

# Association of Residence Hall Students

## Council Meeting for Monday September 25th, 2017



Call to Order 7:20pm

Roll Call: If you could be on vacation right now, where would you be and why?

Laura Daly, President  
Kayla Olowin, Vice President  
Kay Rinkers, Director of Outreach  
Tucker Antico, Director of Finance  
Brendan Maguire, Director of Records  
Paige Fox, Panhellenic Council Liaison  
Matt Beyen, Cinemas  
Akhil Dharmavaram, Web-design  
Amanda Klovekorn, Recruitment & PR Chair  
Stephen Day, East President  
Andrew Keane, East Vice President  
Stephen Dougherty, East Rep  
Cameron Francis, WHRA President  
Julia Bollinger, WHRA VP & Co-Safety Security Chair  
Logan O'Hara, WHRA Rep  
Hannah Yost, SHRA President & Student Health and Wellness  
Jessica Shuey, SHRA Administrative Vice President  
Joelle Smith, SHRA Representative  
Anila Anthony, PHRA President  
Brian Kile, PHRA Administrative Vice President  
Joey Cortez, PHRA Representative  
Emma Kertis, PHRA Representative  
David Carcamo, Pollock Resident  
Megan Mercurio, NHAS President  
Rayna Klingensmith, NHAS Vice President  
Nathaniel Waksman, NHAS Rep  
Spage Fong, NHAS Rep

Guest of the Week

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Open Student Forum

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Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** ([mdr5000@psu.edu](mailto:mdr5000@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report
    - Brian Kile: Where has Mitch been?
    - Kay Rinkers: Mitch has had approved conflicts and Movin On' isn't doing much this early in the year.
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Panhellenic Council - Paige Fox** ([pef5050@psu.edu](mailto:pef5050@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report

- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - Jessica Mingle** ([ifm5509@psu.edu](mailto:ifm5509@psu.edu))
  - Thank you for electing me!
  - Sustainability Institute came to present and they might be a useful organization to look at working on our sustainability initiatives with
  - Working on making the medical amnesty laws more inclusive

#### Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** ([mjr22@psu.edu](mailto:mjr22@psu.edu)), **John Hurst** ([jeH9@psu.edu](mailto:jeH9@psu.edu))
  - It's nice to see all the new people around the table! If I don't know you, I'll try and come say hello.

#### Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Stephen Day**
  - Last meeting, we filled our sustainability and blood drive chairs.
  - We spoke with the director of foods for East and accomplished a good number of things with that.
  - We also are in the baby steps of planning an event.
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Megan Mercurio** ([mem6323@psu.edu](mailto:mem6323@psu.edu))
  - Nothing new to report
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Anila Anthony** ([axa99@psu.edu](mailto:axa99@psu.edu))
  - Webmaster and Condom Co-op chair appointed
  - Tentative date for Pumpkin Palooza - 26th October
- **South (SHRA) - Hannah Yost** ([hby5050@psu.edu](mailto:hby5050@psu.edu))
  - Painting Event Thursday
- **West (WHRA) - Cameron Francis** ([cyf5173@psu.edu](mailto:cyf5173@psu.edu))
  - Community Council meeting results
  - Spoke individually with chair positions
  - Social events being planned

#### Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Homecoming - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
    - Cameron Francis: Are we doing anything about the float?
    - Laura Daly: We are looking into it and will talk to John Hurst about it after this meeting.
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Public Relations - Amanda Klovekorn** ([alk5617@psu.edu](mailto:alk5617@psu.edu))
  - Working on a Facebook group for members only
  - CAACURH Instagram takeover
  - Areas hosting events: please send me info so I can put it on social media
- **Social - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **THON - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** ([afd5151@psu.edu](mailto:afd5151@psu.edu))
  - psuarhs.org

#### External Committee Reports

- **Activities - OPEN**

- Nothing to report
- **Recruitment - Amanda Klovekorn** ([alk5617@psu.edu](mailto:alk5617@psu.edu))
  - Working on flyers and other recruiting material for plastic event
- **ARHS Cinemas - Matt Beyen** ([mdb5548@psu.edu](mailto:mdb5548@psu.edu))
  - This weekend we will be playing Spider-Man: Homecoming
  - Opinions on a double feature for Halloween?
    - Hannah Yost: Do you know anything about the anime moving showings? Are they with us or separate?
    - Matt Beyen: The showing location where anime movies usually are hasn't been working. It's with us but Penn State has an agreement with a company and there is a conflict. There's no more anime movies until October 24th.
- **Campus Safety & Security - Nick Mahon** ([nam5557@psu.edu](mailto:nam5557@psu.edu)) & **Julia Bollinger** ([jfb5368@psu.edu](mailto: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](mailto:ljo5051@psu.edu))
  - NCC Chat legislation - scholarship name change, textbook scholarship criteria edits, programming grant
  - and the delegates for CAACURH 2017 are....Nick Mahon, Kayla Olowin, Kay Rinkers, Anila Anthony, Matt Beyen & Jessica Mingle! Congratulations!
    - Laura: Anyone who is in NRHH please show up on Sunday!
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - Hannah Yost** ([hby5050@psu.edu](mailto:hby5050@psu.edu))
  - SHAB Meeting next Monday
  - Domestic Violence Bracelets
  - Bystander Intervention Training?
- **Sustainability - Nick Mahon** ([nam5557@psu.edu](mailto:nam5557@psu.edu))
  - Thank you for tonight!
  - Bottles Wednesday
  - Thursday Event

#### Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Laura Daly** ([lvd5265@psu.edu](mailto:lvd5265@psu.edu))
  - Canning total is \$1,001
  - Retreat October 7th & 8th
    - John Hurst: The high ropes course is really a lot of fun. When you finish it you feel like you accomplished something. And the great thing is you've accomplished something with others who you didn't know so well, or knew really well. If you have a problem with heights, come anyway! Cheer people on. We're not trying to segregate people out if you have a fear of heights. But if you do get a chance to do it, it is so much fun. It changes a lot about what you thought you could do. So hopefully you all can make it.
  - Plastic Week
  - Author event: The Naked Roommate
    - Logan: So this book is more about expected students headed to college?
    - Kayla Olowin: I'm looking up the synopsis, I'll get back to you.
- **Vice President - Kayla Olowin** ([kms7123@psu.edu](mailto:kms7123@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report

- **Director of Programming - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Outreach - Kay Rinkers ([kgr5093@psu.edu](mailto:kgr5093@psu.edu))**
  - Updates
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire ([bfm5125@psu.edu](mailto:bfm5125@psu.edu))**
  - Attendance tracking
  - Great job submitting agendas this week
- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico ([tja5251@psu.edu](mailto:tja5251@psu.edu))**
  - Account Balance: \$27,023.37
  - If you haven't sent me your transaction reports from last year, please do that.

Forum Break 7:36 - 7:48

Open Discussion

### **Discussion on the Veto of the Office Hour Legislation passed last week (9/18/17)**

- Laura Daly: I chose to veto this legislation because we believe office hours are very important to our organization. Us being in the office for an hour is not a big responsibility. Being in the office for an hour, no matter what you're doing, is great. If somebody walks in, they can have their questions answered. If ARHS people are in there and another ARHS member walks in, there is opportunity for discussions and collaborations involving ARHS. Many events last year were formed last year from discussions in the office. Having the office is a privilege. We need to recognize that. We are one of the only organizations to have our own office in the hub. We need to uphold this and have office hours.. We are so lucky to have our own space and it is our job to serve these office hours. It's an hour per chair. You can do anything you want there. We're not saying you have to sit there and do nothing and stare until somebody walks by. We all ran on platforms last year to get people more involved. Participate more. Plan more events. This is something all five of us ran on and got these jobs from you on. We serve you guys. I know this was a big step for us to make but this is something we strongly believe in.
  - Logan O'Hara: What happens if somebody has a question specified toward a person whose hours don't align with the office hours given?
  - Laura: We still have the groupme. The office can still be used for communicating. If you have to talk to somebody and you're not free when they're free.
  - Cameron: Like scheduling a different hour when you're both free?
  - Nathaniel: Isn't that the same thing with teachers? Teachers have office hours as the primary contact time, but if a student can't make that, they make plans to meet at another time.
  - Laura: It's not even about being seen there. It's about being there and working on things.
  - Julia: So aren't these office hours a set time? Or is it more flexible? As long as you meet your one hour?
  - Laura: We want everyone to have one hour. If you have a conflict, put it in the groupme, email brendan, it's not a big deal.
  - Cameron: So what happens if you miss all your office hours?
  - Kayla: You could be impeached
  - John Hurst: Why do we have to go to extremes? These are office hours. I've yet to hear.. Impeachment has a much higher value. We throw impeachment around like it's going to the bathroom. Impeachment is a tough word. It hurts people. We don't have to say impeachment for bringing up office hours. But I am also not apart of this group able to vote.
  - Megan: I'm confused, what happened to us not talking about it because it was already discussed?
  - David: I agree with John. I think it brings the worst in us to bring up impeachment over Office Hours. You should choose an hour where you can get things done. If nobody comes in, you can get things done for yourself. The spirit of the question is: Do we want to do more, be more? Or do we want to do less, be less? The mood was aspirational last year with the new exec board. We should hold to that.

- Laura: Another point that made us push it is .. we want to have involvement in the future and have the office in the future. Anyone who applied for a chair position, office hours were expected.
- Cameron: I just feel like we're undermining a lot of our members here. We're saying it's a bad thing because they won't give up an hour, it's a bad thing. A lot of people came to an event today. Everyone showed their support. If we instituted my bill, everyone would come to the office whenever they wanted.
- Laura: Tonight we made it mandatory. This event was mandatory. Kayla and I usually have to text everyone to come to an event. Tonight we saw an amazing attendance, we were happy about it, but it was mandatory. Once we take out office hours, there's no going back from it.
- Kayla: We'd be setting a standard going forward. Once it's gone, yes, it can come back, but it doesn't.
- Nathaniel: If everyone is amazing and wonderful as they say they are, Cameron, why can't they just hold the office hour? Why does it have to be voluntary?
- John Hurst: Can't there be a compromise? If you decide, make it voluntary for a semester. If it's not working, we go back to the way it was in the spring. You'd both be giving a little bit. You both have an idea of what you want. So compromise?
- Laekin: John, I appreciate your talk of compromise. I think a better compromise was removing some of the fear of retribution if you don't go. It should be more of "you're strongly encouraged and expected to go. But at the end of the day if you don't do them, it's reflecting badly on yourself to this organization." I know a lot of areas hold office hours, so if that's an expectation of your area why wouldn't it be an expectation of ARHS? In addition to that, I agree with what Brian presented before, where Area Reps don't have to do office hours. But I'm a very strong opposer to taking this out of our constitution and bylaws. I think the executive board is really passionate about this and speaking for those who can't get a vote. Nobody is responsible to vote for me but I am strongly against this.
- Megan: I agree with the compromise. If you're going to make people go to office hours who don't want to be there, it's not the most beneficial. Why not make it bi-weekly? So people can get things done one week and then do ARHS things the other week. They aren't going to put their best foot forward if it's every week.
- Logan: I'm the WHRA Rep. My role in this is I'm going to go sit in a room, do work supposedly if nobody schedules meetings with me, not aiding the organization in any way.. For physicality reasons just so we have this room?
- Laekin: So I think that as a new member you really don't have experience with this so you're speaking without knowledge at this point. Have you done office hours for WHRA? Or any at all?
- Logan: No I have not.
- Laekin: So the point is to have a body there, knowledgeable of the organization and can point somebody to the right information about the organization. You have access to the minutes. You have access to information and can speak to those who come in. I've never sat in the office alone. People from ARHS come and talk. Others come and talk. I scheduled my office hours with Kayla so we can talk. It's not meant to seem like a jail cell. It is supposed to be a productive environment that is not just a storage locker. We don't want our office to be weird place in the corner that people don't want to go to. If you're sitting there and don't have any AHRS/WHRA related work or homework, you can sit and organize the office. You can maybe find something you like in there and get an idea from it. My first CAACURH poster is in there. Our awards are in there. You can get started on ideas from in there. A lot of people are putting negative outlooks on this. It should be positive. It's an hour. It's not an end of the world.
- David: I think your argument (Logan) is that you're assuming the worst. The worst doesn't happen. We're compelled to do it because it's a lot of responsibility. It's a part of our organization. It's only 60 minutes.

- Logan: (to Laekin) Making something mandatory isn't inviting and making something voluntary is inviting. Making something mandatory might just help you hold the office hours, but if we're fearing people not going because we're going to lose it, then we shouldn't have the office at all. Volunteering for the office is a better system. If we're all in fear that a new set of rules would cause us to lose the office, then we need to discuss the fact that we're not putting enough effort in.
- Laura: Voluntary doesn't work as well.
- Kayla: If we change the constitution now, it's not a minimal thing. A trial isn't about changing the constitution. If we're doing the trial run, we try it, and if it works, then we change the constitution. It's a long process.
- Brian Kile: I'd just like to remind everyone if the veto stands you can still vote for the other amendment. Chairs and exec board have to do hours and everyone else volunteers. I think that's a great compromise. And doing office hours isn't a big issue because this is an organization that asks for it and the opportunity it provides. The opportunities provided through serving ARHS as a chair are worth going to the office for one hour. If you can't justify spending an hour in the office, how can you justify going to an event?
- Matt: Overall, regarding everything here, when I serve office hours, for instance - I'll do hours in Pollock just because I can, we are representing ourselves in the hub. If somebody comes by, and I know people have thrown around that nobody comes by, that doesn't matter. We need to be proactive. I've been in the office and had people ask me questions. I directed them where they needed to go. Sure, it might not be every single day. But regardless, we are representing ourselves. If somebody comes by and it says closed several days in a row, people are going to think we don't care. We represent the students. It would be backwards for us not to be there. Regarding the idea of volunteering, I've seen it work but a lot of the times it doesn't. I'll volunteer but it's just a volunteer thing and skip it. We're all guilty. Maybe having this impeachment thing is a bad idea, so maybe we just take office access away from those not willing to serve an hour.
- Kayla: We can check that. And it does have a timestamp.
- Laura: Our office is located next to Barry Bram. He is one of the top people in the hub. He is the vice president of student affairs assistants. He is the UPUA advisor. How does it look if nobody is ever in that office? They are the people that decide if we get that office or not.
- Julia: We're losing focus on Cameron's thing. We're not saying no to office hours. We're making it voluntary. A lot of people know we want to use the office more. There is going to be more of an effort to use it more. We also use it for our own chair position meetings. Having office hours specifically listed makes it harder. It's not like it's going to be empty all the time. You'll still have people in there. It will make it less harsh and more welcoming. Technically it's also more than an hour depending on where you're walking from and where you have to go after that.
- Laura: It is a privilege to have meetings in there. There are so many spaces.. If it's busy, you can go somewhere else. Just because you have one specified hour doesn't limit others from going there.
- Brendan: It also shouldn't be considered that it's "more than an hour" because you have to walk to the hub before office hours and walk wherever after office hours. We have flexible shifts, 12-5 and have said if those times don't work to come talk to us. It's as easy as scheduling your hour when you're near the hub or on campus and not far away.
- Kayla: Having swipe access is a privilege.
- Julia: That's not why it should be voluntary.
- Amanda: Personally, I think that we should be focusing more on the fact that this is something we shouldn't be changing the constitution over. A couple days ago, or last week, when we set up potential office hour times, I scheduled one office hour, and when it came to the day, I realized I couldn't do it and I rescheduled it to a different day. So my idea would be to keep that google sheet or keep a google calendar and put it in the facebook group and the groupme so everyone can see it, so people can change office hours and reschedule office hours and it's really flexible. The other thing that popped into my mind when I was changing

my office hours, hypothetically you could change your office hours every week and not serve them. It's basically cheating the system without changing the constitution. You would keep the caveat in the constitution that we have office hours.

- Hannah: I want to say that the amount of direct commenting is getting frustrating. Too much back and forth. I feel like a lot of these arguments are based on hypotheticals. I keep hearing the same things. What if people come in? What if they don't? What if I reschedule? What if I don't? We should be more focused on what we want to expect from our chairs. So whether or not we expect our chairs to serve a mandatory hour or voluntarily serve an hour. I feel like this difference isn't as large as people are making it out to be. I was in ARHS, for a long time, I didn't even know ARHS had office hours. I didn't know people had them. That's how I feel about it. I motion to exhaust the speakers list.
- Brendan: Hannah, I ran on the platform of enforcing things that past Director of Record's haven't. One of those things was office hours. I was elected on that platform.
- Steven Dougherty seconded
- Laekin: It sounds like we were open to moving towards compromises. So I think we should allow the veto to pass and see what we can do after that. This is just of if the veto is passing or not?
- Kayla: Matt brought up a good point when he was speaking. Gale Hurley was invited. We wanted to give her a retirement gift. The reason I met her was from office hours.
- Rayna: This is just too much. I think this needs to end. All we've been saying since last week is the same thing. Everyone has their opinion made up. I think a lot of this is stubbornness on changing something we've had for a while. Nothing in history has been better for keeping something the same.
- Cameron: I want to thank everyone for being so committed to ARHS and this topic.
- Joey: I might be speaking out of ignorance, but they were offering the PHRA meeting, I chose to run for that because I wanted to be in it. I didn't necessarily want to do office hours. But I've been going. I think about it like school. If you had the option of going to school when you were younger, you wouldn't go. But overall it's a really good thing you went, because it benefits you. There's this thing called the Mandela effect. Where a certain number of people believe in things and it slowly catches on to everyone. What if somebody actually comes to this office when one person was there? Who needed to be there? It could be so important. This whole thing reminds me of the movie cars. As in, ok, they have that town, Radiator Springs. It was the only option people had. The town was booming. But eventually one person left, and everyone else decided to leave, and it closed down.
- Brian: I know we keep using the word mandatory. They're technically not mandatory. You're allowed to quit ARHS whenever you want. If you don't think ARHS is worth it, you're more than welcome to say goodbye.

### **Matt Beyen: Discussion on a Double Feature for Cinemas during Halloween**

- I was talking to John Harlow, and he wanted to know if we were interested in showing two movies instead of one for Halloween weekend. We'd be able to do it for free. We were thinking about a scary movie and then a non-horror, like Planet of the Apes.
  - Logan O'Hara: Can you do a double feature but with a different movie?
  - Spage Fong: I agree with Logan. The remakes are terrible!
  - Matt Beyen: Ok
  - Joey Cortez: Which do you already have?
  - Matt Beyen: We already have Anabelle, and the contract for it. So the other movie choice is limited which is why the idea right now is Planet of the Apes.
  - Logan O'Hara: Can you pull up a list or something of other movies?
  - Matt Beyen: There are a lot. The newest ones are Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Snatched, Alien Covenant, Boss Baby, Gifted, Table 19, Hidden Figures, Assassin's Creed and Planet of the Apes.
  - Brian: I think it's a good idea because it's a good opportunity for people who don't want to drink to go see a movie - and if they don't like horror movies they can see this.

- Informal unanimous agreement for a double feature
- Megan Mercurio: I wouldn't do Snatched. If you don't like Amy Poehler, you won't like it.
- Hannah Yost: I would do Hidden Figures. It's amazing and universally appealing.
- Logan O'Hara: I would say Gifted. It's family oriented.
- Matt: I'll bring this list to John Harlow and see what he thinks.

### **Laura Daly: Author of Naked Roommate Event**

- Laura Daly: thoughts?
  - Cameron Francis: I think \$3,500 is too much. A lot of students are already acclimated and wouldn't come.
  - Logan O'hara: I agree with Cameron and think \$3,500 is too much. I also think it's too much of a specified audience.
  - Brian Kile: To me it sounded like the author wanted a money grab. I don't think we'd have a turn out and it's too late into the semester.
  - David Carcamo: Ideally, what could UPAC cover if we did this next year?
  - Laura Daly: We'd have to cover 10% of the total event.
  - David Carcamo: I was thinking we could use it as a recruitment effort next year for welcome week.
  - Laura: It will be more expensive next year because he was giving us a discounted rate, since he was in the area and not traveling.
  - John Hurst: UPAC is a great way to have the university pay for something like this. But I agree with what everyone has been saying. We should explore all avenues when it comes to the cost around this.
  - Laura: So I can reach out to him about doing this next year.
  - David Carcamo: I think that would be a win-win.
  - Hannah Yost: I'm a bit apprehensive because I don't know how many people know about this book. Maybe if we could ensure more people had read it. I don't know how well known this is.

### Old Business

### New Business

- **~~Cameron Francis motions to override Laura Daly's veto regarding the Office Hour Legislation (passed during the 9/18/17 meeting & vetoed after the 9/18/17 meeting)~~**
  - ~~Megan Mercurio seconds~~
  - ~~Cameron: I feel like this has been discussed too much. We know both sides. So I think it should just been vetoed.~~
  - ~~Brian objects: I think we should have the opportunity to hear why you vetoed the legislation~~
  - ~~Nathaniel seconds~~
  - ~~Objection fails 6-9-0~~
  - ~~Original motion passes~~
- **Cameron Francis motions to appeal Laura Daly's veto regarding the Office Hour Legislation (passed during the 9/18/17 meeting & vetoed after the 9/18/17 meeting)**
  - Megan Mercurio seconds
  - Vote by secret ballot
  - Appeal failed
- **Brian motions to open elections**
  - Nathaniel seconds
  - Exec Board puts David Carcamo forward for IPC Chair
  - David Carcamo accepts the nomination

- Matt Beyen: Other time commitments?
- David Carcamo: RA in Mifflin, Director of Outreach for Relay for Life of the Blue and White, I sit on the HUB Advisory Board, I am a tutor and the Director of Internal Development for the Latino Caucus.
- Laekin: How would you feel having to bring legislation that you don't particularly believe in?
- David: I would try and make it be able to stand scrutiny. So I would come up with different hypotheticals that they would be asked from council. And if they are for it, even easier.
- David is elected IPC Chair
  
- Hannah Yost motions to close elections
  - Spage Fong seconds

#### Informal Discussion

- Hannah Yost motions to close the meeting
  - Spage Fong seconds

#### Budget Requests: