

# Association of Residence Hall Students

## Council Meeting for Monday November 13th, 2017



Call to Order 6:17pm

Roll Call: What are you looking forward to most during break?

Laura Daly, President  
Kayla Olowin, Vice President  
Tucker Antico, Director of Finance  
Brendan Maguire, Director of Records  
Matt Beyen, ARHS Cinemas & NRHH  
Akhil Dharmavaram, Web-design Chair  
Cheyenne Hensen, PHRA Treasurer  
Emma Kurtis, PHRA Rep  
Cheyenne Hensen, PHRA Rep  
Rayna Klingensmith, NHAS Vp  
Nathaniel Waksman, NHAS Rep & Activities Chair  
Spage Fong, NHAS Rep  
Hannah Yost, SHRA President  
Jessica Shuey, SHRA VP  
Joelle Smith, SHRA Rep  
Cameron Francis, WHRA President  
Logan Day, WHRA Rep  
Julia Bollinger, WHRA Rep & Co-Campus Safety & Security Chair  
Brian Shumaker, WHRA Rep  
Stephen Day, EHRA President  
Angie Zheng, EHRA Rep  
Trent, EHRA Treasurer  
Amanda Klovekorn, Recruitment & PR Chair  
Stephen Dougherty, Philanthropy Chair  
David Carcamo, IPC Chair  
Mark Rameker, Advisor  
John Hurst, Advisor  
John Papazoglou, Associate Vice President of Business & Auxiliary Services  
Sabrina, Asian Pacific American Caucus  
Dan, East Coordinator

### Guest of the Week

- John Papazoglou, Associate Vice President of Auxiliary & Business Services
  - New Vice President of Business & Auxiliary Services here to introduce himself and give an update on what's going on in Auxiliary & Business Services.
  - Emphasizes the food waste and food security is a huge concern in Centre County. John has visited the Lion's Pantry and would like to get more involved there. The biggest challenge is making higher education more affordable, especially for low-income challenged families. High school graduation rates & college rates have gone down in PA over the last 5 years. B&AS are budgeted by themselves and receive funding from the Bryce Jordan Center, Housing from Students, etc.
  - Matt Beyen: What's it like going from health services setting to a university setting?
    - John: Penn State owns the healthcare system. So my boss also sits on the board of the health care system. Over the last decade, health care systems are getting less and less reimbursed and hitting ceilings. The writing's on the wall for state appropriations for higher education. We're only announced 5% of our budget. It's

pretty shameful. Having to do more with less.. We either provide less services, close schools and do it on the backs of our employees, or use more sophisticated strategies like Six Sigma and continue to provide the Penn State experience with the same amount of resources. And it's a discipline. Using strategies in Six Sigma, Baylor has become the largest health provider in Texas. I look at that as very similar here. We're geographically diverse and have the same mission.

- Laura Daly: What did you think of Lion's pantry?
- John P: It's a great opportunity for students to get engaged and ask What is food insecurity? I think there's a big stigma here around what people eat and how healthy they eat. There's a lot of product on the shelves, like cereals and canned products. There's no fresh vegetables, meat. So I asked a woman there and she said she just wants to donate money. She doesn't want to buy things and bring it. So we buy food directly from manufacturers. If I took that money, and bought food for the shelves, they'd have one brand and fill the shelves. I think there are parts of our supply chain we can strategize to benefit the operation and feed the people. I think our mission needs to extend out to centre county as well. So it's for the students and supporting the working poor families in centre county as well. I definitely think we have the resources in ABS to do that. Thank you for asking that. It's something near and dear to my heart.

#### Open Student Forum

- Sabrina, Asian American Caucus
  - Looking for \$1,000 to bring in Anna Akana, a prominent social media star and advocate for mental health awareness & suicide prevention. She ties that advocacy into her experience in growing up as an Asian American. There are huge stigmas against mental health in the Asian community. Lots of parents don't teach about it as their kids grow up. So we want to bring up a speaker who can relate to two very important things. A colored person in a predominately white society, and someone who can talk about mental health and suicide prevention. UPUA is hosting their mental health awareness this week, so we wanted to continue that next week with the asian american community. 2,700 students here are Asian American. This event can speak to so many. This doesn't even consider the international population. We really expect this to have a good turn out.
  - Funding would go to transportation and other needs
    - Nathaniel: How are you planning on marketing to every minority group?
    - Sabrina: APA Caucus is an umbrella org, so we have 26 organizations underneath us. It would be distributed to them, and we are also under the Paul Robeson Cultural Center, who has another 19 organizations under them. So we have direct connections to a bunch of cultural & asian orgs. Our promotions will primarily be in the hub. Aside from that it will be channeling through facebook, instagram, groupme, etc.
    - Hannah: Is this going to be free?
    - Sabrina: Yes, we are not looking to profit from this event at all. Tickets are welcome to anyone who's willing to listen.

#### Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** ([mdr5400@psu.edu](mailto:mdr5400@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - Matt Beyen** ([mdb5548@psu.edu](mailto:mdb5548@psu.edu))
  - NRHH will be giving money to the Cyril Camacho leadership award
  - NRHH banquet date is December 7th
  - Food for Finals will be Sunday December 10th in all commons
  - Nominations close this Wednesday at Midnight!
  - NRHH meeting minutes will be posted on our website [sites.psu.edu/nittanychapternrhh](http://sites.psu.edu/nittanychapternrhh)
    - Cameron: Could you expand more into food for finals?

- Matt: 10 gallon thing of hot chocolate for every area & some candy and snacks. Just to help people as they're walking by. It shouldn't conflict with any existing events areas are putting on for their study breaks.
  - John: For those of you who don't know, Cyril Camacho was a Coordinator in Pollock and died very suddenly. He was not very old, maybe early 30s. He had a big impact here and the people of Pollock.. Coordinators, staff, ADs, ACs, wanted to do something to remember him. So if you want to talk some more about it I'd be happy to tell you.
  - Mark Rameker: So to be endowed scholarship, we need \$50,000. So we're talking to talk to NRHH, other staff, so the money will come back. It's kind of like the FOTUS Scholarship were \$2,000 are coming back to students.
  - Matt Beyen: So we're probably going to be doing \$3,500 for the next few years until it reaches maturity.
- **Panhellenic Council - Paige Fox** ([pef5050@psu.edu](mailto:pef5050@psu.edu))
  - Preparations are beginning for formal recruitment
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - Jessica Mingle** ([jfm5509@psu.edu](mailto:jfm5509@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report

#### Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** ([mjr22@psu.edu](mailto:mjr22@psu.edu)), **John Hurst** ([jeH9@psu.edu](mailto:jeH9@psu.edu))
  - John Hurst: FOTUS Scholarship deadline is November 15th at 12:00am (midnight). Go to fofus scholarship on google and fill it out if you're interested. Take advantage of it. The other thing is, be safe this week and be safe at the end of the week when you're traveling. Don't eat too much - remember that! Save me some pumpkin pie.
  - Mark Rameker: I'd also like some pumpkin pie. But eat as much as you want!

#### Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Stephen Day** ([scd5284@psu.edu](mailto:scd5284@psu.edu))
  - Working towards a finals week event
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Megan Mercurio** ([mem6323@psu.edu](mailto:mem6323@psu.edu))
  - Working on BINGO Event
  - Trying to plan a sundae bar before finals
  - Looking into Karaoke Night next Semester
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Anila Anthony** ([axa99@psu.edu](mailto:axa99@psu.edu))
  - PHRA ARSH Rep, Joey Cortez has resigned from his position.
  - Last phraday was successful, 50 people attended
  - Study break planning is happening
  - Sorry I am missing the meeting, I have a lab make up
- **South (SHRA) - Hannah Yost** ([hby5050@psu.edu](mailto:hby5050@psu.edu))
  - Cultural bulletin board
  - Study breaks and advertising
- **West (WHRA) - Cameron Francis** ([cyf5173@psu.edu](mailto:cyf5173@psu.edu))
  - Planning Study break for week before finals
  - Thanksgiving baskets

#### Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Homecoming - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - David Carcamo** ([djc5782@psu.edu](mailto:djc5782@psu.edu))
  - Presentation (see minutes)

- Laura: (Item #4) So I was at the NRHH meeting for President in the beginning of the semester, there were about 6 of us, we had a tie vote. There was no tie breaker. We tied again after another vote. How would this be solved?
- David: Roberts rules. A failed election would have to be scheduled again at another time.
- **Public Relations - Amanda Klovekorn** ([alk5617@psu.edu](mailto:alk5617@psu.edu))
  - Posts for upcoming events
- **Social - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **THON - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** ([afd5151@psu.edu](mailto:afd5151@psu.edu))
  - Area exec and arhs rep names, emails, photos

#### External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Nathaniel Waksman** ([nxw37@psu.edu](mailto:nxw37@psu.edu))
  - Please sign up for Brian's diabetes event tomorrow!
  - Recruitment event???
- **Recruitment - Amanda Klovekorn** ([alk5617@psu.edu](mailto:alk5617@psu.edu))
  - Ideas for beginning of next semester?
- **ARHS Cinemas - Matt Beyen** ([mdb5548@psu.edu](mailto:mdb5548@psu.edu))
  - No movies this week, IT will be our next movie on November 30th
  - We are not allowed to run any advertisements before a movie
  - John Hurst: How did Swank decide this?
  - Matt: Apparently it's been there forever.
  - John Hurst: And they told you that?
  - Matt: I was talking to John & Jessica. I might talk to them about it and see what I can do.
- **Campus Safety & Security - Nick Mahon** ([nam5557@psu.edu](mailto:nam5557@psu.edu)) & **Julia Bollinger** ([jfb5368@psu.edu](mailto:jfb5368@psu.edu))
  - Planning event
  - Kayla: Anything specific?
  - Julia: We have a lot of things right now, we're just thinking of logistics.
- **Diversity - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Laekin O'Hara** ([ljo5051@psu.edu](mailto:ljo5051@psu.edu))
  - NCC legislative chat next week
  - Putting together post-conference booklet!
  - If you have any questions about NCC-it email me!
  - P.S. sorry I can't be there tonight I have a mandatory event for my sorority!
- **Philanthropy - Stephen Dougherty** ([sjd5597@psu.edu](mailto:sjd5597@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - Hannah Yost** ([hby5050@psu.edu](mailto:hby5050@psu.edu))
  - Mental Health and Wellness week events
  - CAPS Advisory Board meeting
- **Sustainability - Nick Mahon** ([nam5557@psu.edu](mailto:nam5557@psu.edu))
  - Still looking for Professors interested in working on the dining commons waste studies
  - Sorry I could not be here tonight, I have an exam review

#### Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Laura Daly** ([lvd5265@psu.edu](mailto:lvd5265@psu.edu))
  - Thanksgiving Basket Budget Request
  - Have a great break!

- **Vice President - Kayla Olowin** ([kms7123@psu.edu](mailto:kms7123@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Programming - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Outreach - Kay Rinkers** ([kgr5093@psu.edu](mailto:kgr5093@psu.edu))
  - Chair Meetings
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire** ([bfm5125@psu.edu](mailto:bfm5125@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico** ([tja5251@psu.edu](mailto:tja5251@psu.edu))
  - Account Balance: \$47,947.83

Forum Break 7:17pm - 7:26pm

Open Discussion

- Cameron Francis: ARHS's Constitution "being Supreme Law under conflict"
  - Directly conflicts with Article 1, paragraph 1.1 where "..."
  - David: 1.1 is a bylaw, which is a rule of order. So it's referring to what's above it as the constitution. So it's saying the bylaws are a supplement to the ARHS constitution. But you do raise a good point. I was curious as to what area President's thought about that. So, without going too much into detail, there was a resignation last year that conflicted with the ARHS constitution and the area constitution. So the conflict would just to be: go with ARHS's constitution.
  - Cameron: It feels like, from the wording at least, ARHS Law is the Supreme Law. The area governments are sovereign entities. We're not bound under the rule of ARHS. We're supposed to be separate entities talking about different issues within this forum we have under ARHS. We shouldn't be ruled by ARHS.
  - Laura: While areas are their own areas, ARHS is the parent organization. So you guys do technically serve under us.
  - David: I do see both sides. If I was looking at this as a President, I don't want area execs on my back. But what this does is, it only functions in cases of conflict.
  - David: If you want to run for a position in ARHS, but you're an exec in West, the ARHS constitution says you have to resign to apply. But the appointment is not guaranteed. And the West constitution says you don't have to resign. So in a conflict like that, you'd go by ARHS's constitution.
  - John Hurst: What is it to stop the evil Laura Daly from exerting her will over South Halls whenever she wanted to? When you say "supreme blah blah," when you use that nomenclature, what is to stop her from saying "it says right here Supreme, so I'm the one telling you you need to do this?"
  - David: So it would be in areas where there are conflict. And most of the time conflict is elections. And those types of things, ARHS resolves it. If the conflict continues, both constitutions would adhere to Robert's Rules. But it would not apply to say, for example, that ARHS would have to mandate an area has an activities chair.
  - Brian Shumaker: I feel like the law itself should specifically state that if it's going to only be used for election purposes. It also seems to be very situational. So I don't know if creating the law about it would be the best thing to do.
  - Cameron Francis: More going off of what he said, I'd recommend we move it to operational instances or the guide on how to hold elections.
  - David: To both points, something I think would be a compromise would be either to have language along the lines of "the exec board at that time would enumerate how to solve

conflicts,” or “in instances where Area and ARHS matters interact, the ARHS constitution would supercede it.”

- Nathaniel: The way I understand the current writing, this law only comes into effect if there is a direct conflict between the areas and ARHS. So it's not like an exec could come in and create chaos. So just because it's not specific I don't think it should be moved to a different area.
- Hannah: So why did you want to move it to this specific location? And you're saying it's situational but the language with supreme doesn't seem to be situational.
- David: So what that means, is that, whenever ARHS does something, it's assumed the areas are in support of it, because we're a supporting constituency. And why it's here is because it says Authorities & Definitions. Another point, these can be voted on individually/separately. What I'm getting a sense of here is, this is only in instances where area and ARHS governments collide. I could also add something similar to the 10th amendment.
- Hannah Yost: I also wanted to bring up the second one, Article 2, Section E, #4. "Qualifications for serving as a proxy..." What would happen if it was like, the second week, and someone didn't come? Would we not have a proxy?
- David: Yes, I wouldn't be as concerned about that because usually within the first 2 weeks areas aren't coming for Budget Requests.
- Laura: Can you explain why you wanted the proxy amendment in place?
- David: So some time last semester, our council was changing a lot, and our votes were being made in ways that wouldn't be cast with someone who's been here for a while would vote.
- Kayla Olowin: Activities
  - Laura: If anyone wants to do something, please reach out to me!!
  - Laura: We all go so excited for Sweet Lights, everyone wanted to go and signed up, and when it came down to it, nobody wanted to go. We all used to do such fun things, do trips, etc. That's what makes a strong council. Building relationships, having events for us, things like that. If anyone has anyone ideas or recommendations, let us know.
- Asian Pacific American Caucus
  - Emma Kurtis: I think we should definitely pass all of the money. It caters to both minorities and people who are suffering from mental illness. Which doesn't get talk about as much as it should - especially in a university setting where it's super important.
  - Stephen Dougherty: They have good advertising set up to get a lot of people there, I think it'll be a good turnout and we should pass it.
- Thanksgiving Baskets
  - Nathaniel: Let's pass it.
- Brian Shumaker: Diabetes Event w/ CDN
  - Big thanks to Nathaniel for finishing the boards. For food, we're going to have pictures instead of real food from the dining commons. They didn't want their food sitting out for 2 hours - didn't think it would be an accurate representation and what they serve. The t-shirts are ready to be picked up, the bracelets are distributed to the areas, and I'm meeting with the CDN tonight to give them their braceletes.
  - Kayla: So for the carb counting, did you do print up examples? If I was working a table and I had a picture of a meal, I wouldn't be able to tell guessers how many carbs where in it. What did you do to prepare?
  - Brian: So there are 5 options on the trifolds that will go out to the areas.

- Nathaniel: So all the volunteers would have to do is remember which multiple choice answer it is. I'm going to be delivering the trifolds to the areas tomorrow by 5, if you are around the hub tonight I will be there until midnight and can give them to you.
- Cheyenne: Are you delivering the t-shirts?
- Brian: I will be delivering them tomorrow.
- Kayla: Is there anything you want volunteers to talk about?
- Nathaniel: CDN did provide us a slideshow with some information that I put on the posters. So most of it is self explanatory. So, it's hey: Type 1 Diabetes is a thing, not a great thing, and ARHS is awesome. I will be checking in on every area tomorrow. So any questions, day of, I can answer.
- Brian: Part of it is a trial run. If t-shirts really start to go, you could take down the options and give students a range to guess from.
- Hannah Yost: Could you type something us on groupme and send it out so we can forward that to people in our areas who are going to be there? And again, some informative things to say. Because I would feel a little awkward not knowing what to say.
- Brian: An executive member from CDN will be at each of your areas. So the main thing is Type 1 Diabetes is a difficult disease to live with and the main thing you do in your life is mathematical calculations in your life.
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#### Old Business

#### New Business

- Stephen Day motions to pass a ceiling of \$150 for the Thanksgiving Baskets
  - Julia Bollinger seconds
  - No objections
  - Hannah moves to pass by unanimous consent
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- Hannah Yost motions to pass \$1,000 to Asian Pacific American Caucus
  - Stephen Day seconds
  - No objections
  - Motion passes 15-0-1
- Stephen Day motions to have all future meetings in East Halls
  - Spage Fong seconds
  - Nathaniel objects: issue was not debated in Open Discussion
  - Objection passes

#### Informal Discussion

- John Hurst: Tucker, is it going to snow on Saturday?
  - Tucker: No, maybe less than an inch. Going to be cold though.
- Stephen Day motions to adjourn the meeting
  - Cheyenne Hensen seconds
  - No objections
  - Meeting adjourned 8:01pm

#### Budget Requests:

Organization: Asian Pacific American Caucus

Contact: Eva Wu Wu ([epw5085@psu.edu](mailto:epw5085@psu.edu))

- ASA Account Number
  - 608
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - Stay Awesome, Gotham with Anna Akana
  - Wednesday, November 29th, 6:30 pm, Freeman Auditorium
- Describe The Event
  - We want to bring Anna Akana in as a guest speaker during mental health awareness week, which is typically the last week of November, as she is a very strong advocate for suicide prevention and mental wellness. Given her personal experiences and cultural background as an Asian American we think she can bring the entire AAPI community as well as others together for one evening. While she is very popular on social media and in the community, we believe the entire student body and Penn State community will benefit from her speaking from her life experience.
- History of Event
  - n/a
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
  - n/a
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$1,000
- How will this funding be used?
  - It would cover the costs of renting the auditorium and equipment as well as the remainder of the honoraria fees.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - n/a

Organization: ARHS

Contact: Laura Daly

- ASA Account Number
  - n/a
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - Thanksgiving Basket Drive
- Describe The Event
  - Students Engaging Students reached out to all the organizations on campus to help collect baskets for families in the Centre County region.
- History of Event



- o We have participated in this event for many years, both with the areas donating baskets and arhs donating 2.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
  - o n/a
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - o n/a
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - o Cap of \$150
- How will this funding be used?
  - o This funding will be used to pay for the two baskets that ARHS is buying.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - o n/a