

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for February 11th, 2019



Call to Order: 6:15pm

Roll Call: What was the highlight of your weekend?

Kayla Olowin, President
Cheyenne Hansen, Vice President
Nathaniel Waksman, Director of Programming
Tucker Antico, Director of Finance
Brendan Maguire, Director of Records
Gregory Edmunds, WHRA President
Logan O'Hara, WHRA Vice President
Spage Fong, NHAS President
Angel Antosz, NHAS Representative
AJ Rodriguez, SHRA President
Maria, SHRA Vice President
Abby Mason, PHRA Secretary
Daniel Hanuska, PHRA Representative & NCC
Garrett Reed, PHRA Representative
Julie Waller, EHRA President
Dan Walsh, EHRA Vice President
James Woods, EHRA Treasurer
Rachael Lowe, Movin' On
Cody Heaton, UPUA President
Ben Cutler, UPUA Facilities Chair
Bob, UPUA Speaker of Assembly
Mark Rameker, Co-Advisor
Lisa Wandell, Director of Residential Dining

Open Student Forum:

- Lisa Wandell - Speaking on the Campus Dining Council
 - Representatives from different student organizations
 - Once a month, 3 times a semester, Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

- Ben Cutler, UPUA
 - Discussing the Omnicharge Expansion at Penn State
 - Greg: How do you keep the charges from being returned to one place, causing congestion?
 - Ben Cutler: The library already does this. They have kiosks in 4 libraries. They're the ones moving them around and would continue to do the same thing with the new system.
 - Greg: So they'd move them around from all the new locations? Because last time you said it was OPP.
 - Ben: Correct, OPP is moving the responsibility to the libraries.
 - AJ Rodriguez:
 - Ben: We're going to contribute \$15,000. That's the maximum we can allocate. If, again, it ends up not meeting that, we'll have to end up reducing the overall stations. Which isn't something we'd like to do.
 - Daniel Hanuska: The contract is 5 years. I'm concerned technology is increasing at an exponential rate. The contract being that long seems irresponsible for us to be putting up so much money when the technology may not be viable.
 - Cody: I'd imagine the infrastructure and capital planning that would need to go into the university would take longer than 5 years. Capital Plans usually reigns 3-5 years out. This is

something that be implemented fairly quickly, similar to rideshare, which popped up overnight.

- Ben: The majority of what we're paying is going to the kiosks themselves, not the contracts.
- Cody: This also caters to all students, as not all students have Macs.
- Kayla: You're estimating about 40k from the fee board.
- Ben: The fee board is the last thing that goes in. I have to submit how much other entities are giving before the fee board makes their final recommendation. If the fee board funds the whole amount, that money goes back to the donation organizations. If the fee board under funds us, we will lower the amount of kiosks being bought.
- Kayla: How many would you be able to buy without the fee boards donation if everyone else donated?
- Ben: 5-6.
- Cody: But I wouldn't take into account what the fee board may do. A lot of times, students have to pitch in to show the legitimacy of the program. The white loop is a great example of that. Rideshare as well.

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Rachael Lowe (rxl5276@psu.edu)**
 - Acoustic Roadshow TOMORROW in west
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
 - NRHH Meetings are now Tuesdays at 6pm
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Adviser Report

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

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Julie Waller (jaw365@psu.edu)**
 - Blood drive went very well
 - About 12-15 care packages left
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Spage Fong (ssf14@psu.edu)**
 - Nothing to report
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Emma Kertis (eck5201@psu.edu)**
 - Budget request
 - Handing out care packages through this week
 - No PHRA day this week — next is 3/22
- **South (SHRA) - AJ Rodriguez (abr5439@psu.edu)**
 - Care Packages - Over halfway through them!
 - Friendship Event Next Week
 - Please be careful with tonight's weather!
 - National Holidays
 - Make a Friend Day
 - Inventor's Day
 - Clean Out Your Computer Day
 - White Shirt Day
 - National Peppermint Patty
 - Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk
 - Shut-in Visitation Day
- **West (WHRA) - Gregory Edmunds**

- Valentine's Day event
- Care package handout

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 - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Diversity - Judy Rodriguez (jrr5741@psu.edu)**
 - Nothing to report
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Daniel Hanuska (djh73@psu.edu)**
 - Conference was this weekend
 - Elected new RBD/COs
 - First plug for NACURH (more to come soon)
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - AJ Rodriguez (abr5439@psu.edu)**
 - THON THIS WEEKEND! Please keep in mind to:
 - Do your homework for the weekend!
 - Hydrate or diedrate...so please hydrate
 - Wear comfy shoes
 - While the cause for THON is good and all, taking care of yourself is most important!
 - Sleep the night before!
 - Breaking Health News:
 - Alzheimers could be caused by a gum disease-causing bacteria
 - <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2019/01/25/gum-disease-could-cause-alzheimers-disease-new-study-claims/2675823002/>
- **Sustainability - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - Capital Day
 - Budget Request
 - Retreat
 - Updates
- **Vice President - Cheyenne Hansen** (ceh42@psu.edu)
 - Thanks for a great retreat everyone!
 - Wellness Retreat
 - Send me ARHS photos!
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Programming - Nathaniel Waksman** (nxw37@psu.edu)
 - Casino Night is Next week-If you haven't signed up do so please
 - Transportation meeting tomorrow
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire** (bfm5125@psu.edu)
 - Website
- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico** (tja5251@psu.edu)
 - Balance:

Forum Break

Open Discussion

- Council Discussed the following topics:
- PHRA DAY
- UPUA OmniCharger Expansion
- Elections: Internal vs External

New Business

- PHRA Budget Request
 - AJ motions to pass \$1,250 for PHRA days
 - Julie Waller seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes 8-0-3
- OmniCharger Expansion
 - Daniel Hanuska motions to pass by secret ballot
 - AJ Rodriguez seconds
 - AJ motions to pass the full \$6,000 for the OmniChargers
 - Julie Waller seconds
 - Logan O'Hara objects: the need is already met
 - Spage Fong seconds
 - Logan O'Haras objection passes (secret ballot)
 - Logan O'Hara motions to pass \$0 to the OmniCharger Expansion
 - Daniel Hanuska seconds the motion
 - No objections

- Motion passes (secret ballot)

Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm

Budget Requests:

Organization: UPUA

Contact: Ben Cutler

- ASA Account Number
 - The money will eventually be transferred to Office of Physical Plant
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Funding for Portable Charger Rental System
- Describe The Event
 - The UPUA is requesting \$6,000 in an effort to expand the existing portable charger rental system on campus, also known as Omnichargers. As long as these chargers are returned within a 24 hour timeframe, they are free for student use. The Office of Physical Plant would be the group in charge of managing the system from a university perspective. The goal is to enhance all of student life while reducing traffic in high volume areas, especially in the commons areas. Implementing this portable charger rental system will supplement student learning, as they would no longer have to relocate to an area closer to an outlet or miss class notes because of a low battery charge. Less traffic in areas around campus means that students would not have to sit right next to the outlets and could disperse around the commons instead, while still having the same accessibility to outlets. The solution to both of these Penn State-related problems of low battery and high traffic is to implement a wireless charger.
- History of Event
 - The library has three Omnicharge stations with ten chargers at each. The HUB has multiple stands throughout the building with various cords depending on the device. This feature gives students the ability to charge, but they must leave their devices unattended. Another charging feature the Penn State campus has implemented is the use of charging tables. The size of these tables can vary, but they allow for students to stay in the same location and plug in their devices to an outlet if needed. The actual charging units on these tables are nonintrusive and can be easily navigated around if the user has no need for the outlet. The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA), in a previous year, worked with the borough to implement a solar powered charging dock outside of Schlow Library. Members of the Penn State community were free to access this dock on a need-basis, especially students with low battery charges who needed to view the CATA app or use a GPS to navigate campus. The UPUA has worked on this issue for several years and come up with a number of band-aid solutions, but nothing has been successful in solving the actual issue. The current charging stations available around the HUB and libraries are not suitable for the size of the Penn State community. Students have made it clear that there is a demand for more charging options.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?

- o The portable charger rental system has the ability to benefit students in a number of ways. It directly benefits students because it allows them to charge their devices in any location, as opposed to being left without a charge or having to search and relocate for an outlet. The funding of this project will enhance students' out of classroom experience by allowing them to charge their devices whether it is related to a club, interview, or any type of extracurricular activity later throughout day. Students will be free to charge their devices wherever they are and whenever they want to do so, which is becoming a more prevalent issue as today's classrooms grow increasingly technology-dependent. Because it allows students more freedom to spread out throughout the commons areas, outlets will no longer be overpopulated in certain areas, effectively creating less dependency on an outlet. Having many charging stations makes it more convenient for students to return the chargers and more likely that they will do so on time. The demand for these portable chargers is there, as dependency on an outlet can be a massive inconvenience. Students will be the primary users of these portable chargers. ARHS, therefore, is an appropriate funding mechanism.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - o No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - o \$6,000
- How will this funding be used?
 - o The funding will go directly toward the Omnicharge Power Station, Oomft Consulting Services, and Omni Cloud. Omni Cloud is a 12-month cloud service subscription. If granted the budget request, the \$6,000 contribution would go toward a total amount of \$71,250, and would cover one charging station for each of the commons buildings.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - o Yes

Organization: PHRA

Contact: Emma Kertis

- ASA Account Number
 - o 0232
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - o Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - o PHRAdays
 - o PHRAdays are every Friday in Pollock Commons rec room.
- Describe The Event
 - o Alternative Friday night activities and free food for students.
- History of Event
 - o PHRAdays have been held historically every Friday in Pollock for many years.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - o PHRAdays provide alternative Friday night activities that focus on building friendships and community among the residents of the Pollock housing area.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - o No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?

- o \$1,250
- How will this funding be used?
 - o This money will be used to provide supplies and food for each weekly PHRAday.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - o Yes