

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for Monday November 6th, 2017



Call to Order 6:17pm

Roll Call: What is your favorite professional sports team?

Laura Daly, President
Kayla Olowin, VP
Kay Rinkers, Director of Outreach
Tucker Antico, Director of Finance
Brendan Maguire, Director of Records
David Carcamo, IPC
Anila Anthony, PHRA President
Cheyenne Hensen, PHRA Treasurer
Brian Kile, PHRA VP
Emma Kurtis, PHRA Rep
Megan Mercurio, NHAS President
Rayna Klingensmith, NHAS VP
Nathaniel Waksman, NHAS Rep & Activities Chair
Spage Fong, NHAS Rep
Joelle Smith, SHRA Rep
Nick Mahon, Campus Safety & Security Chair & Sustainability Chair
Stephen Dougherty, East President
Angie Zheng, East Rep
Cameron Francis, WHRA President
Brian Shumaker, WHRA Rep
Laekin O'Hara, NCC
Dan, East Coordinator
John Hurst, Advisor
Mark Rameker, Advisor
Erica, Co-Director of Marketing for Movin' On
Katie, Co-Director of Marketing for Movin On'
Katie, Executive Director of Movin On'
Mitch Rosen, Movin' On Liason
Conal Car, Housing Operations

Guest of the Week

- Conal Car, Housing Operations: Services Director
 - This semester: two new halls, 670 additional beds in inventory. 1 in North, 1 in East.
 - 3 buildings currently being renovated in East
 - Lobby: Open spaces, more inclusive bathrooms: foot washing stations, all-gender single bathrooms, music room, study lounge, meeting rooms, knowledge stations,
 - Laundry: All laundry will be on one floor versus multiple, with laundry alerts via text message
 - Bathrooms on floors: singles on every floor
 - Renovations to the Towers: Basements being remodeled and blown out for more student space
 - Multiple phases of construction and renovations in East to be completed by August 2022
 - By 2028, Pollock and East will be completely renovated

- Buildings being taken down have time capsules: possibility of ARHS opening one from Pennypacker
 - Nathaniel Waksman: How do we go about this? Putting things in, taking things out? Our discretion? Your discretion?
 - Conal: It's a partnership. We discuss it and go how we want to together.
 - Kayla: We'll discuss it during forum break.
 - Cameron: The laundry alert, is that only in the new dorms?
 - Conal: Everywhere. It should be done by March. In addition, people can pay for their laundry online versus swiping the card.
 - Stephen Dougherty: I wish I was 10 years younger to experience all this!
 - Conal: Someday your children will.
 - Nathaniel: Are you putting in music rooms in new buildings?
 - Conal: There are music rooms, study rooms, prayer rooms & study stations. Not every building can hold all that.
 - Brian: Do gender neutral bathrooms take up more space than normal ones?
 - Conal: So basically, you've all had the shared or public bathroom experience. Our bathrooms are single. So we basically chewed up some staff space/not functional student space and a room or two to make up for the bathroom.

Open Student Forum

- Movin On's Budget Request for \$5,000
 - The money is for marketing purposes: advertising, t-shirts, promotional material, etc
 - Katie: Being that we're an event on the last day of the semester, we require a lot of marketing. We try and fundraise on our own but with events in the hub, etc, but the monetary donations are really appreciated. ARHS and Movin On' have been connected for 43 years when you guys founded us, we have a liaison together, etc.
 - Mitch: The overall idea is that students are graduating, and over time this is for them to celebrate. For everyone else, it's to come and have a good time and celebrate a successful school year. On campus and off campus students.
 - Katie: It's a community building event to bond over everything people have done.
 - John Hurst: Being here for so long, I have seen the revolution of Movin On'. It has gotten better and better every year. It is fine and quality event that students put on. Fantastic people, great artists, really good quality things going on surrounding the concert also. It's a pretty great thing that happens here at University Park.

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** (mdr5400@psu.edu)
 - Budget Request
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu)
 - Our general body meeting is this coming Sunday, November 12th, 6:30 Pollock Cultural Lounge
 - Nomination form still available
- **Panhellenic Council - Paige Fox** (pef5050@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (jeH9@psu.edu)
 - John Hurst: FOTUS Scholarship! Put your name in if you feel like nominating yourself. Everyone need's a little help with financial stuff when it comes to this university.

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Stephen Day** (scd5284@psu.edu)
 - Thanksgiving basket updates
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Megan Mercurio** (mem6323@psu.edu)

- Bingo Night, Thursday November 30th
- Baskets of Prizes with different themes and pokie sticks!
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Anila Anthony** (axa99@psu.edu)
 - Attended CAACURH
 - Last PHRAday was successful
 - NYC trip
 - Open position advertising
- **South (SHRA) - Hannah Yost** (hby5050@psu.edu)
 - Monday's event went well, hoping to work with Food Services in the future
 - New idea for study breaks
 - Planning cultural bulletin board/banner signing event
 - Picking up basket supplies Thursday
- **West (WHRA) - Cameron Francis** (cyf5173@psu.edu)
 - Improving the state of the residence halls

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Homecoming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - David Carcamo** (djc5782@psu.edu)
 - Language update
 - Anyone interested see me during forum break to read it
 - Audit
- **Public Relations - Amanda Klovekorn** (alk5617@psu.edu)
 - Thanks Kayla!
- **Social - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **THON - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** (afd5151@psu.edu)
 - Area presidents: please send me exec + arhs reps names and email along with an area photo

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Nathaniel Waksman** (nxw37@psu.edu)
 - Thanks for electing me!
 - Brian's diabetes event will be great-volunteer please!
 - Working on some bigger stuff for later down the road
 - Any ideas please feel free to reach out!
- **Recruitment - Amanda Klovekorn** (alk5617@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **ARHS Cinemas - Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu)
 - This weekend we are playing Detroit and Logan Lucky!
- **Campus Safety & Security - Nick Mahon** (nam5557@psu.edu) & **Julia Bollinger** (jfb5368@psu.edu)
 - Planning event
- **Diversity - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu)
 - CAACURH went smoothly!
 - I will be typing up a wrap up report!

- Submissions are due from delegates by Friday
- We will be beginning to put some new things we have learned into place
- Beginning to look for an NCC-IT, any questions about it please contact me
- **Philanthropy - Stephen Dougherty** (sjd5597@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - Hannah Yost** (hby5050@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **Sustainability - Nick Mahon** (nam5557@psu.edu)
 - Looking for Professors for research

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Learned a lot at caacurh. I want to try out something's to try to get meetings to run smoother.
 - Make sure to be working on your Thanksgiving Baskets they are due next week!!!
 - Sorry that I am late, I have a presentation for class ☺
 - Table for upward bound- alumni hall next Friday the 17th from 9:45 to 10:45
 - Nathaniel Waksman: What is this about again?
 - Laura Daly: It's the smart-resource fair and we'd have a table and talk to people about ARHS and what it is there.
 - Spring Semester Involvement Fair
 - Informal raise of hands shows interest in tabling it
- **Vice President - Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - Need to get pictures of each area exec board and ARHS exec for digital signage
 - Tabling in commons during dinner
 - Cultural Dinner on Nov. 15 from 4:30-8pm
 - CAACURH info
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Programming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Outreach - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - Group pictures: Sunday (Old Main) or Monday (HSM Stairs in Hub)
 - Business Professional
 - Chair Meetings
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire** (bfm5125@psu.edu)
 - Feedback on Meeting Summary
- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico** (tja5251@psu.edu)
 - Account Balance: \$55,447.83
 - John Hurst: I have a check for you, every year there is a poster sale in East and West Halls. We get a percentage of whatever people buy. He sent me a check and it's over \$1,000. Past years it's only been around \$700. I'll get that to you soon. If I can't though, I'll deposit it myself.
 - Cameron Francis: How much did areas get from the care packages?
 - Tucker Antico: I'm not sure at this moment.
 - Kayla: I'll get back to Laura and find out about that.

Forum Break 7:07pm - 7:19pm

Open Discussion

- Brian Shumaker, Diabetes Awareness Event
 - Brian: Bracelets just came in, they look really good. T-shirts are being processed with Collegiate Pride on the format and design. They haven't given me a price yet but I'm worried

I only included 4 areas not all 5. So part of this is asking if we can raise the cap from \$2,000 to \$2,300?

- Brian Kile: Why did you plan for only 4 of the 5 areas when you're requesting a cap?
- Brian Shumaker: With the Domestic Violence Awareness event, only 3 of the 5 ended up doing it. So I thought planning for 4 would be enough. But it's going to be two different types of t-shirts (volunteer and participants).
- Cameron Francis: I think adding an additional \$300 is a good idea.
- Megan Mercurio: It's only an extra \$300, it's a good event, the Domestic Awareness event went really well. We have the money.
- Laekin: Is it the 4 areas and the hub included in the cap?
- Brian Shumaker: 5 areas and the hub.
- Laekin: Is the Diabetes Association going to be contributing to this?
- Brian Shumaker: They're going to be providing food in the hub and volunteers.

- Time Capsule Discussion

- David Carcamo: Is it possible for ARHS to do a capsule? Is that a thing?
- Kayla: So originally, they did them with construction buildings on campus and had a map of where they are. I'm not sure if we can do it for a non-construction project.
- Cameron Francis: I think we should open the Penny Packer capsule.
- Stephen Dougherty: I think we should let them be and put them back for when technology progresses further and they can see how drastically different it will be.
- Megan Mercurio: My thing is, Time Capsules are meant to be open in 50 years. It would be cool if we were given the opportunity to open it.
- Brian Shumaker: I think it would be neat to open it but wait for an anniversary.
- Cameron Francis: Penny Packer has two, so we could open one and leave one.
- Brian Kile: Didn't we just open one last year? I think that's why Kyle and Nick were pictured in the presentations. I don't think there's been enough time change to justify opening another capsule.
- Laura Daly: Is it a possibility to open a time capsule and have it in display?
- Mark Rameker: We have it on display in south currently.
- Nick Mahon: I think what makes South so cool, they're about individuals. Each building is named after a person. I don't know if any other time capsule would be as cool or interesting to look at.
- Laekin: I think that us opening one and maybe putting some stuff back in it and make it an ARHS one like David was saying would be a cool idea. I don't think we should open both of them, but having two gives us the opportunity to open one because a lot of people haven't had that opportunity yet.
- Nick Mahon: I agree with Brian, we shouldn't open one yet, we opened one last year.
- Dan: Findlay's time capsule was opened up downstairs, two years ago.
- John Hurst: They also created a time capsule for South.
- Mark Rameker: They took the one out, displayed it, and put a new one in.

- The Logo: Redrawing it & Scanning it

- Nick Mahon: The logo doesn't copy that well. Can we have somebody re-draw it exactly and scan it so it can look better? \$100 for it.
- Brian: I think that's a good idea.
- Nathaniel: We never had a consensus on the logo discussion. Laekin had a new logo design we really never met a conclusion on.
- Nick Mahon: We did reach a consensus because nobody ever voted or motioned on it.
- Cheyenne Hensen: I think \$100 is a little too high.
- Laekin: I think a compromise is to have them redraw our current logo or create a new logo.
- Nick Mahon: Maybe spend a week to get somebody to draw it on the computer and next week we can talk about a budget?
- Mark Rameker: What about a contest?

- Laura Daly: Who would be comfortable doing one? Informal raise of hands? (Redrawn or recreation?)
 - Cheyenne: Would it be open to just ARHS members or campus-wide?
 - Laura Daly: Campus-wide.
 - Cheyenne: Other students don't really know us or what the areas are or what to include.
 - Brian Shumaker: When you send out the contest rules you could put out what ARHS is.
 - Nick Mahon: I think we could put it in stall stories with a little write up of what we are, what we want, etc.
 - Informal vote on if we want the competition: largely agreed upon
 - Laura: What should the price of the gift card be?
 - Cameron Francis: \$50.
 - Brian Shumaker: Depends if they're redrawing it or redesigning it.
 - Stephen Dougherty: \$25 no matter the outcome, redrawing or redesigning.
 - Cameron Francis: We should make it a VISA or Mastercard so we don't limit their scope of what they can buy.
 - Kayla: It would cost more to do VISA or Mastercard.
 - Tucker Antico: We can purchase a gift card but not much else.
 - Cheyenne Hensen: If we do \$50, I think people will want to work hard on it.
 - John Hurst: Remember, the amount of money, if you offer \$50, you get a \$50 return. If you offer \$100, you get a \$100 return. Just think about that. I understand where you're going about this though.
 - Laura Daly: Anyone want to make a motion?
 - Brian Shumaker: What if one of the logos isn't chosen?
 - Laura Daly: Then we won't get the gift-card.
 - Megan Mercurio an informal motions for \$50
 - Council informally agrees on \$50
- Meeting Summary Feedback
 - Laekin: I really appreciate that you're doing it, it helps a lot. It's something we always used to do and snaps to you for it.
 - Nick Mahon: I think it's really helpful to coordinators.
 - Megan Mercurio: I thought it was really good, I was able to quickly find the FOTUS Scholarship in it when talking to my area.
- Movin On' Budget Request
 - Nathaniel Waksman: Let's do it. They like us, we like them, it's a great program. We just got a nice check.
 - Laekin O'Hara: I think they very much see us a partner, and I know we have our Art Wall with them, and they're always open to new ideas we bring to the table. I think entertaining any budget request with them is really important. Our logo was first on their list of sponsors last year, and it was huge. I think it's always good to give them money, especially for marketing stuff where our name gets in there too.
 - Brian Kile: ARHS is one of the main reasons Movin On' exists, so I think it's important to our legacy we fund this money.
- Cameron Francis: Distributing \$1,000 to each Area
 - Cameron: Possibility of moving \$1,000 to each area? We need some help bolstering our events because a lot of areas are active with events and I think this would really help.
 - Kayla: An additional \$1,000 this semester and next semester? Or a total of \$1,000 for each?
 - Cameron: Could we increase the stimulus of \$250 to \$750 per semester?
 - Laura: You can come in with a budget request for money for an event all the time. Why do you want \$1,000 now?
 - Cameron: Flexibility.

- Laekin: I think coming in for budget requests isn't too much extra work and it doesn't limit you to \$1,000. We could get a little description of what's going on in the area too.
- David Carcamo: The \$250 isn't specific. It says each area should receive at least \$250. So come speak to me if you want to raise the minimum higher.
- Cameron: I just wanted to speak to council about it first.
- Nathaniel: I think one really good reason to having areas come back to ask for money is because of checks and balances, and making sure people don't go off and do something crazy. Coming here takes 2 seconds and you'll get approved 99% of the time.
- Nick Mahon: I think this is an amendment talk like David said. We should do a vote and not so much discuss it. It's kind of like floating a possibility.
- Tucker: I personally think giving money to the areas is completely fine. I like the idea of spending more on ourselves. It does say at least 250, so we can distribute more out based on the financial situation. I think it's good open ended. Area Presidents, if you want to meet with me and discuss what funds would be good for you guys while keeping it in check with ARHS, that'd be the best way to go about this.
- John Hurst: I think what he's looking for his convenience. While I hear what everyone is saying and I get what you're saying, I think this is an opportunity to help out the areas. We've got some money. I think that what he's asking for is - it just makes it easier. Do I agree with what Nathaniel said? Absolutely, we need checks and balances. Do I agree with David said? Yes, we have to fix the language. But it's the first time I've heard areas say "Hey, we need some money." I think this would be great.
- Kayla Olowin: It does say at least \$250. I don't know if a constitutional amendment is the best way to handle it either. I worry about the future of the organization, what if we don't have that type of money to give out \$1,000 per semester in the future.
- Cameron: I really didn't notice it was at least \$250. I think it should stay that way. Thank you John for your thoughts, and everyone else's thoughts. I want to address again that we're not going to come in and discuss every event. Smaller events like Open Mic Night we fund by ourselves. Obviously bigger events we'd come in and ask for money and give descriptions.

Old Business

New Business

- Nathaniel Waksman move to pass a cap of \$300 for Brian's Diabetes Awareness Event.
 - Cameron Francis seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes 10-0-2
- Stephen Dougherty motions to pass \$5,000 for Movin' On
 - Brian Kile seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes 11-0-1
- Cameron Francis motions for ARHS to recommend the opening of Pennypacker's Time Capsule
 - Megan Mercurio seconds
 - Brian Kile objects: We just opened one, I don't think we should open another
 - Nick seconds the objection
 - Objection fails 3-7-2
 - Original motion passes 6-5-1
 - Laekin O'Hara moves to re-vote: I would like to clarify what abstentions are used for. Only used if you're going to gain financially from the budget or a moral issue with it.
 - Brian Kile seconds
 - No objections

- Motion to re-vote passes 7-5-0
 - Original motion ties 6-6-0
 - Kayla Olowin, Vice President, breaks the tie, 6-7-0
 - Original motion to open the capsule fails
- Nick Mahon moves to pass \$50 for a Logo Contest
 - Megan Mercurio seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes 12-0-0
- Laekin O'Hara moves to table the Asian Pacific Caucus Budget Request
 - Stephen Dougherty seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes 11-0-1

Informal Discussion

- Nathaniel Waksman moves to end the meeting
 - Stephen Dougherty seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes, meeting adjourned 8:08pm

Budget Requests:

Organization: Movin' On

Contact: Mitch Rosen

- ASA Account Number
 - 1053
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Movin' On Annual Music Festival
 - April 27, 2018
 - 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 43rd 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 Zach Wade and the Good Grief, as well as big name acts like DRAM and Two Door Cinema Club.
- History of Event

- o 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, with changes ranging from becoming its own organization, to moving its location from the HUB lawn to the Blue Band field. Movin' On combined two other music festivals, "Celebrate Stage" and University Park Undergraduate Association's (UPUA) "Last Stop," to become 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?
 - o 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. Being 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 end of the school year. Movin' On creates an environment that truly allows all students to enjoy each other's company along with free live music. As Movin' On moves towards its 43rd year, the goal of the festival is 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?
 - o Yes
- 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.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - o Yes