

# Association of Residence Hall Students

## Council Meeting for January 28th, 2019



Call to Order: 6:15pm

Roll Call: What is the best food combination you've eaten (or created)?

Kayla Olowin, President  
Cheyenne Hansen, Vice President  
Nathaniel Waksman, Director of Programming  
Tucker Antico, Director of Finance  
Brendan Maguire, Director of Records  
Emma Kurtis, PHRA President  
Judy Rodriguez, PHRA VP & ARHS Diversity Chair  
Garret Reed, PHRA Rep  
Daniel Hanuska, PHRA Rep  
Gregory Edmunds, WHRA President  
Logan O'Hara, WHRA Rep  
Michael Keller, WHRA Rep  
Spage Fong, NHAS President  
Ben Wallace, NHAS Vice President  
Angel Antosz, NHAS Rep  
Julie Waller, EHRA President  
Dan, EHRA Vice President  
AJ Rodriguez, SHRA President  
Maria, SHRA Vice President  
Andy McDade, OCM  
John Hurst, Co-Advisor  
Mark Rameker, Co-Advisor  
Ben Cutler, UPUA  
Nina, Stages of Stages Treasurer  
Katie, Stages of Stages President  
Nikia, Caribbean Student Association  
Wendell, Caribbean Student Association

### Open Student Forum

- Andy McDade (OCM)
  - Here to hand out order reports to Pollock & West
  - Checking in on areas for distributions coming up in the Spring
  - New linens coming in the Summer
  - Care Packages for ARHS to check back
- Ben Cutler, UPUA
  - Asking for \$10,000 to expand OmniCharge Stations across campus
  - 15 kiosks and 150 chargers
  - Overall proposal is around \$70k
  - Slides attached in Minutes
    - Nathaniel: How is this program different or more beneficial from what housing is doing distributing outlets with chargers in them? Or the wall charger?
    - Ben Cutler: This is more about the portability aspect. I think you guys have been doing a great job covering outlets in specific areas. However, this would be covering places where we can't reach outlets.
    - Cheyenne: If the 40k from the Student Fee Board doesn't come through, what's your funding plan?

- Ben Cutler: UPUA has put a minimum of \$11.75k down. The worst case scenario would be upping UPUAs contribution and lowering the amount of kiosks across campus.
  - Logan O'Hara: Repair costs. Do you have any statistics on them or broken units?
  - Ben Cutler: The pricing is all included in the total budget for repairs. We're currently a "token" client so they handle problems pretty well.
  - Daniel: How much have you negotiated pricing with them?
  - Ben Cutler: This is a pretty good price range for both of us. They're also going to make an app Penn State specific for us, all included in the package.
  - AJ Rodriguez: How do you account for someone taking these off campus?
  - Ben Cutler: Someone could steal it, but it would be rendered unusable. There haven't been any issues with stealing. 97% return them. If it hit 90%, they'd be replenished. Users who take them and don't return them get billed for it.
  - Cheyenne: Do you know what the charge would be?
  - Ben Cutler: It would be a specific number per charge until it covers the entire unit.
  - Kayla Olowin: Do you need a credit card for this?
  - Ben Cutler: Yes
  - Logan O'Hara: Do you need to swipe the credit card or manually enter the information? Is it similar to lioncash?
  - Ben Cutler: It's similar to if you were checking out a CitiBike. You'll never get charged unless you use the item and don't return it.
  - Nathaniel: How do you plan on dealing with overflow?
  - Ben Cutler: These extra 15 kiosks will be incorporated into the library's management of how they handle overflow. OPP will be handling it campus wide.
  - Daniel Hanuska: What's the OmniCloud 12 month cost?
  - Ben Cutler: It's \$250/year for each kiosk. 15 kiosks for 5 years is \$18k. OPP will take over that cost in the future.
- Katie, President of Stages of Stages
  - Received funding from ARHS from the last 2 years
  - Waiting on UPAC Funding
  - Event is open to anyone regardless of major
  - Connecting students to professionals
  - Mike Clemens will be attending
    - Logan O'Hara: How many people have attended in the past few years?
    - Nikia: We don't ticket the event, but I would believe it's around 100 people last year. On average we shut down classes in Theatre for people to attend. A lot of people in film, etc. We're looking to expand through social media marketing. One of the main things we're asking for money for is food. We do a breakfast and a lunch and this enables an opportunity for networking in an unstructured class environment. We're also looking for some hotel costs so we can bring in a diverse group of speakers.
    - Daniel: What sort of specific advertising are you thinking of?
    - Nikia: Aside from social media, high traffic area fliers.
    - AJ: How would you advertise ARHS for the event?
    - Nikia: Your logo would be on our flier and on packets.
- Nikia (Treasurer) & Wendell (Co-Experience Chair) Caribbean Student Association
  - Slides attached in minutes
    - Cheyenne Hansen: What's the top priority you're looking to be funded?
    - Steel Pan NY Starrs
    - Daniel: How many people usually attend?
    - About 300, maybe a little bit more.
    - Julie: How would ARHS be sponsored?
    - Through our social media and a shout-out during our event. This year we'll have a pamphlet that will include a list of our sponsors.

### Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Rachael Lowe ([rxl5276@psu.edu](mailto:rxl5276@psu.edu))**
  - Sorry I can't be here tonight!
  - Acoustic Roadshow as a whole will be in collaboration with ARHS so all promo items/flyers will say that! We do not have to attend all dates though.
  - Acoustic Roadshow dates:
    - North- Wed 2/6 / 5-7:30 p.m.
    - Pollock- Sun 2/10 / 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
    - West- Tue 2/12 / 5-7:30 p.m.
    - East- Sun 2/24 / 10-11:30 am.
    - South- Wed 2/27 / 5-7:30 p.m.
  - I can be at all dates except for 2/24! Let me know which ones someone would like to join me at to promote ARHS :) I was thinking West and South maybe?
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
  - NRHH Meetings are now Tuesdays at 6pm
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report

### Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker ([mjr22@psu.edu](mailto:mjr22@psu.edu)), John Hurst ([jeH9@psu.edu](mailto:jeH9@psu.edu))**
  - Mark Rameker: There has been some concerns about heat. If you can put the word out so people can get their heat fixed, please do. I've gotten a couple emails concerned from their parents about heat - only to send OPP/maintenance and have there not be an issue. The only other thing I have to mention is the vote regarding State Patty's Day weekend.
  - John Hurst: Every summer, Residence Life looks for an ARHS representative to work for us. More will be in the agenda next week. 20 hours a week, room and board for the summer, begin sometime in May and stay into August including helping out with OCM distribution. We're accomodating with schedules, including vacations. University Park is a fun time in the summer.

### Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Julie Waller ([jaw365@psu.edu](mailto:jaw365@psu.edu))**
  - Care packages being donated to Lion Pantry this week
  - Blood drive is Thursday February 7 from 12-5:30! That's
    - We're aiming for 30 donors, \$2 goes to THON for every donor and that can be credited to orgs, and we get two tickets to the Hardcore Mudd Run which we can keep for ourselves, raffle off to donors, or anything really.
  - Pizza Mia is donating pizza for the drive. Volunteers to help set up at 11 or tear down after 5:30 are welcome.
  - New Vice President and Treasurer
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Spage Fong ([ssf14@psu.edu](mailto:ssf14@psu.edu))**
  - Nothing to report at this time
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Emma Kertis ([eck5201@psu.edu](mailto:eck5201@psu.edu))**
  - Elected HFS and fundraising chairs
  - PHRAday this week — karaoke
  - Blood Drive this Friday
- **South (SHRA) - AJ Rodriguez ([abr5439@psu.edu](mailto:abr5439@psu.edu))**
  - Valentines Day Events being planned
  - Care Packages will be distributed this upcoming week
- **West (WHRA) - Gregory Edmunds**

- Planning Valentine's Day event
- Trying to hold elections if meetings aren't cancelled again

#### 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 - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Diversity - Judy Rodriguez ([jrr5741@psu.edu](mailto:jrr5741@psu.edu))**
  - Nothing to report
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - OPEN**
  - No updates
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Sustainability - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report

#### Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Kayla Olowin ([kms7123@psu.edu](mailto:kms7123@psu.edu))**
  - Updates
- **Vice President - Cheyenne Hansen ([ceh42@psu.edu](mailto:ceh42@psu.edu))**
  - Polos
  - Campus Dining Advisory Board
  - Wellness Retreats
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Programming - Nathaniel Waksman ([nxw37@psu.edu](mailto:nxw37@psu.edu))**
  - Casino night budget request & volunteers
  - Seeking someone with graphic design experience

- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire ([bfm5125@psu.edu](mailto:bfm5125@psu.edu))**
  - Still working on updating website
  - Remember to attend office hours
  - Retreat attendance
- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico ([tja5251@psu.edu](mailto:tja5251@psu.edu))**
  - Balance: \$43,953.54

Forum Break 7:29 - 7:48pm

Open Discussion

- The following topics were discussed by council:
  - Wellness Retreats
  - UPUA: Portable Chargers
  - Stages of Stages Event
  - Caribbean Student Association Event
  - ARHS Casino Night
  - One Guest Policy for State Patty's Weekend

Old Business

New Business

- UPUA: Portable Chargers
  - Daniel Hanuska motions to pass \$0.00 for the UPUA request
  - Logan O'Hara seconds
  - No objections
  - Motion passes 15-0-0
- Stages of Stages Event
  - Ben motions to pass full the budget request (\$1,823.00)
  - Gregory Edmonds seconds
  - No objections
  - Motion passes 15-0-0
- Caribbean Student Association Event
  - Michael Keller motions to table the budget request pending further information
  - Spage Fong seconds
  - No objections
  - Motion passes 15-0-0
- ARHS Casino Night
  - AJ Rodriguez motions to pass a cap of \$3,000 for Nathaniel's Casino Night
  - Gregory Edmund seconds
  - No objections
  - Motion passes 15-0-0
- Latino Caucus Budget Request
  - AJ Rodriguez motions to table the request until next week (speaker absent)
  - Logan O'Hara seconds
  - No objections
  - Motion passes 15-0-0
- Kayla Olowin entertains a motion to open elections
  - Judy motions to open elections

- Michael Keller seconds
- No objections
  - Daniel Hanuska is nominated as NCC
  - Daniel accepts his nomination
    - John Hurst: Thoughts on CAACURH or NAACURH on University Park?
    - Daniel: Right now, we're not in position to do it. We need to work on increasing our budget and participation. But I would always be open to doing it in the future if it becomes a possibility.
      - Daniel Hanuska is elected National Communications Coordinator
- AJ Rodriguez is nominated as Student Health & Wellness Chair
  - AJ Rodriguez accepts his nomination
  - Judy: time
  - AJ: I do have another commitment with Student Activities, SHRA, and another mental health organization. But I am prepared to dedicate myself to this position and have enough to fully commit.
  - Maria: Any tangible changes you'd like to bring to this position?
  - AJ: Small activities during meetings would be really cool things to do. Small steps. Build the stairs to a movement.
    - AJ Rodriguez is elected Student Health & Wellness Chair
- AJ Rodriguez motions to close elections
  - Michael Keller seconds
  - No objections
    - Elections closed
- Aj motions to support the One Guest Policy for State Patty's Weekend
  - Gregory Edmonds seconds
  - No objections
  - Motion passes
- Meeting adjourned 9:04pm

Budget Requests:

**Organization: University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA)**

**Contact: Ben Cutler ([bcutler4@gmail.com](mailto:bcutler4@gmail.com))**

- ASA Account Number
  - N/A (OPP)
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary, "Omnicharger Funding (Portable Charger Rental System)"
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - N/A
- Describe The Event
  - The UPUA is requesting \$10,000 to expand a portable charger rental system on campus, also known as Omnichargers. The goal is to enhance all of student life while reducing

traffic in high volume areas. Implementing this portable charger rental system means that students could go to class and sit anywhere, rather than having to relocate to a seat closer to an outlet because of a decreasing battery charge. Adding these chargers means that there will be less traffic in areas around campus, especially the commons areas. Students would not have to sit right next to the outlets and could disperse around the commons instead, while still having the same accessibility to outlets. The solution to both of these Penn State-related problems is to implement a wireless charger.

- History of Event
  - The current charging stations available around the HUB and libraries are not suitable for the size of the Penn State community. The library has three stations with ten chargers at each. The HUB has multiple stands throughout the building with various cords depending on the device. This feature gives students have the ability to charge, but they must leave their devices unattended. Another charging feature the Penn State campus has implemented is the use of charging tables. The size of these tables can vary, but they allow for students to stay in the same location and plug in their devices to an outlet if needed. The actual charging units on these tables are nonintrusive and can be easily navigated around if the user does has no need for the outlet. The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA), in a previous year, worked with the borough to implement a solar powered charging dock outside of Schlow Library. Members of the Penn State community were free to access this dock on a need-basis, with the thought of needing a charge to view the CATA app or use a GPS to navigate campus in mind. The UPUA has worked on this issue for several years and come up with a number of band-aid solutions, but nothing has been successful in solving the actual issue. Students have made it clear that there is a demand for more charging options.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
  - The portable charger rental system has the ability to benefit students in a number of ways. Students will be free to charge their devices wherever they are and whenever they want to do so. Because it allows students more freedom to spread out throughout the commons areas, outlets will no longer be overpopulated in certain areas, effectively creating less dependency on an outlet. Having many charging stations makes it more convenient for students to return the chargers and more likely that they will do so on time. Students will be the primary users of these portable chargers. ARHS, therefore, is an appropriate funding mechanism.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$10,000
- How will this funding be used?
  - As mentioned previously, the funding will go directly toward the Omnicharge Power Station, Oomft Consulting Services, and Omni Cloud. Omni Cloud is a 12-month cloud service subscription.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - Yes

**Organization: Latino Caucus**

**Contact: Eileen Peralta ([emp5411@psu.edu](mailto:emp5411@psu.edu))**

- ASA Account Number
  - 0423
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - Noche Latina
  - Date: April 7th, 2019
  - Time: 6pm
  - Location: HUB-Heritage Hall
- Describe The Event
  - Noche Latina is a pageant that is hosted annually by Latino Caucus. Contestants compete in hopes of being crowned Mr. and Ms. Latino/a Penn State. Typically receiving an audience of 200 to 250 people.
- History of Event
  - Noche Latina has been successfully ran for 22 years. Aside from being Latino Caucus' biggest event hosted on campus, it is also Latino Caucus' signature event. Noche Latina promotes Latino Caucus' three pillars: cultural awareness, academic excellence, and political advocacy.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
  - We strive to promote diversity on our campus and educate our student body about Latino culture, heritage, and traditions.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$3,500
- How will this funding be used?
  - The funding will be used to cover the costs of food.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - Yes

**Organization: Caribbean Student Association (CSA)**

**Contact: Wendell Cupid ([csapennstate@gmail.com](mailto:csapennstate@gmail.com))**

- ASA Account Number
  - 0039
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - The Annual Caribbean Experience
  - February 23, 2019
  - 5:30 pm
  - Alumni Hall
- Describe The Event
  - This annual event is a display of Caribbean culture to Penn State students through music, food, performance, dances, and modeling. We bring in vendors for food, an artist



from the Caribbean, student performances, a steel pan band, and our very own dance team, Island Fever, for a fun filled night for the Penn State community.

- History of Event
  - This year will be the 42nd annual Experience. This is an event that typically is sold out and sells out fast every year. It is also the Caribbean Student Association's biggest event every year that always happens.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
  - The Annual Caribbean Experience is beneficial to the Penn State student by educating them on a culture that they may not hear about so often. It also gives them the opportunity to to learn more about the Caribbean culture, even if they already think that they do. Penn State students look forward to this event every year.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$10,200 (through multiple sources)
- How will this funding be used?
  - This funding will primarily be used to fund our decorations and food for the event.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - Yes

**Organization: Stages of Stages**

**Contact: Nina Grauer ([nxg5134@psu.edu](mailto:nxg5134@psu.edu))**

- ASA Account Number
  - 1675
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - Stages
  - February 25th / 8am-4:30pm / Playhouse Theatre
- Describe The Event
  - A day of networking and learning from industry professionals for anyone interested in working in the entertainment industry.
- History of Event
  - It has been running and evolving since 2015.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
  - This event will allow students to network with each other and learn from and connect with industry professionals. Students will be able to learn about many different career opportunities in the entertainment industry.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$1,823
- How will this funding be used?
  - It will be used to provide breakfast and lunch to all attendees as well as pay for some of the hotel costs for our industry guests not covered by UPAC.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?

- o Yes

**Organization: Association of Residence Hall Students (ARHS)**

**Contact: Nathaniel Waksman ([nxw37@psu.edu](mailto:nxw37@psu.edu))**

- ASA Account Number
  - o 0287
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - o Monetary, Advertisements, Volunteers
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - o Casino Night
  - o February 22, Noontime Lounge in the HUB, from 7-10pm
- Describe The Event
  - o ARHS casino night is an annual event where students come to play games and win great prizes. This year the event is being held the week before spring break, in an effort to provide an alternative to drinking
- History of Event
  - o Casino Night is an annual event. This is my second year planning it.
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - o Cap of \$3,000
- How will this funding be used?
  - o Food, prizes, photo booth, misc expenses
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - o Yes