

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for Monday September 26th, 2016



Call to Order Meeting is called to order by Nick Ottinger at **6:22pm**

Roll Call: *What is your favorite or least favorite Nickelback song?*

- Alexa Ain, Director of Records
- Alex Gubler, Director of Programming
- Kyle Shuey, Vice President
- John McGlynn, Director of Advocacy
- Nick Ottinger, President
- Sangeeth Varadaraj, Director of Finance
- Mitch Rosen, SHRA Rep
- Andrew Kline, Activities Chair
- Sanket Narayana, EHRA President
- Laura Daly, WHRA President, Historian, PR Chair
- Robert Fauver, NCC
- Laekin O'Hara, Co-Social and Co-Homecoming
- Jessica Mingle, ENRA President, Co-Homecoming, and Cinemas
- David Carcamo, PHRA President
- Akhil Dharmavaram, Web-design Chair
- Jessica Shuey, NHAS Rep
- Nick Mahon, WHRA Rep and Co-Sustainability
- Pam, Graduate Assistant
- Kay Rinkers, SHRA President and IPC
- Hannah, PHRA Rep
- Kayla Olowin, Housing and Food Services Chair
- Brendan, ENRA Treasurer
- Kyleigh Higie, SHRA Rep
- Courtney, Director of Governmental Affairs

Guest of the Week

- Courtney -- Director of Governmental Affairs UPUA
 - PSU Votes Week (September 26th -- September 30th)
 - Tables in the commons from 10am-4pm this week
 - Seeking 1-2 people to table per hour
 - Conducting voter registration
 - Please keep the completed forms and we will pick them up at the end of each day
 - Kyleigh: What will they be doing at the table?
 - Courtney: We have paper forms and a computer system, so you will help them register to vote
 - Nick: Is the goal to get people to register to vote or specifically state college?
 - Courtney: We want people to register to vote Centre County and show them how to get an absentee ballot
 - Kyle: Why is it important to vote in Centre County?
 - Courtney: I think it is important that students our age are able to voice their opinion in this election. Lot of people have been turned away from voting in the HUB due to not being properly registered
 - Robert: What other methods have you thought about using to register people to vote?
 - Courtney: Our efforts this week in particular are trying to make voting seem fun or a good engagement activity.
 - Jess: How do I find out if I am properly registered?
 - Courtney: You can check your voter registration online and/or you will receive a voting card in the mail

Open Student Forum

- None

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - OPEN**
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
 - First General Body Meeting -- Sunday at 5pm, Brill with Pizza and drinks
 - T-shirts to give to the OTM winners, due Friday at 11:59pm
 - Banquet will be a week earlier than normal
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**
 - PSU Votes Week
 - Online forum only works for those living in Centre County
 - Will send you updates
 - Paper Slips are for those out of state
 - Monday Night debate viewing party
 - Students for Trump vs Students for Hillary (Tuesday)
 - College Republicans vs College Democrats (Wednesday)

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (jeH9@psu.edu)
 - Pam: Keep doing a great job!

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Sanket Narayana** (svn5268@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to Report.
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Working on a Snapchat filter contest
- **North (NHAS) - Tim Roehm** (tjr5395@psu.edu)
 - Michigan Watch Event was successful despite the game
 - Tie Dye Event Coming up Wednesday
 - Tabling Event Next Wednesday.
- **Pollock (PHRA) - David Carcamo** (djc5782@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to Report.
- **South (SHRA) - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - Diversity Canvas -- Wednesday to Friday
- **West (WHRA) - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - We are working on planning our fall event and a competition for the West Halls Blood Drive!
 - Robert: How many people did you have for football event?
 - Laura: Close to 50, now we have 7

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - The Penn State Creamery is the largest University creamery
 - Keep sending me pictures!
- **Homecoming - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu), **Laekin O'hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu)
 - Thanks for coming out to the color run!
 - Interest in sitting at the homecoming game together? -- Maryland Game @ 12pm
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **Public Relations - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Follow arhspsu on instagram and @ARHSpennState on twitter!
 - Send me any poster requests
- **Social - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu), **Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu),
 - IT IS ALMOST OCTOBER!
 - Haunted house ideas: Spookhaven (40 min away) and Field of Screams (2hr away)
 - Will have a document in regards to drivers
 - Laser tag soon?
 - Another movie night around halloween, details to come!!!
 - BounceHouse? Opening in State College?
 - John: Nittanyville?
 - Laekin: We are figuring out dates and interest
- **THON - James Smith** (jts5577@psu.edu)
 - Nothing Reported.

- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** (afd5151@psu.edu)
 - Please send me area pics

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Andrew Kline** (awk5484@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to Report.
- **ARHS Cinemas - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Movie this week is The BFG
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
- **Diversity - James Smith** (jts5577@psu.edu)
 - Nothing Reported.
- **Housing and Food Services - Kayla Olowin**
 - Meal Plan Split (6 options to 3, proposed for Fall '17)
 - Faith-Based food meeting
 - Pilot over Fall Break for The Mix
 - Pseudo Rooms in Fisher
 - Please attend to give the student opinion
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Robert Fauver** (rff5048@psu.edu)
 - 2016-2017 Affiliation
 - NACURH 2016 Booklet
 - CAACURH 2016 Conference Delegates
- **Philanthropy - Leigh Bernetich** (leb5437@psu.edu)
 - I contacted Stockings for Soldiers and they answered a few questions I had
 - I am getting together lists of prices for different "Goodies" to put in the stockings
 - I plan on presenting to the Exec Board in the next two weeks and then come to Council with a budget request. So stayed tuned! :)
- **Student Wellness - OPEN**
- **Sustainability - Tucker Antico** (tja5251@psu.edu), **Nick Mahon**
 - Fact: Styrofoam is no longer recyclable on campus
 - Fun Fact: Over 40% of municipal waste in the US is paper

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nick Ottinger** (nso5024@psu.edu)
 - PSU Votes Week Tabling Discussion
 - Care Package Distribution Update
 - Quick Reminders: Please have people here for quorum and please submit agendas, even if it is just one bullet
- **Vice President - Kyle Shuey** (krs5584@psu.edu)
 - Quorum Rule Samples
- **Director of Advocacy - John McGlynn** (jvm5752@psu.edu)
 - NHAAW...anyone want to get involved? (Awareness Week)
 - Ideas for Movie about hunger/homelessness
 - Meeting with Jim Richards
 - Questions: see Kayla or myself
 - If anyone would like to meet with the executive board about future projects or simple ideas, please feel free to come to a portion of the executive board meeting
- **Director of Programming - Alex Gubler** (afg5136@psu.edu)
 - Bingo Night Dates
 - Normally done on a Friday Evening; the two weekend we were looking at are booked for that Friday Evening
 - We could do Saturday evening or Sundays
 - Please discuss in Open Discussion what people would be okay in doing
 - Retreat Options
 - Looking at a 1 night overnight trip
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
- **Director of Records - Alexa Ain** (apa5098@psu.edu)
 - Thank you to everyone for sending in their agendas on time!
 - Sisters on the Runway Dates
 - Walk a Mile in Her Shoes -- October 23rd
 - Possible Waffle event in November

- **Director of Finance - Sangeeth Varadaraj** (skv5072@psu.edu)
 - Account Balance: \$37,538
 - Submitted Mexican American Student Association Budget Request

Forum Break Reconvene at 7:15

Open Discussion

- PSU Votes Week
 - Robert: What areas does she need them in?
 - Kyleigh: Pollock, South and East (10am-4pm)
 - Nick: Will there be a UPUA Member at each table?
 - Kyleigh: It will be whoever signs up on that document
 - Alexa: How long has this been in the plans?
 - Kyleigh: Passed through Assembly last Wednesday
 - Brendan: Centre County is one of the most competitive counties in Pennsylvania
 - Nick: Why does this county matter? If this county votes one way or another, does this matter for the state of Pennsylvania matter?
 - Kyle: As far as I understand it, Centre County is an extremely close county, it is an electoral system
 - Andrew: Isn't the vote a popular vote?
 - Kyleigh: Voting locally is super super important. Also, you are more likely to remember to vote in the HUB as opposed to sending in an absentee ballot
- Quorum Legislation
 - Robert: You can proxy for anyone but the president?
 - Kyle: Yes
 - Robert: I think this is a really great idea
 - Nick: I understand why we have it this way, but I think a President's vote could be proxied
 - Kyleigh: Point of Clarification -- Being a past area president, I think it is an expectation to attend the ARHS Meeting
 - Tim: In response, it is the most important role but there are cases where it can't happen and where proxies are a good idea
 - Sanket: We come every week, but sometimes things come up. That is why we have ARHS reps
 - Jess: Is there a way that a President can be proxied in an academic situation?
 - Nick: So a way to create university approved excuse
 - Kyleigh: Again, I think if you can't make it as an area president, your vote will be $\frac{3}{4}$, which is okay. I do not think anyone should be able to sub in for the president
 - Nick: Point of Clarification -- do you have to be given approval to proxy right now?
 - Robert: If all 6 area presidents do not show up, would we still have quorum?
 - Kyle: Yes
 - Robert: I think at least $\frac{1}{4}$ people voting need to be voted from the area
 - Mitch: What if we give area presidents two absences to meet a compromise?
 - Kay: The point of this clarification, I think the area presidents are committed. I think it is more about the principle, the president has a stronger voice that can't be proxied.
 - Robert: I think area presidents get paid for their positions, so you should be present for this meeting
 - Nick: Area presidents receive a \$600 stipend for housing
 - Mitch: Given that, I do not think President's should be proxied
 - Nick: Yield to redundancy
 - Informal Raise of hands -- In favor of the legislation proposed

Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- Hannah motions to pledge support for PSU Votes Week
 - Seconded
 - Motion passes 15-1-1
- Mitch motions to open elections
 - Seconded
 - Mitch passes
- Robert motioned to close elections
 - Seconded

Informal Discussion

- Alexa: If anyone is looking for two Kanye West tickets this friday please let me know

- Hannah: I am a member of a choice, please come out and pay \$2 for our local concert
- Nick: Thank you to everyone who helped out with the tailgate!
- David motions to adjourn the meeting
 - Seconded