provides the participants with an opportunity to showcase their talents and be honored for their high scholastic abilities, humanitarianism, and commitment to service. All viewers will have the opportunity to appreciate the portrayal of sophisticated womanhood and beauty. The overall takeaway of the program is to ensure that an appreciation is given to those who exemplify positive academics and value the improvement of humankind.
- History of Event
 - o The Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant, under the sponsorship of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is an outgrowth of the long tradition of Alpha Chapters designating outstanding young ladies to serve as ""Chapter Sweethearts."" The Fraternity recognizes the valuable support rendered to it by the many friends of Alpha Phi Alpha, and this endeavor serves as one mechanism to applaud such support.
 - o For some time now, each of the Fraternity's five geographical regions has sponsored Miss Black and Gold Pageants as a part of their conventions. Since the early 1970's, there has been increasing support of these pageants on a national scale. The first National Miss Black and Gold Pageant was held during Alpha's 1976 General Convention in New York City. Miss Denise Smith, representing Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, was awarded the first crown. The Pageant was deferred following the first event and reinstated during the Fraternity's 1982 General Convention in Los Angeles, California. The Gamma Nu Chapter (Penn State Chapter) Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant and Ball is a nationally recognized event that takes place in the spring semester of each academic year and provides the participants with an opportunity to showcase their talents and be honored for their high

scholastic abilities, hard work, and commitment to service at the Pennsylvania State University and at-large.

- o Each contestant will showcase their talent and beauty through a series of categories. The contestant will be required to answer questions pertaining to current events and other political issues. Being judged per tier and on the basis of scholarship & scholastic ability a winner will be crowned and will move on to the District level of the competition.
- o Success story - Our 2013 winner, Ms. Yvonne Winborne went on not only to win at a district and regional level, she became the 1st national winner to come from our area. Ms. Yvonne Winborne is the 2013-2015 National Queen of the entire Fraternity, representing over 500+ chapters and more than 200,000 brothers. She has made our chapter and the Penn State community proud.
- How will this event benefit on-campus students?
 - o The goal of the Miss Black & Gold Scholarship Pageant and Ball is to enhance student life and the co-curricular experience at University Park Campus and all Commonwealth campuses by highlighting the achievements of students that are rarely recognized, scholarship and humanitarianism, while providing a fun-filled show which engages and educates the community on traditions of African and African American culture. This pageant has brought a greater sense of awareness to the various types of cultures that exist within the African and African American community. It has diversified the minds of students and taught a wide variety of groups how unique and significant the African and African American culture is to the Penn State community, even more so, to the entire world.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - o Yes, \$1,872.23 - Addendum \$2000 for UPAC
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - o \$700
- How will this funding be used?
 - o This funding will be used to cover a portion of our expenses for food and/or prize sashes.
 - Price Check in DoR email.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - o Yes