

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for Monday August 28th, 2017



Call to Order 6:16pm

Roll Call: Ice breakers with John!

Laura Daly, President
Kayla Olowkin, Vice President
Kay Rinkers, Director of Outreach
Tucker Antico, Director of Finance
Brendan Maguire, Director of Records
Akhil, Web-design
Hannah Yost, SHRA President & Student Health and Wellness Chair
Jessica Shuey, SHRA Vice President
Brian Kile, PHRA Vice President
Anila Anthony, PHRA President
Rayna Klingensmith, NHAS Vice President
Spage Fong, NHAS Rep
Nathaniel, NHAS Rep
Raenika Crow, NAACP Vice President
Cameron Francis, WHRA President
Julia Bollinger, WHRA Vice President & Co- Campus Safety & Security
Johathan Lockwood, WHRA Treasurer
Nick Mahon, Co-Campus Safety & Security and Sustainability Chair
Brian, West resident
Stephen Dougherty, East resident
Logan, East resident
Laekin O'Hara, NCC
Matt Beyen, ARHS Cinemas Chair
Amanda Klovekorn, PR & Recruitment
Paige Fox, Panhellenic Liason
John Hurst, Advisor

Guest of the Week

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Open Student Forum

- NAACP (Raenika Crow)
 - Throwing a block party on the Hub Lawn
 - Plan to connect students (emphasis on freshman & minority students, as well as inclusiveness) to faculty and have an open discussion on racism
 - Requesting funds for various types of care packages, including food, cards, school supplies, etc.
 - Also looking for funds for food, games & event management.
 - Brian: Why did you request \$1,000?
 - Raenika: That price was before the funding for t-shirts was handled, I'm no longer requesting that much.
 - Nick Mahon: How did you hear about ARHS?
 - Raenika: I heard about it through a friend and I'm also an RA.
 - Hannah Yost: Can you explain the care packages again? Are you giving them out to students?
 - Raenika: Yes, we're going to be giving them out to students so people are engaged in the event.

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** (mdr5000@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Panhellenic Council - Paige Fox** (pef5050@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (jeH9@psu.edu)
 - How did your meetings go last week? How many people came?
 - Hannah Yost, SHRA: 10 people
 - Brian Kile, PHRA: 10 people
 - Cameron Francis, WHRA: 10 people
 - Nathaniel, NHAS: 4 new people
 - John: All of your areas are giving out care packages. We're going to be helping out in East tonight. If you haven't already, please post the hours that you're going to be giving out the care packages. It's also important to inform the commons desk, because a lot of the time students go to them & parents call thinking that's where they're picking their care package up from.
 - Amanda Klovekorn: You guys can email me your hours and I'll put it on facebook.

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Megan Mercurio** (mem6323@psu.edu)
 - Planning a volleyball tournament for our first event of the semester.
 - Looking at the last Wednesday of September.
 - We had a successful Rita's event, our first event of the semester!
 - Also officially have two ARHS reps :)
 - Rayna Klingensmith: Can we grill food outside North ourselves?
 - Laura Daly: You have to have licensed food operators at your event.
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Anila Anthony** (axa99@psu.edu)
 - The PHRA involvement fair was a success, we had over 200 attendees
 - Care package distribution starts today, 7-9pm.
 - PHRA elections this thursday (8/31)
- **South (SHRA) - Hannah Yost** (hby5050@psu.edu)
 - Welcome back everyone!
 - Last week's events were a success
 - Elections this Thursday
 - Working on office hours
- **West (WHRA) - Cameron Francis** (cyf5173@psu.edu)
 - Westopia event and Rita's event were a success
 - During the next WHRA meeting, we will hold elections for ARHS representatives and other positions
 - Setting up community council meeting time to begin proposing ideas for improvements around West Halls

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - OPEN**

- Nothing to report
- **Homecoming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Public Relations - Amanda Klovekorn (alk5617@psu.edu)**
 - Please share on Facebook and retweet on Twitter when you see posts for our events, this will help spread the word!
 - On Snapchat you can post to "Our Story" when you're at our events and then it will show up on the map and anyone can see it.
 - How would everyone feel about having Facebook cover photos for events?
 - I'm working on a google form for PR requests still, I'll send that out when it's done so that you can all easily request social media posts for your chair/area events.
- **Social - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **THON - Josh Evans (jje5144@psu.edu)**
 - Nothing to report
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram (afd5151@psu.edu)**
 - Planning on updating positions on the website as well as listing the applications for them on the website sometime this week

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Recruitment - Amanda Klovekorn (alk5617@psu.edu)**
 - Attendance point system? Points for coming to meetings, submitting agendas, volunteering to work events, etc. Some sort of prize for top points?
 - Cameron: You'd have to do this on a semester-semester basis.
 - Laekin: What NAACURH & CAACURH do is hand out pins and other types of awards.. it could be a good idea.
 - Nathaniel: I think since we're all here and we're devoted to be here, and if we ran a points system for everyone here..we'd all get the points. Maybe we can enact this system for new members?
 - Kayla: Or even non-execs, that's a great idea.
 - We have flyers to give away at events now, if you're doing a chair/area event get some from me or Laura to hand out!
 - Committees headed by each chair position - allows for involvement even if someone doesn't have a chair or area position.
 - Nick Mahon: For me, I think a committee would be really useful based on the sheer number of meetings I have to attend. Another example is Housing and Food Services.. there are a lot of meetings and everyone has busy schedules so I think this would really help.
- **ARHS Cinemas - Matt Beyen (mdb5548@psu.edu)**
 - We are playing Baywatch this coming weekend
 - I have the films scheduled until the end of October, but want counsel's input for the November and December selections
 - Still have open projectionist positions!
 - Nick Mahon: I sent an announcement about the open projectionist positions to my floor (I'm an RA) and he immediately responded. So RA's here you should definitely do that.
 - Laura: Is anyone interested in going to the movie this weekend as a group?
 - Kayla: We can talk about that some more in the groupme as well. Come see me if you need to be added into the groupme too.

- **Campus Safety & Security - Nick Mahon** (nam5557@psu.edu) & **Julia Bollinger** (jfb5368@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **Diversity - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu)
 - Affiliation
 - CAACURH / NACURH overview
 - NACURH recap
 - CAACURH application coming out soon
 - Kayla: When are applications due, because we don't have a meeting next week due to the holiday?
 - Laekin: I'm going to have a budget request coming for affiliation soon.
 - Kayla: Don't be afraid to ask questions, this is a really good opportunity and everyone should try and get involved if they can.
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - Hannah Yost** (hby5050@psu.edu)
 - SHAB Meeting and CAPS Advisory Board meeting pending
- **Sustainability - Nick Mahon** (nam5557@psu.edu)
 - Plastic week
 - Taking a bunch of recycled plastic and put it in three separate stacks in Pollock, West and South. Going to bring awareness to recycling
 - Logan: So the trash you're putting out is to bring awareness to throwing things away?
 - Nick: We're actually going to show where recycling is supposed to go in relativity to certain bins, we're going to have hazmat suits and other fun activities like that.
 - John: Will you wear this hazmat suit to the ARHS meeting?
 - Thinking about having area meeting shortened so we can have all hands on deck volunteering

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Welcome to all new members!
 - Tie-dye budget request
 - ARHS Tailgate
 - Come talk to me if you need swipe access to the office
- **Vice President - Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - East now has kosher food!
 - I'll be attending the Housing & Food Services meeting until the position is filled.
 - Planning on taking an ARHS tour to the new east buildings.
 - Looking into comments about changing the way we vote on budgets.
 - If you need help with your position please let me know and I'll gladly help you out!
 - An idea we have is to distribute ARHS fliers with care packages next round they're distributed.
 - Laura: We talked last year about donating the extra care packages to Lion's Pantry. So if everyone is still on board we'd love to do it in a couple weeks from now.
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Programming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Outreach - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)

- Chair Meetings
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire (bfm5125@psu.edu)**
 - Office Hour Spreadsheet will be sent out tonight, please start signing up.
 - New members - make sure you give me your email for the listserv!
 - Cameron: How many hours does the hub require for the office to be filled?
 - Kayla: I'm not sure but we can look into it.
 - Laura: But this is apart of our constitution so we will be implementing it.
 - Anila: How many hours do area Presidents have to do?
 - Brendan: Area Presidents are not responsible for office hours. Just chairs and the executive board. 1 hour for the chairs and 2 hours for the executive board.
- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico (tja5251@psu.edu)**
 - Account Balance: \$33,764.39
 - Laekin: NAACURH was allotted a lot of cash because our flights were canceled so that's also in the balance.

Forum Break 7:20pm

Open Discussion

- John: I just want to make sure we're really conscious of money this semester. I think we're really supportive of other groups but I worry about supporting our group. But I worry about giving so much money to other groups that when it comes to our events, we don't have all the money needed. I'm really for being supportive of other groups, but we need to think about what we want to do as ARHS people and make sure we have that money throughout the year.
- Tucker: I'm going to have some spreadsheets collected from the past years to we can compare and contrast to make sure we're on track with spending.
- Nick: I think what we should do more of is advising. We should start crowdsourcing and speaking as a body when we attend meetings and discuss what concerns we have at the respective meetings.
- Nick: If you go on the IST bridge, if we could get a bike lane it would be great. People don't dismount at the top and they're winding in between people walking around. Another thing we should start thinking about is a car-free campus from 9-3 during the day. Cars driving through busy roads impedes traffic and safety. We're already introducing rideshare, UPUA & Transportation did it last week, so I think it would be pretty meaningful.
 - Amanda: Commuters park off campus too, so it could work. The only thing I would worry about is busses. But it is a good idea.
 - Laura: We're going to table this because we're really short on time considering East Care Packages.
- NAACP Request: Raenika Crew (rnc5107@psu.edu)
 - Laekin: I think this event is really nice and fills the lack of diversity we have in our organization since we're currently without a diversity chair.
 - Cameron: I like how they were conscientious to change the amount they requested based on circumstances.

Old Business

New Business

- NAACP Request
 - Anila motions to pass \$655.17 to the NAACP Block Party

- No objections
- Laekin seconds
- Motion passes 9-0-0

- Laura's refunds
 - Cameron motions to pass \$215.03 to refund Laura
 - No objections
 - Ryan seconds
 - Motion passes 9-0-0

Informal Discussion

Nick motions to close the meeting
 Cameron seconds
 Meeting Adjourned 7:44pm

Budget Requests:

Organization: NAACP

Contact: Raenika Crew (rnc5107@psu.edu)

- ASA Account Number
 - 295
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Block Party
 - The event is taking place September 3rd on the Hub Lawn from 12pm - 6pm
- Describe The Event
 - This event is open to all students but has a focus for minority students here on campus . With this event it will be a way to expose Penn State Freshman to all that Penn State has to offer. Also it will be a way for students to be able to connect with faculty as well . It will be a live DJ, a stage, blow ups, food, games and so much more.
- History of Event
 - This is the first time we threw this type of collaborative event at Penn State. We hope the turn out will be great so this can become an annual event.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - This event takes place at the beginning of the year which will be great for incoming students to feel more at home. Most students feel lost in this big university and this event goal is to change that. We have a lot of resources available to students on campus and it's time to show them. Also connections is beneficial as well. With so many groups being apart of this event it really can be great for students.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$1,000
- How will this funding be used?
 - UPAC did not cover t-shirts for the event which is going to be worn by staff that will actively be participating in the event . Throughout the event we also want to do prize

giveaways as well. Since its on the Hub Lawn we would also use the money for decorations and money for games as well.

- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - Yes

Organization: Association of Residence Hall Students

Contact: Laura Daly (lvd5265@psu.edu)

- ASA Account Number
 - 225
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - ARHS Back to School Bash/ ARHS Tailgate
- Describe The Event
 - N/A
- History of Event
 - N/A
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - N/A
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - 215.03
- How will this funding be used?
 - Tie-dye, gloves, and rubber bands for events
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - N/A