

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for Monday December 5th, 2016



Call to Order

Roll Call: *What is is your favorite type of Potato?*

- Tim Roehm, NHAS Rep
- Jessica Mingle, ENRA President
- Alex Gubler, Director of Programming
- Becca Polling, State of State
- 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
- 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
- Tucker Antico, Co-Sustainability Chair
- Paige, New member
- Sanket, East President

Guest of the Week

- Becca & Kyleigh - State of State
 - Looking to fund the World in Conversation facilitators.
 - Train for 200+ hours.
 - Try to engage and include students at the round table discussions. Want to have people hear different perspectives.
 - Sets State of State apart from TEDxPSU.
 - Focus this year is on innovation, entrepreneurship and sustainability.
 - "An under-represented student"
 - Alex G: What is the application process for those that are interested?

- Kyleigh: there is a nomination process and then an application process. Anyone can apply. There are auditions that have happened last week. All speakers have been decided.
- Alex: When will the list be released?
- Kyleigh: Very soon.
- Kyleigh: The cost associated with this budget request is enough money to fund a facilitator at every table. This number is from the office.
- Nick: How many facilitators will this cover?
- Kyleigh: 32.
- Laekin: How much UPAC funding did you request?
- Kyleigh: They cover all the day of expenses other than food. The breakdown is in the budget.

Open Student Forum

- David Carcamo Budget Request
 - Members of PHRA want to purchase a bus to Washington for the inauguration as a protest. Each student would pay \$43. Campus wide advertisement. Requesting \$2,325 to subsidize students attending. Is open to the general student body.
 - Alex: How is this going to be advertised?
 - Hannah: We will be advertising on social media and in the stall stories. The goal is to participate in the march. The goal is to make it free for students by requesting this money.
 - Kayla: How many students per bus?
 - David: 55
 - Mitch: If you have a lot more people sign up would you be able to get another bus
 - David: Depending on timing. Ideally we would be able to.

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** (mdr5000@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report.
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
 - Congrats to all new members - 33 members will be inducted
 - Induction Ceremony - Thurs., 12/8, 5:30pm, Nittany Lion Inn
 - If you're a member and didn't get the invite and still want to come, please contact me (570-423-7743)
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - Kyleigh Higie** (keh5550@psu.edu)
 - Changed by-laws. Will be overseen by the judicial board.
 - Passed support for DACCA.
 - Allows Penn State to be a sanctuary school.
 - Passed an initiative for the faculty senate to allow ROTC students to have priority scheduling.

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (jeH9@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report.

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Sanket Narayana** (svn5268@psu.edu)
 - Handing out coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies the day before finals
 - Good luck to everyone on their finals!
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - No Agenda Submitted
 - Study break on Wednesday of finals week with Insomnia cookies.
- **North (NHAS) - Tim Roehm** (tjr5395@psu.edu)
 - No Agenda Submitted
 - Hot chocolate table this Wednesday
 - Karaoke night

- **Pollock (PHRA) - David Carcamo** (djc5782@psu.edu)
 - PHRA Budget Request
- **South (SHRA) - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - Study Breaks
 - Bagels, donuts, cookies for study break
 - Coloring books!
- **West (WHRA) - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Working on our Winter event
 - First week back.
 - Planning to hand out food during finals week, since there is no meal in the commons this year

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Surprise History Fact!
 - Dec 3rd 2016 - Penn State B1G champs!!!
 - 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!
- **Social - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu), **Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu),
 - No Sweet Lights-- Altoona lights instead? Talk to us during forum break
 - Christmas Movie night-- Saturday
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- **THON - OPEN**
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** (afd5151@psu.edu)
 - Working with Nick on website additions, psuarhs.org

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Andrew Kline** (awk5484@psu.edu)
 - No Agenda Submitted
- **ARHS Cinemas - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - No Agenda Submitted
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
- **Diversity - OPEN**
- **Housing and Food Services - Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - What to Fix Updates
 - Met with Lisa Wandel
 - BBQ is in all areas.
 - Free coffee
 - Will talk to reslife. Is something we already do.
 - Vegan options - determined to be already prevalent.
 - Adding more vegan entrees would impact the cost of food and the other options. Vegan is already not being used enough as it is.
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Robert Fauver** (rff5048@psu.edu)
 - NCC Application - <https://goo.gl/forms/miiWjNIhiNSAQtw32> - due at 11:59PM TONIGHT!
- **Philanthropy - Leigh Bernetich** (leb5437@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to Report
- **Student Wellness - OPEN**
- **Sustainability - Tucker Antico** (tja5251@psu.edu), **Nick Mahon** (nam5557@psu.edu)
 - Water Bottle Stations Meeting
 - Tour tomorrow!!!! -- Let us know
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Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nick Ottinger** (nso5024@psu.edu)
 - Planning for next semester
 - Please send us your feedback
 - Consider running for a position next semester
- **Vice President - Kyle Shuey** (krs5584@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to Report.
 - Working on formal procedure for recommendations for the first meeting next semester.
 - Working on the rules of order.
- **Director of Advocacy - John McGlynn** (jvm5752@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Director of Programming - Alex Gubler** (afg5136@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to Report.
 - Officially resigned as Director of Programming.
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
- **Director of Records - Alexa Ain** (apa5098@psu.edu)
 - We Are...going to the Rose Bowl!
 - See everyone next semester!
- **Director of Finance - Sangeeth Varadaraj** (skv5072@psu.edu)
 - Account Balance: \$75,473.63
 - PHRA Budget Request Submitted

Forum Break

Open Discussion

- State of State Budget Request
 - Laura: I think it's a good idea. It does a lot for our students and I think the money will be helpful.
 - Brendan: I think with our financial state we're more than comfortable to donate this.
- PHRA Budget Request
 - Laura: I don't think its a good idea for ARHS to sponsor it because I think ARHS should remain apolitical.
 - Kayla: I think this is something better suited for UPUA. I also think we should stay neutral and not involved in this.
 - Matt B: The idea behind it is good but the execution may not go as well as planned. People may not necessarily use it to go to the demonstration.
 - Andrew K: Is this going to be free or not? Will this cover the bus? Knowing that now, if we were to pass it I would suggest that we don't say its free and wait and see how many people sign up.
 - Brad: I just wanted to second what was already said. This opportunity is already being offered. If students want to spend the money they could.
 - David: It does seem partisan, but this is something where we already have student opinion saying they want to go. If we can subsidize it we make lives easier and fulfill ARHS' mission.
 - Laura: This could be dangerous. We don't want to put the individuals involved in danger. This protest could be dangerous due to the history of this election. I don't think this is in our best interest. I don't know if its smart for us to put our money behind this because then that shows that we have a stance.
 - Brendan: Will we be supporting the march or just the trip? How are the protest and the trip connected?
 - Hannah: I think that considering the interest that I've heard, knowing that there are students that want to go this is an oppportunity for students to express their opinion on something bigger than us.
 - Jess: I think if it were the day of the inauguration it would be better. I don't think the day after would be a good idea.

- Kay: I don't think it goes far enough that there is a majority or in the best interest of all students on campus. I think this comes across as partisan.

Old Business

- Nothing for old business.

New Business

- State of State Budget:
 - David: I move to pass \$3,500 for the State of State budget Request.
 - Laura seconds
 - 16-0-0
- PHRA Budget Request
 - Laura Moves to pass \$0 for the PHRA budget request.
 - Jess seconds.
 - 12-2-3: Motion Passes.
- Laura Moves to open elections
 - Sanket seconds
 - Jess: I move to nominate Laura Daly for Director of Programming.
 - Tim Seconds
 - Laura wins.
 - Laura: I resign from my positions.
 - Sanket: Moves to close elections
 - Mitch seconds

Informal Discussion

Kayla moves to adjourn the meeting
 Sanket seconds
 Meeting adjourned at 7:39.

Budget Requests:

Organization: State of State

Contact: Kyleigh Higie & Becca Poling, keh5550@psu.edu & rmp5368@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
 - 1278
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - February 11th, 2017 10am-3pm, HUB Alumni Hall
- Describe The Event
 - The State of State conference is an all day event that features both student and faculty speakers who discuss issues pertinent to Penn State and the surrounding community. During the event, there will be four main sets which will feature about four or five speakers each. After each set of speakers finishes their respective set, then the audience has the opportunity to converse amongst themselves and create more dialogue about the issues present. In addition to round-table dialogue amongst audience members, we are exploring the possibility of a Q & A style setting with the speakers in order to give more face time and actual dialogue between the speaker and the audience members. The four sets are separated by a forty-five minute lunch period, and State of State covers the catering costs
- History of Event
 - Founded in 2013, State of State is a student-run organization at Penn State University, committed to facilitating a dialogue within the university community about important Penn State-related issues. This dialogue culminates every year in a spring conference at which we

bring together student, faculty, administration, alumni, and community leaders to speak about a variety of Penn State and State College topics, ranging from student life to mental health to town-and-gown relations. Our goal is to bring together passionate change-makers who can make our community stronger and more successful

- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - State of State will benefit student life by providing students with the opportunity to engage in constructive dialogue about Penn State and the surrounding community, therefore enriching their experiences as members of this community. On the day of the conference, students will have the opportunity to hear from faculty, administration, and their peers on some of our campus's biggest problems, and then engage in conversations about how to start the process of solving these problems. State of State seeks to highlight student voices and student concerns, and then create an opportunity for students to engage across the Penn State community so that these voices are being heard. Ultimately, any student who chooses to attend the conference has the opportunity to share their own stories and experiences, and contribute to the betterment of our University. Our conference's main purpose is to enhance student life, through Penn State and State College community development.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$3,500
- How will this funding be used?
 - Paying for the World in Conversation facilitators for the day of the conference. These facilitators are trained to guide conversation and lead hundreds of conversations each year. They go through over 200 hours of training in order to become certified facilitators.
 - They are a necessary part of the conference as they allow for actionable conversation to take place after each set of speakers and to establish connections between students throughout campus. World in Conversation facilitators foster an atmosphere where diverse perspectives are encouraged to flourish.

Organization: PHRA

Contact: David Carcamo, djc5782@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
 - 232
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - March on Washington, January 21st, 2017 (Depart University Park at 6am, return at 11pm), The event is in Washington, D.C. 10am-5pm
- Describe The Event
 - WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON- JANUARY 21st, 2017
 - OFFICIAL STATEMENT, National Organizers
 - On January 21, 2017 we will unite in Washington, DC for the Women's March on Washington. We stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families -- recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country.
- History of Event
 - First event of its kind
 - Here is the link for the event:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2169332969958991/>
- How will this event benefit on campus students?

- o It will help get the Penn State student voice heard, and enable students to be apart of a remarkable, history-making day. The voice of the nation is important, and Penn Staters are just as vital in this voice. Democracy is participatory. This bus would encourage those who wish to express their opinion with the millions of others this day. Quite a few students have already expressed interest in this event.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - o No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - o \$2,325
- How will this funding be used?
 - o This will help with the cost of the bus and parking in D.C.. As it stands now, each student would have to pay about \$43; with this subsidy, it becomes more affordable for the average student.