

# Association of Residence Hall Students

## Council Meeting for February 17th, 2020



Call to Order: 6:18 pm

Roll Call: What do you put on popcorn?

Nathaniel, President

Emma, DoA

Judy, DoO

Gregory, DoP

Abi, DoR

Kirsten, SHRA

Ethan, WHRA

Michael, WHRA

Patrick, UPUA

John, Advisor

Macy, Movin' On Liason

MJ, PHRA

Sarah, PHRA

Chris, PHRA

Ben, SHRA

Evan, NHAS Secretary

Open Student Forum:

- APIDA Heritage Week

Officer Report:

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Macy Klocko**
  - Merch Sale
  - Acoustic Roadshows (First one is on March 12th)
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
  - Talking about how to improve their events, in talks about a St. Patrick's Day RA recognition event.
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**
  - Just finished the We Care event where personal hygiene was handed out.
  - Met with Nick Jones, VP of the University.
  - Put forth a recommendation for a representative seat for GPSA in the borough.
  - Motion to support the addition of Google Suites to the Outlook office, going now to Faculty Senate

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** ([mjr22@psu.edu](mailto:mjr22@psu.edu)), **John Hurst** ([jeh9@psu.edu](mailto:jeh9@psu.edu))
  - Still need to talk to the development people about the Gail Hurley Scholarship, we will

**Motion to have forum break by Michael to eat ice cream.**

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA)**
  - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Jennifer Rodriguez**

- Valentine's day was successful
- **Pollock (PHRA) - MJ Scheck**
  - Valentine's Day PHRA day was a success
  - Hershey Park trip coming soon (hopefully) — Budget request today!
- **South (SHRA) - Ben Lakavage ([bzl5349@psu.edu](mailto:bzl5349@psu.edu))**
  - Valentine's Day event was fairly successful, attendance of 16
  - SAND JARS (February 27th, 5-8, main Redifer dining area, free pizza)
- **West (WHRA) - Michael Keller ([mrk5578@psu.edu](mailto:mrk5578@psu.edu))**
  - Still have a bunch of care packages leftover, 15/20 left
  - Pal-entines Day Grams were successful.

#### 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 movie this weekend is Bombshell
  - Working on Parasite and Jojo Rabbit, they'll be replacing two comedies in our comedy weekend!
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Diversity - Michael Keller ([mrk5578@psu.edu](mailto:mrk5578@psu.edu))**
  - Nothing to report
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - OPEN**
  - This weekend is the RBC (woohoo!)
  - We'll talk about the National Conference (University of Dayton) at the end of the month.
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - AJ Rodriguez ([abr5439@psu.edu](mailto:abr5439@psu.edu))**
  - AJ is stepping down this semester as he is training for a position with Center Safe.
- **Sustainability - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report

### Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nathaniel Waksman** ([nxw37@psu.edu](mailto:nxw37@psu.edu))
  - Elections are March 23rd for President, VP, etc.
  - The Cycle Menu meeting occurred and they took all of our comments super seriously.
  - Met about the room and board rates for next year
  - UPUA meeting reassessing Know your Student Government, moving towards possibly soliciting feedback for future avenues. Week of April 5th, we would collectively create and send out a survey and possibly table to support this. We would help create and send out an advertisement.
    - Evan: Why don't we just decide on either tabling or surveys?
    - Ethan: I actually like the idea of doing both.
    - This ice cream made me gassy.
  - I will be attending more area meetings
- **Vice President - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Advocacy - Emma Kertis** ([eck5201@psu.edu](mailto:eck5201@psu.edu))
  - Rumored Information:
    - Sushi is definitely happening and we were not told, so no discount
    - Additionally, none of the to-go food would be made in house and therefore no discount.
    - Sushi place (Edamame) in South would become an Ascai bowl place
    - No breakfast served a la carte in South
    - Supposedly all area buffets will be open for all of the meals advertised.
- **Director of Outreach - Judy Rodriguez** ([jrr5741@psu.edu](mailto:jrr5741@psu.edu))
  - Working with Greg and Michael about making some events happen.
- **Director of Programming - Gregory Edmunds** ([gte5015@psu.edu](mailto:gte5015@psu.edu))
  - Sign up for casino night on the 28th
- **Director of Records - Abi Mason** ([arhsdor@gmail.com](mailto:arhsdor@gmail.com))
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Finance - Maria Howe** ([mrh64@psu.edu](mailto:mrh64@psu.edu))
  - Balance: *inquire over email*

### Quorum Check

Forum Break Motion to skip forum break, seconded

### Open Discussion

- APIDA Heritage Week Budget
- SHRA Sand Jars Budget Request
- PHRA Trip to Hershey Park Budget Request

### Old Business

- The Gail A. Hurley Leadership Scholarship

### New Business

- APIDA Heritage Week Budget
  - Motion to pass the full \$1500 to APIDA Heritage week, seconded
    - PASSES
- SHRA Sand Jars Budget Request
  - Motion to pass a ceiling of \$800 for the Sand Jar event on the condition that they contact Marce about her Sand Dealer, seconded.
    - PASSES
- PHRA Trip to Hershey Park Budget Request
  - Motion to pass the full \$1200 towards the PHRA Trip Budget request, seconded
    - PASSES

### Informal Discussion

Motion to close the meeting, seconded: meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

### Budget Requests

Organization: South Halls Residence Association

Contact: Ben Lakavage

- ASA Account Number: 0233
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - Sand Jars by SHRA, February 27th; 5-8 PM; Redifer Dining Area
- Describe The Event
  - Students participating in this event will be layering rainbow-colored sand in mason jars to brighten up their rooms in the dismal winter.
- History of Event
  - Each month, SHRA hosts two events in our ongoing craft series.
- How will this event benefit on-campus students?
  - Our bimonthly events are designed to deter students from getting into trouble off-campus. It is also designed to be a form of entertainment for students on campus. This event is also a way to lessen seasonal depression.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$800.00
- How will this funding be used?
  - This funding will be used to primarily fund the sand for this event.
    - \$950.00: \$800.00- sand; \$75.00- mason jars; \$75.00- food
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - Yes

Organization: APIDA Caucus

Contact: Steven Zhang

- ASA Account Number: 0608
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary, Advertisements
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - APIDA Heritage Week, Week of March 30th to April 4th
- Describe The Event
  - A week of different events showcasing and celebrating Asian heritage!
- History of Event
  - Since the inception of APIDA Caucus (formerly known as Asian Pacific American Caucus), there has been an annual Spring student organization showcase followed by a speaker/performer of Asian heritage. This year we are looking to expand the event into multiple events to capture the diversity of this student body.
- How will this event benefit on-campus students?
  - This will be a free event promoting the culture of the many Asian students (5,000 international Chinese alone at Uni Park!) and will be an enriching experience for anyone living on campus.

- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - Yes, We are applying for \$13,000 to cover stage and lighting costs for our performer.
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$1,500.00
- How will this funding be used?
  - Funding will be used to pay for various arts and crafts throughout the week as well as different room costs for events.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - Yes

Organization: Pollock Halls Residence Association

Contact: MJ Scheck

- ASA Account Number: 0232
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - Hershey Trip, April 4th /9 am to 8 pm (return by 10 pm)/Hershey Park, Hershey PA
- Describe The Event
  - This trip is to the Hershey amusement park. The students would purchase a ticket from the PHRA office and it would include transportation to and from the park, as well as admittance. The student would then be allowed to spend the entire day at the park until the time that the bus leaves. Food is NOT included in this trip.
- History of Event
  - This is the first year of the event
- How will this event benefit on-campus students?
  - This will benefit on-campus students because it will give them an opportunity to get off campus and have a fun time before finals get into full swing.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$1,200.00
- How will this funding be used?
  - To cover the cost of the bus.
    - Bus: \$1,200.00 (fits 53 people)
    - Park tickets: \$32.00 each
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - Yes