

# Association of Residence Hall Students

## Council Meeting for Monday August 22nd, 2016



### Call to Order

- President Nick Ottinger called the meeting to order at **6:18pm**

### Roll Call: *What is one interesting thing you did this summer?*

- Tim Roehm, NHAS President
- Chris Schmidt, Graduated
- Robert Fauver, NCC
- Jessica Mingle, Co-Homecoming, ENRA and Cinemas Chair
- Laekin O'Hara, CO-homecoming and Co-Social
- Matt Beyen, Co-Social
- Laura Daly, WHRA President
- Tucker Antico, WHRA VP and Co-Sustainability
- Nick Mahon, Co-Sustainability
- Leigh Bernetich, Philanthropy Chair
- David Carcamo, PHRA President
- Akhil, Web-Design Chair
- Jaden Rankin-Wahlers, PHRA VP
- James Smith, Diversity Chair and THON
- Andrew Kline, Activities Chair
- Tanner, Freshman
- Kayla, Freshman
- Mitch Rosen, SHRA Rep
- Matt Roda, SHRA Rep
- Kay Rinkers, SHRA President
- Jessica Shuey, Freshman
- John Hurst, Advisor
- Pam, Graduate Assistant
- Mark Rameker, Advisor
- Sangeeth Varadaraj, Director of Finance
- Alex Gubler, Director of Programming
- Kyle Shuey, Vice President
- Nick Ottinger, President
- John McGlynn, Director of Advocacy
- Alexa Ain, Director of Records

### Guest of the Week

- No guest of the week

### Open Student Forum

- None

### Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - OPEN**
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
  - Robert: Meeting this week for planning
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**

### Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** ([mjr22@psu.edu](mailto:mjr22@psu.edu)), **John Hurst** ([jeh9@psu.edu](mailto:jeh9@psu.edu))
  - Treasurer workshops for the Fall semester are upon us! On Wednesday, August 24th, Student Activities are having a Treasurer workshop from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. They also have another

workshop on Thursday, August 25th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. These are NOT 3 hour workshops! Both workshops are located in Room 131 in the HUB-Robeson Center.

- There are several 30 minute sessions within this timeframe with the first session starting at 5:30pm the first day and at 1:00pm the second day. Student Activities will be running these workshops every 30 minutes. Please be sure to give yourself plenty of time to sign in to receive credit for attending.
- Other mandatory officer sessions will be running simultaneously. Please see the Office of Student Activities website for all Officer training sessions at: <http://bitly.com/OfficerTrainingPSU>.
- Care packages are next week
- Questions about Housing and Food Services and Residence Life? Ask now.
  - Kyleigh: Stuart Hall -- supposed to be empty and now its not, why? And what is the plan?
    - Mark: As a result of an increased freshman class, we held off on the renovation. Will be moved at some point this semester.
  - Nick: Initiative for an app to know when they are able to be used, where will the pilot program begin?
    - Mark: Will have an answer at the end of the meeting.
  - Jaden: How many students get kicked out of housing due to not paying? Can ARHS know this information?
    - Mark: We do not really kick people out. With LionPath there are different ways of paying. If you do not pay, we may see an increase there. We are trying to help students with financial issues and help them graduate.

#### Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - OPEN**
  - Under construction
  - Air conditioning is not on
  - Wednesday @ 7pm -- EHRA, Eco-Reps and Meet the Coordinators will be having an event with ice cream
  - John: I asked each of the areas to do a recruiting day, hopefully people will have been discussing
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - Jessica Mingle ([jfm5509@psu.edu](mailto:jfm5509@psu.edu))**
  - Focusing on recruiting new members
- **North (NHAS) - Tim Roehm ([tjr5395@psu.edu](mailto:tjr5395@psu.edu))**
  - Starting Recruitment for NHAS and ARHS
  - Rita's this Wednesday at 7
- **Pollock (PHRA) - David Carcamo ([djc5782@psu.edu](mailto:djc5782@psu.edu))**
  - Small involvement fair on Wednesday at 7pm (local organizations partnership)
- **South (SHRA) - Kay Rinkers ([kgr5093@psu.edu](mailto:kgr5093@psu.edu))**
  - SHRA/ENRA lemonade event: Wednesday at 7pm in Redifer
- **West (WHRA) - Laura Daly ([lvd5265@psu.edu](mailto:lvd5265@psu.edu))**
  - Welcome Back to West Coast is this Saturday, make sure to come! It will be a lot of fun!
  - We tabled this weekend, Friday and Saturday with the door tag maker and had a bunch of people show up!
  - Wednesday we have our Welcome Back Rita's event

#### Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Laura Daly ([lvd5265@psu.edu](mailto:lvd5265@psu.edu))**
  - Today's fact: The Nittany Lion was chosen as our mascot by the student body in 1906
  - As individual area events start up, make sure to take pictures and send them to me so I can include them in the end of the year slideshow. It's easier to send me the picture after you take it, instead of having to look for them later :)
- **Homecoming - Jessica Mingle ([jfm5509@psu.edu](mailto:jfm5509@psu.edu)), Laekin O'hara ([ljo5051@psu.edu](mailto:ljo5051@psu.edu))**
  - We have a theme
  - Working on final registration
  - Budget request to come soon
  - We want to be overall competitors (yay for involvement)
  - We are really excited for the year!
    - John: I can give you the email/email the guy at salvage to use that space.
    - Alex: Please add me to that

- **Internal Policy (IPC) - Kay Rinkers ([kgr5093@psu.edu](mailto:kgr5093@psu.edu))**
  - Documents in progress to make ARHS Constitution, Rules of Order, etc. more accessible
  - If any area presidents want help reworking Constitution, please reach out to me
- **Public Relations - Laura Daly ([lvd5265@psu.edu](mailto:lvd5265@psu.edu))**
  - Welcome Back! Hope everyone had an amazing summer!
  - Area Presidents- would you be willing to hang things when I need in your respective commons?
    - Nick: Ask each area president separately and discuss with coordinators
  - Throughout the year if anyone ever needs any publicity for an event, you can either email or text me whichever is more convenient for you :)
- **Social - Laekin O'Hara ([ljo5051@psu.edu](mailto:ljo5051@psu.edu)), Matt Beyen ([mdb5548@psu.edu](mailto:mdb5548@psu.edu)),**
  - Welcome back
  - We have started to plan some events, details coming soon
- **THON - James Smith ([jts5577@psu.edu](mailto:jts5577@psu.edu))**
  - Welcome back!
  - 178 days till THON
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram ([afd5151@psu.edu](mailto:afd5151@psu.edu)), Nikhil Suresh ([nzs5262@psu.edu](mailto:nzs5262@psu.edu))**
  - I hope everyone had a great summer
  - We will be taking pictures of everyone in the near future for the website
    - Nick: We plan on giving you a week to take chair pictures and send them for the website. Areas -- once councils are full, please take group photos
    - Leigh: If we sent in our pictures last year, do we need to resend?
      - Akhil: That would be very helpful, please email them
  - I will be working on updates for the website
  - Please let me know if you have any concerns/comments/questions regarding the website

#### External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Andrew Kline ([awk5484@psu.edu](mailto:awk5484@psu.edu))**
  - Welcome back friends!
  - There's so much room for activities!
- **ARHS Cinemas - Jessica Mingle ([jfm5509@psu.edu](mailto:jfm5509@psu.edu))**
  - Movie this week is Captain America: Civil War
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
- **Diversity - James Smith ([jts5577@psu.edu](mailto:jts5577@psu.edu))**
  - Welcome back!
  - Have big things planned this year!
- **Housing and Food Services – OPEN**
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Robert Fauver ([rff5048@psu.edu](mailto:rff5048@psu.edu))**
  - Welcome back!
  - NACURH
  - Working on Affiliation
  - Legislation & Presentations
  - John: When is the CAACURH Conference?
    - Robert: It is the weekend of the Iowa game, at Temple Univeristy
  - If you have receipts from spirit projects, please see me
- **Philanthropy - Leigh Bernetich ([leb5437@psu.edu](mailto:leb5437@psu.edu))**
  - Philanthropy (n.) - the desire to promote the welfare of others
  - Looking forward to a great year!!
- **Student Wellness - OPEN**
- **Sustainability - Tucker Antico ([tja5251@psu.edu](mailto:tja5251@psu.edu)), Nick Mahon**
  - Hope everyone put their AC to good use this summer (but only when necessary!)
  - Going paperless in ARHS
  - Feel free to contact us with any sustainability ideas
  - Not every building on campus has battery recycling programs, we are interested in pursuing this project
    - John: A battery-recycling does exist, at least in EastView they do
    - John Hurst: If someone asks, they should accomodate you. I would ask you to email an OPP person for more information and how we can make this possible?
    - John: John, is the green team still active?

- John Hurst: Yes

#### Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nick Ottinger** ([nso5024@psu.edu](mailto:nso5024@psu.edu))
  - Welcome Back!
  - Lion Bash, August 30th 6pm-8:30pm at 200 block of Allen Street
  - Please set up office hours for Care Packages
  - Chair and Liaison position are open!
    - John Hurst: East has taken a third of the space from the EHRA Office. Something we should look into with care packages coming.
- **Vice President - Kyle Shuey** ([krs5584@psu.edu](mailto:krs5584@psu.edu))
  - Welcome back!
  - Constitution and Rules of Order Review, will present some proposed changes soon
  - IPC Meeting with Kay
- **Director of Advocacy - John McGlynn** ([jvm5752@psu.edu](mailto:jvm5752@psu.edu))
  - Welcome back friends :)
  - RA Liaison - What does the position look like to you? What would you like to see in it?
  - Chairs - see me to set up meeting times. (Sustainability, Health & Wellness, Safety & Security, Housing & Food Services)
- **Director of Programming - Alex Gubler** ([afg5136@psu.edu](mailto:afg5136@psu.edu))
  - Chairs, next week we will start planning meetings
  - ARHS Tailgate! Tentative Date: September 16th (Friday before Temple Game) Locations: East and Pollock Quads
    - Please think about what you would like to see at this event
    - Robert: Why is this getting planned now?
      - Alex: Miscommunication between us and key individuals around the table. We still want to pursue this and reach out to the freshman.
      - Robert: If you need help, please reach out to me
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
- **Director of Records - Alexa Ain** ([apa5098@psu.edu](mailto:apa5098@psu.edu))
  - Welcome back everyone!
  - Looking forward to an amazing year
  - Chair Meetings!
- **Director of Finance - Sangeeth Varadaraj** ([skv5072@psu.edu](mailto:skv5072@psu.edu))
  - Requested Purchase Orders for the ARHS Cinemas Fall 2016 movie program

Forum Break: Council broke for forum break at **7:18pm**

Open Discussion: Council returned at **7:30pm**

- RA Liaison
  - Robert: What is your idea or intention with this position? One goal?
    - John: The main goal was to improve communication between RAs, ARHS and Residence Life.
    - Nick: We know there are a lot of RAs in this room, however, we are concerned that in the future that voice might not be heard
    - Jaden: In terms of looking for requirements, one is they should have completed at least one year as an RA. In addition, be an RA.
  - Laura: Each area has a meeting with their supergroup. Is there a giant meeting ever?
    - Alex: Varies by area, not an often thing
  - John: Do we want this centralized or something more along the lines of an area government level?
    - Robert: I think that RAs will be more likely to come to area government meetings
    - Laura: I want RAs to have a voice, but I think we need multiple RAs coming to ARHS and not the area government meetings
  - Jaden: We have C-RAAB, I would suggest that the RA liaison attend those meetings. In pollock, there is a lot of hostility due to the advisors forcing RAs to recruit people, and etc. Hostility comes from the advisors stepping in.
    - Chris: In east it wasn't an ultimatum, but it was more that RAs don't want to come, same as a junior resident talking to their RA. There is no motivation to attend the meeting, that is where the disconnect occurs.

- Leigh: What about having a representative from ARHS attend the larger RA meetings?
- Laura: Laura Perry has discussed area presidents coming in early to meet with the RAs. I will be attending a supergroup meeting in the future.
- John Hurst: Context -- it started out with Diane feeling that RAs were missing a large part of the student government experience. There used to be more animosity. I think it's important to a) get current RAs to talk to some of their friends and b) give them a purpose. I like the idea of improving relations, but what is the second half?
- Chris: Yield to redundancy. I think Leigh's suggestion would be easier, but have multiple people go to these meetings.
- John: How important is it for this person to be an RA?
  - Jaden: Part of it is dependent on the goal of this position. Start small and increment more depth over the next couple of years.
  - Robert: Mark, is it possible for someone on the executive board to sit in on these meetings?
    - Mark: Anything is possible. I wonder if it would be beneficial to send people to both the area RAABs and C-RAAB.
    - Chris: I think area RAABs is more helpful. Communication is a good goal, but we need a deeper definition. Ask what is working?
- ARHS Tailgate Items
  - Matt: Sno-cones? Yes they will be there

#### Old Business

- Nothing for Old Business

#### New Business

- Nothing for New Business

#### Informal Discussion

- Chris: If anyone is on a waiting list for LionPath, it will automatically add you to classes
- John: Great to see everyone around the table, new people please return next Monday!
- Alex: Check out the welcome week events!
- Matt: Status on the office door?
  - Nick: I'm on it.
- John: If anyone wants to get fro-yo after the meeting, that would be groovy
- Tucker: Be at West Quad this weekend at 2pm

Meeting Dismissed: Meeting ended at **7:56pm**