

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for Monday October 31st, 2016



Call to Order

Roll Call: What did you dress up as for Halloween?

- Alexa Ain, Director of Records
- Alex Gubler, Director of Programming
- Kyle Shuey, Vice President
- Nick Ottinger, President
- John McGlynn, Director of Advocacy
- John Hurst, Advisor
- Kayla Olowin, HFS Chair
- Laekin O'hara, Co-Social
- Robert Fauver, NCC
- Matt Beyen, Co-Social Chair
- David Carcamo, PHRA President
- Brian, PHRA Secretary
- Laura, WHRA President
- Tucker Antico, WHRA VP
- Brad, WHRA
- Frank, NHAS VP
- Tom, NHAS Rep
- Jessica SHuey, NHAS Rep
- Ethan, EHRA
- Sanket, EHRA President
- Sam, EHRA VP
- Brendan McGuire, ENRA
- Akhil, Webdesign Chair
- Mitch Rosen, Movin' On Liaison and SHRA Rep
- Maria, SHRA VP
- Kay Rinkers, SHRA President
- Matt Roda, SHRA Rep
- Nick Mahon, Co-Sustainability Chair
- John Hurst, Co-Advisor
- Lisa Wandel, Director of Residential Dining
- Officer Andrew
- Hannah, PHRA

Guest of the Week

- Lisa Wandel, Director of Residential Dining
 - Jim Richards was the fill-in person (right-hand man)
 - East Food District
 - On Schedule, phase 2 in January (all you care to eat)
 - After Spring Break, Pure will be open
 - Food Allergen Station, self-contained unit (no cross contamination)
 - Being pushed back due to students approaching us about Kosher foods
 - Do this for Passover in West (labor intense)
 - 2 Big10 counterparts offer Kosher foods on campus, the others have relations with restaurants downtown or work with their Hillel program
 - Trying to marry Kosher and Pure together (how could we afford it?)
 - Very beginning stages

- Kyle: There is a Hillel center being built, will they offer a kosher place to eat?
 - Lisa: There was supposed to be a cafe, but the budget is not there and they are not in the business to serve food
- Sanket: Where will this be located?
 - Lisa: In east, up the stairs behind the Sushi. On the backside, there is a way to enter without paying the all you care to eat fare
- Mitch: Does that mean there will not be a dairy option for Kosher students?
 - Lisa: Yes, but right now the meat option is more important
- Alex: I have been hearing potential risks of enough employee force for next semester?
 - Lisa: That brings up service models
- Staffing Issues
 - It has gotten worse every year, we have even changed our hiring practice and programs
 - Are we operating effectively?
 - We need less staff at lunch, but more at dinner (seen from Pollock)
 - Should we have convenience stores open until midnight? Sushi in two places or one place?
 - Changing thought process on how we provide service (staging?)
- John: Do you anticipate an increase in employment next semester?
 - Lisa: We hope so, we are still pushing for people to be hired throughout the entire year. We don't want to burn out our current employees.
- Kay: Why do we have less and less students each year?
 - Lisa: My opinion, a lot of our students do not need to work. In addition, they have other opportunities that involve lots of time. We also have to train the student and fill out the necessary paperwork.
- Hannah: What areas have the biggest issue with staffing?
 - Lisa: South and East have been the issue. The dinner shift is hard to fill due to classes. We are trying to adjust shifts to make them shorter.
 - Brendan: Lots of students are getting promoted yet don't have enough to fill the original position. Will this hinder promotions in the future?
 - Lisa: I do not think so
- Hopefully we will be able to open the all you care to eat and retail up there. You have to deal with labor and food costs
 - Robert: A lot of residents are complaining the retail things. I know the RAs feel the same way.
 - Lisa: I think they are getting tired of it. When you look at both choices, the al la carte is the preferred. There are places to sit down outside of the al la carte.
- Right now, you are missing the cookies, the creamery ice cream. We are doing our best to rectify this.
 - Nick: I know lots of comments came back with no variety. Are we going to be increasing the guest chefs or pastries or pace changers?
 - Lisa: That is there to help with that. Adding extra things to the menu is killing the union. Another way to do this could be to do it only in one area
- For all you care to eat in east, will that be trayless?
 - Lisa: Yes, but there are no plans to do this yet in other areas. When they did waste audits last year, the pounds of waste per person were highest in east, where we were trayless. Post consumer food waste is a problem
- Lisa: We have talked about going to compostable packaging, but they cannot take additional materials. If they composted the containers we are serving food in, they would not be able to take it. Green to go is still an option (not as big this year)
- Break Access
 - Pollock will be open during Thanksgiving -- mix during the day
 - Winter Break
 - Test pilot (what kind of usage is there?)

- Finals Week Extension Hours
 - Edge -- coffee shop at East and Louie's in South until 2am
- John: Have we recovered from the Green2Go debacle from last year?
 - Lisa: It was more just a costly venture, not going there again
- Kayla has been an incredible collaborator with us. We meet every two weeks, getting her familiar with each area.
- Alex: I worked at the mix freshman year and sophomore year. A concern with upperclassmen is that the policy kind of coddles the students. I know it is hard to fire employees, but is there anyway where you are trying to create a balance?
 - Lisa: I have positions I need to fill and if we take that stance, there will be vacancies. A good thing for veterans is that they are not required to work 3 shifts a week and every other weekend. We need to balance it out. Our students are here to study first, not work for us
- Police Officer Report
 - 1 Burglary
 - 3 Criminal Mischief
 - 2 Disorderly Conduct
 - 21 Drug Law Violations
 - 1 Fraud
 - 9 Liquor Law Violations
 - 1 Rape
 - 5 Requests for Assistance
 - 62 Incidents
 - Robert: What is a community relations incident?
 - Officer: Any time we meet with students on campus, other than a typical function (running a program, a ride along, etc)
 - Matt: What is a forgery? What does that involve?
 - Officer: It is most often signing someone else's name to a legal document and passing it off as your own

Open Student Forum

- None

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** (mdr5000@psu.edu)
 - Friday our headliner signed, looking to fill the second and third spot now
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
 - Robert: Banquet will be at the beginning of December
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - Kyleigh Higie** (keh5550@psu.edu)
 - Sorry I can't be there today!
 - The Committee on Academic Affairs presented an advising report during the past assembly meeting. It analyzed current advising practices in each academic college and made recommendations for improvement of these practices. I would recommend taking a look at it :)
 - We held a Committee of the Whole to discuss possible changes to the bylaws. I will update later on what came out of this.

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (jeh9@psu.edu)
 - Happy Halloween Everyone!
 - Interested in Break Housing? Contact the Assignments Office at: 201 Johnston Commons, University Park, PA 16802, assignmentoffice@psu.edu
 - 814-865-7501

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Sanket Narayana** (svn5268@psu.edu)
 - Halloween Event was a huge success
 - Planning to do something for Thanksgiving
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Looking at doing one more event before the end of the semester
- **North (NHAS) - Tim Roehm** (tjr5395@psu.edu)
 - Ping Pong and Pokey Sticks Sunday November 6th
 - Working on Possible Casino Night and Other Events
- **Pollock (PHRA) - David Carcamo** (djc5782@psu.edu)
 - Pumpkin Palooza was a success
 - Blood Drive (11/3)
 - NYC Bus Trip -- December 3rd
- **South (SHRA) - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - Happy Halloween!
- **West (WHRA) - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - We are working on planning an event for the beginning of spring semester, as well as other small events this semester.
 - Our event last week was a success!

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Penn State is Pennsylvania's only land grant university, and therefore why we are so unique from other Pennsylvania schools.
 - Make sure to send me pictures from your fall events!
- **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 for posters!
- **Social - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu), **Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu),
 - HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
 - Like my messages in the groupme about availability on 11/18 and 11/25
 - Potluck Friday - excel sheet for sign up will go up after the meeting
 - 7pm tentatively
 - Christmas themed Movie Night - first weekend of December, date TBD
- **THON - OPEN**
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** (afd5151@psu.edu)
 - AREA PICTURES PLEASE

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Andrew Kline** (awk5484@psu.edu)
 - No Agenda Submitted
- **ARHS Cinemas - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Movie this week is Suicide Squad
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
- **Diversity - OPEN**
- **Housing and Food Services - Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - Mock Room Update
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Robert Fauver** (rff5048@psu.edu)
 - NCC Legislation & Presentation
 - CAACURH Conference this weekend!
- **Philanthropy - Leigh Bernetich** (leb5437@psu.edu)
 - I have purchased all of the Goodies needed to make the Stockings
 - Under budget by about \$100 (spent about \$800)

- When checking out at Sam's Club, the lady in front of me asked me what I was purchasing all the candy for. She donated \$8 when I told her it was Stockings for Soldiers.
 - This money was taken out of the total
- Laura: When are they due?
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- **Student Wellness - OPEN**
- **Sustainability - Tucker Antico (tja5251@psu.edu), Nick Mahon (nam5557@psu.edu)**
 - Compost -- we appreciate those who responded to our poll, we are putting a hold on that until December (11:30-1pm)
 - Last week, we attended a Transportation Services Meeting
 - Starting next semester, every parking garage on campus will have an attendant
 - Robert: Why?
 - Nick: They want people to purchase permits, instead of parking at midnight and not paying
 - Tucker: They are adding a median on College Ave
 - What percent of all waste on campus is recyclable? 80% (points to John McGlynn)
 - The % actually recycled is 17.1%

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nick Ottinger (nso5024@psu.edu)**
 - Happy Halloween!
 - Campus Recreation Meeting
 - HUB Office Meeting
 - Thursday November 10th at 8 pm is the Great Office Cleanup
 - Care Packages
- **Vice President - Kyle Shuey (krs5584@psu.edu)**
 - Working on overhauling Rules of Order
 - Kyle: For amendments in the Constitution and Bylaws, you need to have a reading on it and then vote on it the next meeting
 - Beginning work on procedures for different types of legislation such as recommendations, endorsements, etc.
 - David: If you were looking to make an Ad Hoc meeting, I would join
- **Director of Advocacy - John McGlynn (jvm5752@psu.edu)**
 - Funding of Stress Relief Booklets from UHS
 - Restorative Yoga Classes in IM
 - Discuss their hours of operation
 - Potential of a Fall Break, would need to give up days for Thanksgiving Break
- **Director of Programming - Alex Gubler (afg5136@psu.edu)**
 - Sadly, I will be resigning for next semester
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
- **Director of Records - Alexa Ain (apa5098@psu.edu)**
 - Office Hours
 - Please keep submitting agendas on time
- **Director of Finance - Sangeeth Varadaraj (skv5072@psu.edu)**
 - Submitted budget requests including POs
 - Submitted CAACURH Registration Form

Forum Break

Open Discussion

- ARHS Cheat Sheet
 - John: Could we put information on how to do objections?
 - Kay: Yes. I also want to add "point of clarification" and "yield to redundancy", when is appropriate to abstain.
- NCC Legislation

- Hannah: Does every position need to be this specific?
 - Nick: No, but this position needs to be laid out due to the importance of the position at conferences.
 - Kyle: This position was also the least descriptive in the Rules of Order

Old Business

New Business

- Mitch: I motion to amend the bylaws on the Standing Committee of National Communications Chair, section 4.15
 - Ethan seconds
 - Motion passes 17-0-1
- Matt: I move to enact the bylaw change of the Standing Committee of National Communications Chair, section 4.15
 - Jessica seconds
 - Motion 17-0-1

Informal Discussion

- Robert: I was appointed the 2017 Noche Latina Chair, please reach out to me if you want a Chair position

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm