

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for Monday October 17th, 2016



Call to Order

Roll Call: *If you could pick any building on campus to be your home, which would you pick and why?*

Alexa Ain, Director of Records
Alex Gubler, Director of Programming
Kyle Shuey, Vice President
Nick Ottinger, President
Sangeeth Varadaraj, Director of Finance
John McGlynn, Director of Advocacy
John Hurst, Advisor
Tucker Antico, Co-Sustainability
Laura Daly, WHRA President, PR Chair, and Historian
Nick Mahon, Co-Sustainability and WHRA Rep
Matt Beyen, Co-Social Chair
Jessica Mingle, ENRA President, Cinemas, Co-Homecoming
Laekin O'Hara, Co-Homecoming and Co-Social
David Carcamo, PHRA President
Jaden Rankin-Wahlers, PHRA AVP
Anna, PHRA Rep
Henrick, NHAS Rep
Frank Seltzer, NHAS VP
Kyleigh Higie, UPUA Liaison
Leigh Bernetich, Philanthropy Chair
Kayla Olowin, Housing and Food Services
Andrew Kline, Activities Chair
Brendan McGuire, ENRA Treasurer
Matt Roda, SHRA Rep
Kay Rinkers, SHRA President and IPC
Mitch Rosen, Movin' On Liaison and SHRA Rep
Shawn Burke, EHRA Treasurer,
Katie Mischler, Executive Director - Movin' On
Jeremy Book - Director of Administration - Movin' On

Guest of the Week

- Melissa Croushorn - Student Engagement Manager
 - Work for the center of performing arts and student affairs.
 - Wants all students to be involved in creativity on campus.
 - We would love to have more students come to our events.
 - Vocal groups, Trios, and others
 - Good idea for socials
 - GPSA subsidized a social for graduate students.
 - Every monday at 4 in the downtown theatre
 - 1 hr drop in arts happy hour
 - Anyone can come and participate
 - Have professors come who are not directly involved in the arts come in and present on how they are involved in the arts here at Penn State.

- November: Art and Advocacy
 - Curator from the HUB gallery
- Work with special living options
 - Will meet with students to give a better feel of the upcoming performance
 - Meet & Greet
- Matt: Does your website have a lot of the information mentioned?
 - Yes.
- Nick: What events do you think are the most popular?
 - Definitely the coffee houses. Art out on Mondays is also very successful.
- Kyle: Is there anything for people to actually get involved in doing performing arts?
 - The performing arts council is probably the best avenue. Each different group (theatre, music, visual arts) has their own group that looks for involvement. End of year showcase is also a great avenue at the end of the year where everyone comes together to promote the arts.
- Officer
 - Oct 10 - 16
 - 16 drug laws
 - 23 health and safety
 - 14 liquor law violations
 - 17 thefts (spike)
 - Matt Roda: Any explanation for the increase in theft?
 - May be due to midterms, thefts in Pattee Library
 - Textbooks stolen for money
 - Otherwise nothing stands out as the cause for the spike
 - Nick: I've noticed an increase in bike thefts. Is there any explanation for that?
 - Our bike thefts are through the roof. If there were more cameras to pick up the thefts that would help out a lot. If they cut down the number of locations with racks that would also reduce the occurrence of the issue.
 - Nick: Would you happen to know the recovery of bikes?
 - Its very low. Normally the owner sees it on campus and calls in. The majority are recovered in this way.

Open Student Forum

- Movin' On
 - Movin' on is an annual music festival that takes place every spring semester.
 - Initially started by ARHS.
 - Benefits on campus students: big stress relief as finals approach.
 - Requesting \$5,000 (see budget request)
 - Substance & Alcohol free event
 - Did receive UPAC funding: \$442,000
 - Rob: Are you going to be coming back for more money later?
 - We're not sure yet. We're still working on the budget for the year.
 - Rob: Have you ever considered the time that the concert goes on and how it impedes on quiet hours in East halls?
 - We've considered it and that is why we have a hard cut-off at 10:30. We try to keep it at a respectable time to allow students to continue to study.
 - Sanket: How much money do you guys spend annually?
 - Last year we spent \$482,490.92. That does not include the money that we get from SPA. If that was included it would be well over \$500,000.

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen (mdr5000@psu.edu)**
 - Waiting on response for first choice headliner. Waiting for an answer for our offer.
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**

- Working on event at the nittany lion inn for headshots
- Roll forward admissions into NRHH
- Getting ready for CAACURH
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - Kyleigh Higie (keh5550@psu.edu)**
 - Rodney P. Kirsch retirement
 - Passed funding for mental health and wellness week speaker
 - Presentation about UPUA coming in the next two weeks.
 - John M.: How did WTF week go?
 - It's being sorted by freshman council. Once its sorted down the ones that adhere to ARHS will be given to the relevant people in council.

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (jeH9@psu.edu)
 - John:
 - I was a part of the extreme stater. One of the best run programs I've ever been a part of. Props to Olivia for coming in 2nd. It was nice this year. If you're interested next year please consider participating.
 - Mark:
 - Smoking policy.
 - Nick: What are the penalties for smoking on campus?
 - Most students do not know the rules. However once they find out that their behavior is affecting others they move and comply with the rules.
 - The sanction will depend on the impact on the community. Everything we do comes back to the impact to the community.
 - Nick: There will be vote on smoke-free campus next week.
 - Kayla: I was told that the smoking stations were placed 15 feet away from the residence buildings.
 - Mark: It depends on the area. Each area should have a map designating where one can smoke. Talk to people in your area to improve knowledge of these maps. They should be outside of the breezeways.
 - Sanket: What is theh current policy?
 - You can smoke wherever as long as you're 15 feet away from a residence hall or academic building to prevent smoke from entering the building. You can walk from one building to class and not breach the policy.
 - David: What would happen to the unions and whatnot if the smoking ban went through?
 - Mark: That will be a big issue and a sticking point. If you as students want the whole campus smoke free it will be on the next union contract.
 - Nick: When we vote on this do we vote yes/no on the policy or can we vote on a recommendation?
 - Nick O. : We will can vote on any arrangement of policy we like.
 - Sangeeth: I'm an RA in east. The biggest issue I have is smoking issues with freshman not understanding where the smoking area is. It would really help if there were signs or something
 - Mark: We will definitely get those posted as soon as possible.
 - John H.: Nicotine is incredibly addictive. Many people including myself believe that the people who don't want to quit smoking are just weak and that is not the case at all. It's important to increase ways to make quitting easier for students easier if you choose to recommend supporting a smoking ban. Smoking has to be everyone's problem, not just Residence Life and the RA's problem. We need a community that supports the rule.
 - Nick M.: How likely is administration to approve a policy like this?

- Mark: The administration is looking into it and there is a lot of pressure on either side. ARHS' voice is critical in this decision though.
 - Rob: Banning smoking will be a big detriment not only to the employees of the university and the groups of students who do smoke. I would strongly consider a recommendation that bans smoking as it will be extremely intrusive and difficult to enforce.

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Sanket Narayana** (svn5268@psu.edu)
 - No Agenda Submitted
 - Fall event on 10/27. Passed first budget request for ARHS to be next week.
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Fall event was a success
- **North (NHAS) - Tim Roehm** (tjr5395@psu.edu)
 - Game night & adult coloring was yesterday
 - Getting pumpkin carving together for next Sunday
 - Giving boograms Wednesday 26th
 - More events on the way
- **Pollock (PHRA) - David Carcamo** (djc5782@psu.edu)
 - PHRAday Events
 - Early Dec. Bus Trip
 - Blood Drive (11/3)
- **South (SHRA) - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - SHRAollween 10/27
- **West (WHRA) - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - We are getting ready for our Fall event next Tuesday!
 - This Tuesday we will be having a pizza party for Watts Halls for winking the West Halls Blood Drive competition

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - The oldest academic building on campus is the Old Botany Building, also in spirit of the month of October, it is rumored to be haunted
 - Send me pictures from any events!
- **Homecoming** - Responsibilities completed for the year
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to Report
- **Public Relations - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Make sure to send me the info when you are having an event so I can share it on our social media, that you all should be following! :)
- **Social - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu), **Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu),
 - We will be going to the House of Screams on the 23rd!
 - A poll will go out on in the groupme to decide on times
 - Nittanyville planning still in progress, we will up date you when that's finished
- **THON - OPEN**
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** (afd5151@psu.edu)
 - Area pics
 - Questions/suggestions for the site?

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Andrew Kline** (awk5484@psu.edu)
 - No Agenda Submitted
- **ARHS Cinemas - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Movie this weekend is Sausage Party
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**

- **Diversity - OPEN**
- **Housing and Food Services – Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - Green 2 Go Update - looking to promote and explain it to students.
 - Green2go is currently functioning in all the areas but is strictly optional.
 - Nick: For those of you who weren't here last year, green2go is a great initiative that allows students to reuse the take out containers.
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Robert Fauver** (rff5048@psu.edu)
 - CAACURH Delegation Meeting
 - NACURH 2016 Booklet
 - NCC Legislation
 - Thanks for passing the budget request last week!
- **Philanthropy - Leigh Bernetich** (leb5437@psu.edu)
 - Thank you for passing the request for Stockings for Soldiers!! I will keep you posted as I purchase the Goodies.
 - Last year we did Thanksgiving Baskets, would we want to donate some again?
 - As ARHS? As Areas? Etc.
- **Student Wellness - OPEN**
- **Sustainability - Tucker Antico** (tja5251@psu.edu), **Nick Mahon** (nam5557@psu.edu)
 - No Agenda Submitted

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nick Ottinger** (nso5024@psu.edu)
 - What to fix week
 - Care package delivery
- **Vice President - Kyle Shuey** (krs5584@psu.edu)
 - ARHS Rules of Order changes have been implemented
 - Drafting formal procedure for amending Rules of Order
 - Suggestions for increasing interest in employment with Food Services
 - Kayla: If we can't fill these roles by next semester things will need to close next semester including late night. Hours will be reduced if they can't be staffed.
- **Director of Advocacy - John McGlynn** (jvm5752@psu.edu)
 - Flu Vaccines: Starting back up next week in the HUB.
 - Student Red Cross Club: Looking to sponsor again this year.
 - NHHAW: Showing "The Pursuit of Happiness"
- **Director of Programming - Alex Gubler** (afg5136@psu.edu)
 - Retreat Info & Budget Request
 - Stand For State
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
- **Director of Records - Alexa Ain** (apa5098@psu.edu)
 - If you would like to see any events added to the google calendars, please tell me
 - Submitting Agendas on time
- **Director of Finance - Sangeeth Varadaraj** (skv5072@psu.edu)
 - Account Balance:
 - Submitted The Creepy Web of West Halls budget request
 - Waiting to sign invoice for CAACURH budget request

Forum Break

Open Discussion

- How to increase food employees?
 - Nick: All of THON hour's volunteering, we should have them each spend an hour working for the food services. THON would make more money if they donated their salaries.
 - John:
 - Brendan: I work there, I think the benefits just need to be promoted better. Something more than posters

- Matt: Possibly sending something out to the freshman would be a good idea
 - Ethan: Possibly putting something in at NSO and marketing to the parents
- Robert: Mark, is there a way to give them a sign on bonus, an incentive to start working?
 - Mark: There has been conversations about this and how to incentivize them signing off
 - Alex: There is an incentive program. If you recommend someone and they keep the job for a month, you get a 10 free meal bonus card
 - Brendan: I am repping ARHS as the student of the month for pollock
- Retreat Activities and Food
 - Robert: Sneetches, please. And smores. I like s'mores.
 - Alex: I really would like to have new ideas for the retreat since we are all student leaders. We have three meals: dinner, breakfast and lunch.
 - Alexa: I think we should cook dinner friday night and have the rest catered.
 - Alexa's idea was voted the best, *informally* lol
 - John: I think there should be a time when the advisors should be there. Normally, the advisors just show up. But I would love for there to be more interaction.
- Movin' On Budget Request
 - Matt: I think this is a great event and a great chance for us to support it
 - Laura: It was started by ARHS and we should get our name out there
 - Nick: I think we should be careful about how much money we spend on this event, due to the current balance. Money = Power. There could be a point where we need this money
 - Nick O: We will be getting more from care packages. I appreciate your point, but I would like to counter that ARHS' reputation is what garners our respect.
 - Nick: You need money to do sustainability things
 - Mitch: The money we are asking for is very important towards what we are trying to do. There would be outrage amongst students if the festival suffered because of the lack of events
 - Robert: My freshman year they came with \$10,500 and have since decreased and stayed consistent
 - Nick: This was more of a general statement
- Budget Request for the Retreat
 - Robert: \$500 is great, for ResLife to be splitting this with us

Old Business

New Business

- Matt: I move to pass \$5,000 for Movin' On
 - Ethan Seconds
 - 12-0-1
- Matt: I move to pass a ceiling of \$500 for the Retreat Budget Request
 - Ethan Seconds
 - 13-0-0

Informal Discussion

- Robert: Has there been conversations about the alcohol policy?
 - Mark: Not very much
- Alexa: Sisters on the Runway Information
- Alex: StraightTalks are held by the LGBTQA community. They tell their stories about being a member of that community. It is done with Greek orgs and the RA class. We are hosting one this thursday evening at 6pm in the Waring Study Lounge (ALLY House)

Budget Requests:

Organization: ARHS

Contact: Alex Gubler, afg5136@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
 - 225
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Friday, November 11th - Saturday, November 12th
- Describe The Event
 - ARHS's bi-yearly retreat where we will work on team building and leadership development skills.
- History of Event
 - ARHS has a retreat every semester, however we have not traveled since the Fall of 2014. The retreat has been held on campus every semester since then.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - This gives our organization the opportunity to grow and build connections between its members.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - Ceiling of \$1,800
- How will this funding be used?
 - Renting Cabin Space - \$30/person (accounting for 30 people max) = \$900
 - Food (Dinner on 11/11, Breakfast and Lunch on 11/12) = Approx. \$400
 - Supplies, Etc. = \$200 max
 - Transportation = \$300 max

Budget Requests:

Organization: Movin' On

Contact: Mitch Rosen, mdr5400@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
 - 1053
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Movin' On Music Festival, April 28, 2017, 3:30pm-10:30pm, Blue Band Field (Tailgate Lot 12)
- Describe The Event
 - Mission Statement: "To organize and manage an annual spring music festival, to promote the talent of student bands, to collaborate with other student organizations and keep the interests of the student body in mind, and to do so in a free of charge and substance free environment."
 - Movin' On is one of the largest student run music festivals in the country. Now a Penn State tradition in its 42nd year, Movin' On brings the top music of today, tomorrow, and yesterday together as a celebration of the graduating Nittany Lions "movin' on" in their academic and professional lives. The festival is substance free and admission free event. Past acts have included local bands like Mute Cities, as well as big name acts like Big Sean, Passion Pit and Walk the Moon.
- History of Event
 - Movin' On was created in 1975 by the Association of Residence Hall Students (ARHS) with the mission to provide a free music festival to Penn State students in honor of the graduating class. Since its founding, Movin' On has grown as an organization as a whole with changes ranging from becoming its own organization, to moving its location from the HUB lawn to the Blue Band field. Movin' On then combined two other music festivals, "Celebrate Stage" and University Park Undergraduate Association's (UPUA) "Last Stop", into one large end of the year music festival. Today, Movin' On carries on its mission by providing an entire day of free concerts, events, as well as free products donated by generous corporate and local sponsors. To ensure Movin' On is a successful and safe environment for all, Movin' On is a substance-free environment. Due to Movin' On's rich history and continuous support by many organizations, the festival has become one of the largest student-run music festivals in the nation.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - Movin' On is a show for the students, by the students. Due to Movin' On's wide range of genres, the festival brings a diverse group of students together by establishing common ground through music. Since Movin' On is on the last day of classes, the festival provides graduating students a moment to celebrate their time at Penn State while simultaneously offering the rest of the Penn State students an outlet to enjoy the last day of classes. Movin' On creates an environment that truly allows all students to enjoy each other's company as well as free live music. As Movin' On moves towards its 42nd year, the goal of the festival has been as strong as it has ever been, to reach our ultimate goal of producing the best substance-free, admission-free spring music festival in collegiate history.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes, We have received \$442,000.00 in funding. However, UPAC does not fund marketing and hospitality costs.
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?

- o \$5,000
- How will this funding be used?
 - o There are a variety of ways the funding could be used, but they are mostly involved in expenses outside of Main Program expenses (Staging, Sounds & Lights, etc.) and Battle of the Bands. These expenses include (but are not limited to) Advertising (such as promotional items, social media advertisements, event signage, etc) and T-Shirts.