

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for Monday November 28th, 2016



Call to Order Nick Ottinger called the meeting to order at **6:15pm**

Roll Call: *Favorite part of thanksgiving break?*

- Tim Roehm, NHAS Rep
- Jessica Mingle, ENRA President
- Alex Gubler, Director of Programming
- Kyle Shuey, Vice President
- Nick Ottinger, President
- John McGlynn, Director of Advocacy
- Alexa Ain, Director of Records
- Sangeeth Varadaraj, Director of Finance
- Matt Roda, SHRA Rep
- Mitch Rosen, Movin' On Liaison and SHRA Rep
- Kay Rinkers, SHRA President and IPC
- Nick Mahon, Sustainability Chair
- Laura Daly, WHRA President
- Brad, WHRA Rep
- Cameron, WHRA Treasurer
- Andrew Kline, Activities Chair
- Evan, NHAS Rep
- Akhil, Web-design Chair
- Jess Shuey, NHAS Rep
- Kyleigh, UPUA Liaison
- Leigh Bernetich, Philanthropy
- Hannah, PHRA Rep
- Brian, PHRA Secretary
- David Carcamo, PHRA President
- Robert Fauver, EHRA Rep and NCC
- Laekin, Co-Social Chair
- Matt Beyen, Co-Social Chair
- Josh, New Member
- Pam, Graduate Assistant
- John Hurst, Advisor
- Jennifer Garvin, Director of Ancillary Services (jvl4@psu.edu)
- Tucker Antico, Co-Sustainability Chair

Guest of the Week

- Jennifer Garvin, Director of Ancillary Services (jvl4@psu.edu)
 - Oversee Assignment Office (Landlord for university), Commons desk, Security systems, Summer Conferences
 - Bi-Weekly meetings for housing and food services (e-living meeting)
 - All are open to attend
 - Want to make temporary keys electronic
 - Want to make an app
 - Crazy Contract Process
 - Went online in 2006 (only 10 years ago), only 1 lottery
 - 9 Types of Housing Options
 - Redesigning process, IT folks on board, looking for students to help
 - Demand > Supply
 - Haven't heard about 1st year target yet
 - Want to make the offers as soon as possible (lots of competition off campus)

- John: Has there been a move to allow off-campus students to move back on campus?
 - Jennifer: We are reluctant to do that because we are taking away a space from someone who would want to stay on the whole year versus going abroad. We also have dedicated first year space and dedicated non-first year space. We don't want to put more people into the mix.
 - : Why do you allow people to add to the meal plan?
 - Jennifer: Since LionCash can be used off-campus, and they want to make sure they eat on campus we need to make sure that happens. Also the issue of financial assistance.
 - Key Lost and Change process
 - The fee can vary depending on when the request is put in (anywhere between \$64-\$200)
 - Students charged \$58
 - Needs to be raised in the next academic year to cover the cost of OPP (\$6 increase)
 - Campus Meal Plan -- will be changed next year
 - Shrinking the number of levels (6--->3)
 - Announcements coming up in the next few weeks
 - Evan: How will opening the new halls be?
 - Jennifer: We are opening these but taking off buildings at the same time. So it will be a gradual process over the next foreseeable future.
 - Evan: Can Warnock commons support this?
 - Food Services said they can manage the additional students
 - White Course used to be just for graduate students and undergraduate students with families
 - Took 2 buildings and offered them to undergraduates → single student space is now a majority undergraduate
 - Rates were approved early november, allowing us to offer contracts prior to winter break
 - Mail Pilot: You may have noticed when you get mail you get an email, now handed to you
 - Tim: I like this system
 - We want to do this because we have a lot of packages, so crowded back there. Getting ready of mailboxes allows for more shelves. With the new buildings, we don't have mailboxes.
 - This would impact flier distribution (so many aren't read anyways)
 - We have stall stories, increasing digital signs
 - Only true mail, would cut down on theft
 - Request for animals -- required by ADAs to have a service animal but under the fair housing act we are required to have an emotional support animal
 - Increase of need by students, quite a few in white-course and west and eastview
 - Gender Neutral Housing Pilot Program offered this year, 3 groups of students interested but they had disbanded
 - Going to be offered again, can indicate the SLO gender neutral
 - Stated that we cannot be in a relationship
 - Lots of interest, not a lot of follow through
 - Alex: Is there a limitation to first years?
 - Jennifer: We wanted to see how it went before they lived together. Some may know what they need so I would work with them individually. There are others that are immature and not truly understand what they are asking for.
 - Alex: What areas is this offered in?
 - Jennifer: Almost everywhere.
 - Alexa: How is this advertised?
 - Jennifer: We need to do a better job of getting with residence life, sending out the message.
- Police Officer
 - Deep fried turkey is amazing
 - 2 Criminal Mischief
 - 4 Drug Law

- 9 Liquor Law
- 4 Public Drunkenness
- Alex: When there's a shooting incident at a school, is there an increase?
 - Officer: As of right now we have not increased our security. We do monitor social media
- John: Given Ohio State, what is Penn State's procedure with an active shooter?
 - Officer: We try to take more of an active approach, my goal is to go in and stop the threat. Step up response. Goal is to isolate.
 - Ohio protocol is run. Hide. fight.

Open Student Forum

- None

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** (mdr5000@psu.edu)
 - Working on lineup
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
 - Nominations have closed
 - Invitation for Banquet, Thursday the 8th at the NLI
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - Kyleigh Higie** (keh5550@psu.edu)
 - Dining Initiatives during forum break
 - What to fix awareness day (Wednesday?)
 - Robert: What are charge boxes?
 - Kyleigh: We had legislation to have a system where you rent a charger and it charges your phone while you are in class

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (jeH9@psu.edu)
 - Liaison for new student orientation, want students around the table for their welcome week programs (if interested please contact John)
 - Every summer we are looking for an ARHS intern
 - Need to be responsible enough as the voice for ARHS on committees and meetings, basic filing, answering of phones, working on a retreat or programs or OCM
 - Free room and board (20 hours)

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Sanket Narayana** (svn5268@psu.edu)
 - Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break!
 - Planning to do stress relieving activities for finals week, will be finalized by next week
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to Report
- **North (NHAS) - Tim Roehm** (tjr5395@psu.edu)
 - Casino Night was a success!
 - Planning more events and morale boosters
- **Pollock (PHRA) - David Carcamo** (djc5782@psu.edu)
 - PHRADay Planning
 - Study Breaks
- **South (SHRA) - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - Study Breaks
- **West (WHRA) - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Hot Chocolate Event yesterday went well!
 - We are working on our upcoming winter event.

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Penn State 1st won the Big 10 Championship in 1994, just one year after joining the Big 10 in 1993.

- Send me pictures!
- **Homecoming** - Tasks finished for the year
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to Report.
- **Public Relations - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Send me any requests you have for posters
- **Social - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu), **Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu),
 - SWEET LIGHTS - Sunday December 11th, final head count needed for van #s and tickets. Working with John Hurst to get a van.
 - CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT - 7th, 8th, 9th, or 10th?
- **THON - OPEN**
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** (afd5151@psu.edu)
 - Hope everyone had a nice break
 - Please let me know if you have questions/suggestions about the website: psuarhs.org

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Andrew Kline** (awk5484@psu.edu)
 - Campus Wide Dodgeball Tournament
- **ARHS Cinemas - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Movie this weekend is Snowden
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
- **Diversity - OPEN**
- **Housing and Food Services - Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - What To Fix Update
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Robert Fauver** (rff5048@psu.edu)
 - Conference Booklets
 - NCC-IT Application - <https://goo.gl/forms/PjbKd7tFNGyLp7tI3>
 - NCC Conference Call
- **Philanthropy - Leigh Bernetich** (leb5437@psu.edu)
 - 300 Stockings for Soldiers were dropped off!
- **Student Wellness - OPEN**
- **Sustainability - Tucker Antico** (tja5251@psu.edu), **Nick Mahon** (nam5557@psu.edu)
 - Transportation meeting -- charging points at the Penn Stater and Nittany Lion Inn (small)
 - Gates at Pollock Road (issues: troublesome for bike traffic)
 - New CATA app
 - 24/7 Parking Attendant -- Parking Rates are much lower than in town
 - CRRRC Trip
 - Water bottle refilling stations
 - Wednesday Event
 - Budget Request

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nick Ottinger** (nso5024@psu.edu)
 - Care Package Update
 - Area Presidents' emails
- **Vice President - Kyle Shuey** (krs5584@psu.edu)
 - New Procedures, filling in the gaps
- **Director of Advocacy - John McGlynn** (jvm5752@psu.edu)
 - Let me know if you come up with things you want brought up at the next CAPS advisory board meeting (next semester).
 - A semester's change is a great time to pick up a chair position. Feel free to contact an executive board member with any questions.
 - Hope everyone had a relaxing break.
- **Director of Programming - Alex Gubler** (afg5136@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to Report
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
- **Director of Records - Alexa Ain** (apa5098@psu.edu)

- Thank you for submitting agendas, hope everyone had a nice break!
- **Director of Finance - Sangeeth Varadaraj** (skv5072@psu.edu)
 - Account Balance: \$76,201.44
 - Submitted SWANK purchase orders

Forum Break

Open Discussion

- Questions for the Transportation Meetings
 - No discussion
- PHRA Budget Request
 - No discussion
- Sustainability Budget Request
 - Tim: What company are you using for the bottled water?
 - Undecided
 - Mitch: Is there a way for you to get a large jug to reduce the plastic?
 - We will look into that
- Water Refilling Station Locations
 - Are there any commons without water bottle refilling stations?
 - I would prioritize those
 - David: Practical Idea for floors would be to fill out a poll
 - Laura: What about the floors that have more people than other floors?
 - John: If I were to put them anywhere, I would put them near the doors
 - Big concern of people buying mass water-bottles
 - John: What is the capacity?
 - Concern comes in when we cannot put it on every floor

Old Business

New Business

- Matt: I move to pass \$999.37 for the ARHS and ResLife Green Team
 - Seconded by Laura
 - 12-0-0
- Laura: I move to pass \$1,000 for the PHRA Budget Request
 - Seconded by Kay
 - 10-0-2

Informal Discussion

- Might do a valentine's day event instead of a secret santa/white elephant

Budget Requests:

Organization: ARHS & ResLife Green Team

Contact: Nick Mahon & Tucker Antico, nam5557@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number

- o ARHS ASA Account
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - o Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - o Blind Water Taste Test, Wednesday, November 30 (Lunch rush of Redifer, main stairwell)
- Describe The Event
 - o Students will take a blind taste test of bottled and tap water taken from water bottle refilling stations in Redifer. After the test they will be informed about how harmful bottled water is for the environment and it's mainstream use here at Penn State
- History of Event
 - o N/A
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - o Our hope is that students will be more conscious about using disposable water bottles
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - o No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - o \$999.37
- How will this funding be used?
 - o To purchase 100 water bottles to be distributed to participants (Everything else is free)

Organization: PHRA

Contact: David Carcamo, djc5782@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
 - o 232
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - o Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - o PHRAdays, Spring 2017 - 5 Fridays/ 7pm/ Pollock Rec Room
- Describe The Event
 - o PHRAday's are a weekly event begun in FA2016. The Pollock Halls Residence Association services the local Pollock community with activities and food on friday nights. Such events include: pottery painting, karaoke, and board games. Food is typically pizza and snacks.
- History of Event
 - o The event began in Fall 2016 as a joint effort between ResLife and PHRA.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - o The event provides a community-based alternative to students looking for something to do or somewhere to go on friday night that provides activities and food.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - o No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - o \$1,000
- How will this funding be used?
 - o The funding will be used to purchase food and supplies for the activities