

# Association of Residence Hall Students

## Council Meeting for April 8th, 2019



Call to Order: 6:16 pm

Roll Call: Cake or Pie?

Nathaniel Waksman, President  
Emma Kertis, DoA  
Judy Rodriguez, DoO  
Gregory Edmunds, DoP  
Maria Howe, DoF  
Abi Mason, DoR  
Daniel Hanuska, NCC and PHRA Rep.  
Garrett Reed, PHRA President  
Kirsten Worrall, PHRA Treasurer  
Rachael Lowe, Movin' On Liason  
Dan, EHRA VP  
Angel Antosz, NHRA President  
Michael Keller, WHRA Rep. and Diversity Chair  
Howard Hong, General Member  
AJ Rodriguez, SHRA President and Student Health and Wellness Chair  
Spage Fong, General Member  
Ben Lakavange, Cinemas Chair and NHAS VP  
John Hurst, Advisor  
Evan, NHAS Secretary

Open Student Forum:

### Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Rachael Lowe** ([rxl5276@psu.edu](mailto:rxl5276@psu.edu))
  - 10 Days until Movin' On event & table, *line up celebration event, on 4/16 (Tuesday) 11-2. Do we want to do a table with the water bottles. Movin' On will be adding a sustainability sticker in addition to keeping our sticker*
  - Polaroid budget request next week, *likely 500 sheets for \$300*
  - Thanks for passing the HOS budget :)
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
  - NRHH Meetings are now Tuesdays at 6pm
  - Interested in joining? Attend a meeting!
- **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** ([je9@psu.edu](mailto:je9@psu.edu))
  - Blue and white weekend, be careful, make good choices. Mark is at a candidate interview.

### Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Julie Waller** ([jaw365@psu.edu](mailto:jaw365@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Angel Antosz** ([ala5550@psu.edu](mailto:ala5550@psu.edu))

- Planning an event with the Chess Club for Friday, April 12th
  - *Waiting on confirmation for the room, the I will talk to the advisor and figure out food.*
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Garrett Reed ([gxr5146@psu.edu](mailto:gxr5146@psu.edu))**
  - Successful PHRAday - Pottery Painting and Plants *got rid of all the plants and dirt.*
    - *Pollock palooza is 4/25 please come*
- **South (SHRA) - AJ Rodriguez ([abr5439@psu.edu](mailto:abr5439@psu.edu))**
  - Congrats to all who were elected into SHRA! :)
  - Study Breaks *Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, giving out coffee & cookies to feed sugar and stress habits*
  - National Holidays!
    - International Beaver Day
- **West (WHRA) - Logan O'Hara**
  - *Blood drive is still running*

#### 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 - Ben Lakavage ([bzl5349@psu.edu](mailto:bzl5349@psu.edu)) & Kirsten Worrall ([kpw5273@psu.edu](mailto:kpw5273@psu.edu))**
  - The Freeman Auditorium has been reserved for next year; we will be working on a budget request to be passed in the upcoming weeks *for both UPAC and ARHS, looking forward we have movies scheduled for the rest of the year.*
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Diversity - Michael Keller**
  - Noche Latina
  - Pride Month
    - Kalen Allen in Freeman Auditorium at 6 pm on Wednesday
    - Lavender Graduation in Heritage Hall from 6-9 pm on Friday
  - *Thursday 11th there is a B&W pep rally on the HSM stairs*
  - *Judy: What kind of food was at Noche Latina?*
    - *Plantains, spanish rice, carne asada, vegetables, etc.*
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report

- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Daniel Hanuska ([djh73@psu.edu](mailto:djh73@psu.edu))**
  - RBC will be at NJIT next year
  - *Had our meeting yesterday, with quorum we voted on the next location for the Regional Business Convention which will be NJIT*
  - *NACCUR attendees please meet with me after.*
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - AJ Rodriguez ([abr5439@psu.edu](mailto:abr5439@psu.edu))**
  - *Native American Pow wow was amazing! If anyone ever has the opportunity GO. It wasn't a monolithic culture event, but a combination event of a lot of cultures, they had great food. And they celebrated a girl's 13th birthday and her initiation into native american culture.*
  - *Noche Latina was great!*
  - *Finals are coming! Study earlier than you otherwise would, take breaks, study for an hour and then take a 15 minutes break.*
  - *Well-being and screen time: Disputes the theory that screen time on phones is bad for emerging adults.*
    - *Amy Orben, Andrew K. Przybylski. Screens, Teens, and Psychological Well-Being: Evidence From Three Time-Use-Diary Studies. Psychological Science, 2019; 095679761983032 DOI: 10.1177/0956797619830329*
- **Sustainability - OPEN**

#### Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nathaniel Waksman ([nxw37@psu.edu](mailto:nxw37@psu.edu))**
  - *RSVP to the Banquet: you must email me, I need it all in one place so that I don't forget allergies. Please also remind your advisors.*
  - *Chair Eligibility ignore*
  - *Area President meeting? If all the newly elected presidents want to talk about plans for next year, most likely going to be on Skype/Zoom. This is so we can hit the ground running and not be running around like headless chickens.*
  - *Transportation Committee meeting? 3-5 pm in the HUB we can send 2 reps, so far it is just me.*
- **Vice President - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Advocacy - Emma Kertis ([eck5201@psu.edu](mailto:eck5201@psu.edu))**
  - *Slow closing doors*
  - *Green-to-go boxes giving all the freshman a green to go carabiner to raise awareness*
  - *Chair Positions please appl! You can do it!*
- **Director of Programming - Gregory Edmunds ([gte5015@psu.edu](mailto:gte5015@psu.edu))**
  - *Nothing Yet*
  - *Movie Night went well, we had about 100 people, gave out a bunch of blankets. And everyone seemed to enjoy the Movie!*
- **Director of Outreach - Judy Rodriguez ([jrr5741@psu.edu](mailto:jrr5741@psu.edu))**
  - *Happy Blue & White Week! Hopefully we get good weather.*
  - *The priority FAFSA deadline is April 15th, Educational Equity deadline is May 1st*
  - *ARHS Banquet is 22nd, Pollock Palooza is the 25th, Movin' On is the 26th, Senior Send-Off is daytime on the 26th.*
  - *Lion Ambassador is doing Lantern Tours this Wednesday Night*
  - *New ideas for marketing our events, doing large pushes for marketing. Have a day sometime before an event to make posters and start sending posters out*
  - *Possible Earth Day table in the HUB*
- **Director of Records - Abi Mason ([adm5752@psu.edu](mailto:adm5752@psu.edu))**
  - *Working on Updating the Agenda and Website*
    - *If you hold a position, please send me a picture for the website.*

- If your email does not appear next to your name please tell me your psu email
  - *If you want to see something change with the agenda, let me know as I am already revamping*
- **Director of Finance - Maria Howe** ([mrh64@psu.edu](mailto:mrh64@psu.edu))
  - Balance
  - *The Exec Board passed \$500 dollars in EXEC Funds*
    - *The executive board can pass certain funds for the betterment of the organization. We often use it for Senior gifts so they can be it secret. It's part of the constitution in Article 4 - Finances.*

### Forum Break

A Motion to skip foreign break is made by Evan  
 Seconded by Michael  
 8-0-0

### Open Discussion

- Movin' On Table for Line Up Celebration on 4/16
  - Michael: it's a great event and I would be happy to volunteer
  - AJ: It's a good event. And us attending will make it clear what our connection is to the Movin' On event. It's a pretty cool event.
  - Evan: What's necessary?
    - Rachel: We just need people to man the table.
- Forum Break 6:48-7
  - Motion to take a forum break by Michael
    - Daniel Seconds
    - Passes 7-1-0

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00

- Slow Closing Doors
  - AJ: It totally agree, I habitually look back because I hold the door open. I see the door open but then someone will just book it into the door. It does also solve the social issue as you can close the door without slamming it in someones face.
  - Evan: What specifically do you think we should do about the issue?
    - Emma: Currently I just want to get the temperature of the room. But I would take it to Campus Security.
  - Evan: I think we need a better and full plan before we move forward. We also need to keep thing accessible for people with handicaps
  - Kirsten: I agree, I think that we need to have a proper plan before we do this.
  - Ben: I agree, I think that this is necessary to be handicap accessible.
    - Nathaniel: There is also some doors that we could make some faster closing.
  - Daniel: If someone comes up, I can't just yank it closed on someone. If we remove this social barrier on it, it could get easier.
  - Judy: We could also add a handle to the otherside, if that wouldn't remove handicap.
    - AJ: Does pollock not have handles?
    - Judy: No.
  - Abi: I can't physically close a door behind me even if I wanted to, so I can't prevent someone from coming in behind me, even if I wanted to, unless I physically push them.
  - Ben: It would be a great idea to install pull handles every where, I didn't know that places didn't have it.
- Green-to-Go for Freshman
  - Green-to-go is a program where you pay \$5 to get a carabiner which makes you part of the program. The purpose is to reduce styrofoam usage.
  - Michael: i know a lot of people don't use the program because the containers are smaller than the styrofoam ones. So we'd need to increase the size or get naught for naught

- Ben: I didn't know that but I think that this is really a program that we really want to promote. And we really should make the effort, it could save the uni. A lot of money and help the environment.
- AJ: I think this would be a really good idea, we have some questions that need to be answered first, but freshman really live in the here in now. And I read that if everyone at PSU recycled properly there would only be 50-100 lbs of trash
- Evan: What exactly is the goal and plan of this? We could end up creating a lot of extra plastic boxes without any benefit.
- Howie: I think keeping and adding this to the freshman orientation would be very helpful.
- Garrett: I think that (from my experience) in pollock they keep the green to go in the back, but also have the styrofoam in plain view.
- Angel: In North they keep the green to go in the background, and they don't train black hats on how to use / give out green to go.
- Evan:
- Angel: The issue is training
- Daniel: if we hand out t shirts then its one of 800 t shirts in the first week, where as if we give them a caribaener then it's the first, difficult step, which makes it much more likely that I will do it.
- Judy: Is there a poster that could be put up? Or is put up? Because people may look at it in line and decide to
- Nathaniel: Are we on the whole cool with Emma exploring these ideas? (yes)
- Marketing Days for Events
  - Howie: the first time I heard of ARHS was from Judy, so with such a small group we can't reach out to the entire campus and I feel like the weekly meetings and RA emails are the only times I hear about it.
  - Nathaniel: I will be trying to go to RA training to talk about ARHS and help get them to promote ARHS
  - John: All we really need to do is talk to your advisors, they can send out an email. A large part however is the personal touch, most , probably half of you are here because someone asked you to be, you stuck around because someone came up and asked when they would see you again. I'll be doing a leadership jump start over the summer with judy and gregory, to try to get that personal touch with the freshman.
  - AJ: I think we need to redefine our marketing. Everyone markets for the first 2-3 weeks but then there is a vacuum in organizations marketing themselves, and I think we need to be there in the vacuum. Speaking with someone in diversity to find ways for ARHS to be more involved with student activities, I would love to be a liaison between the student activities org and us. And i think we should look into it more. And i think that the issue died down, but collaborating more with the larger organizations like UPUA, with the new exec board. We need to see the differences and act upon the areas that we can help each other, and fulfill the liaison position between us.
  - Judy: something else i wanted your feedback on for the upcoming year, there are 3 places we can put up posters that people stop by to check. My idea was to have a set day that we would print out some flyers and then that poster or flyer would go out on groupme, and social media along with being posted in the hub and other areas. All members would be responsible for spreading the word
  - Daniel: i think this is good idea as we only really have marketing on the day of, sending things out in the group me and creating an exponential spreading of new
- Student Activities has a scholarship for up to 5k for people doing professional development exec.

#### Old Business

#### New Business

Michael motions to open elections

Evan Seconds

AJ Rodriguez is nominated by EXEC as SH&W, AJ is elected as SH&W Chair

AJ motions to close elections.

Daniel seconds.

Informal Discussion

Meeting ended at 7:47 pm

Motion by Ben

Seconded by Dan

Budget Requests