

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for Monday October 24th, 2016



Call to Order

Roll Call: *Favorite place to study on campus?*

- Alexa Ain, Director of Records
- Alex Gubler, Director of Programming
- Kyle Shuey, Vice President
- Nick Ottinger, President
- Sangeeth Varadaraj, Director of Finance
- John McGlynn, Director of Advocacy John Hurst, Advisor
- Tucker Antico, Co-Sustainability
- Laura Daly, WHRA President, PR Chair, and Historian
- Nick Mahon, Co-Sustainability and WHRA Rep
- Matt Beyen, Co-Social Chair
- Akhil Dharmavaram, Webdesign Chair
- Brendan McGuire, ENRA Rep
- Jessica Mingle, ENRA President, Cinemas
- Kay Rinkers, SHRA President and IPC
- Kayla Olowin, HFS Chair and PHRA Rep
- David Carcamo, PHRA President
- Brian, PHRA Secretary
- Hannah Yost, PHRA
- Jessica Shuey, NHAS Rep
- Evan, NHAS ARHS Rep
- Kyleigh Higie, UPUA Liaison
- Alex Shockley, UPUA Speaker of the House
- Emily, NHHAW Rep
- John Hurst, Co-Advisor
- Leigh Bernetich, Philanthropy Chair
- Chris Schmidt, Graduate Student
- Pam, Graduate Student
- Tim Roehm, NHAS President
- Michael, East Secretary
- Mitch Rosen, Movin' On Liason and SHRA Rep
- Matt Roda, SHRA Rep

Guest of the Week

- Officer Report
 - 1 Criminal Mischief
 - 7 Drug Law Violations
 - 10 Underage Drinking Citations
 - 2 Reported Rapes
 - 5 Thefts
 - 1 Simple Assault
 - 50 Underages in total this weekend (student and visitors)
 - 1 Officer Assaulted
 - \$18,000 worth of damages in the Borough
 - Let police know if you have any videos from the event to hold those people accountable for their actions from Saturday night

- Alex: Who ends up paying for the Borough damages?
 - Officer: Borough will most likely hand out the money to fix downtown
- Matt: Was the police office preparing for what was about to happen?
 - Officer: We understand it is a big game and, unfortunately, students can get rowdy. We knew it could be crazy, but we didn't have backup downtown until we won.
- Matt: Where did the horses come from?
 - Officer: At some point in time, they brought less horses to the game but it used to be a thing at every game. We also don't want to put the animal in danger if we don't have to
- Nick: What is the plan or policy for a giant mob?
 - Officer: Our goal is public safety. We would hope people would disperse once they see police. This is why we bring in people on game days because of how many people are here. Athletics foots the bill to send these officers to the game. We try to control the crowd as best as possible
- Chris: Were there any injuries?
 - Officer: One person got crushed while trying to storm the field, another male was hit over the head with a bottle

Open Student Forum

- Performing Arts Council (Walker)
 - Alex: Are the concerts free for admission?
 - Walker: Yes
- NHHAW Representative
- Alex Shockley (UPUA)
 - Alex Gubler: Are we focusing on all types of smoking? Tobacco? Cigarettes?
 - Alex: UPUA endorsed zero smoking. The Task Force will be more focused on evaluating the policy.
 - Kyle: When you said last year UPUA made this recommendation, was this to have a task force or to go smoke free?
 - Alex: We recommended both
 - John: Does UPUA have any sort of method for enforcing this policy with so many technicalities?
 - Alex: Univeristy of Michigan has the same problem. Linda LaSalle has said that by creating the policy it will be the biggest enforcement. We are working with tour guides and Stand for State. RA training has been discussed. Penn State offers a free tobacco rehabilitation program.
 - John: Would there be smoking areas and how would one know?
 - Alex: There would be no smoking areas
 - John: Would they be informed about the streets owned by PennDot?
 - Alex: Yes
 - John: You can still smoke in a car
 - Alexa: What about international students?
 - Alex: They have prior training abroad, where we would educate them. It would be a huge part of ISO as well. UHS was in a nationwide survey, and only 1.5% of students said they smoke daily
 - John: Have you considered how going smoke free would affect the unions?
 - Alex: Huge discussion at faculty senate, so they have a spot on our taskforce. Make your decision as a student. That is who you are representing. If you consider secondary education, all high schools are smoke-free.
 - Kyle: Have you considered the issue of banning smoking (which is legal) and then repealing the ban on alcohol? Is there any worry about these two issues being related?
 - Alex: Last assembly had the goal of bringing alcohol back. Cigarettes affects you but me drinking in my dorm does not.
 - Alex: We are focusing on health concerns with this task force
 - Leigh: How does Michigan enforce this?

- Alex: They rely heavily on students turning around, saying you cannot smoke here. Another is the ambassador program, training to become a bystander to intervene.
 - Kyle: Will the programs about stopping smoking expand?
 - Alex: Yes, I want it to be expanded to faculty, as well. My hope is that faculty and staff have this opportunity.
 - Alexa: Will there be a borough representative?
 - Alex: I do not think having someone from borough council is as effective. I would rather have people that are from the Tavern association. We also thought instead of having a voting seat, possibly having a forum to state their opinions. The reason deals with the Sexual Assault taskforce.
 - Alexa: Will there be community members?
 - Alex: Yes
 - Nick: If we approve the taskforce, will it just be done there or will you come back to orgs to ask if they approve of the decision?
 - Alex: Only administration has the ability to say yes or no. For them to reach out to us, meant a lot to me and others involved.
 - Nick: The biggest way to enforce this is social and societal pressures. Why can we not do that right now with the current policy?
 - Alex: That was my opinion. I think those pressures make people stop doing what they are doing. The current policy is ineffective. We are a leading research university, we want to improve student life.
 - Alexa: Just voting to sit on the taskforce, does not mean we support going smoke free?
 - Alex: Yes
 - Kayla: How long will the task force take?
 - Alex: Yes
 - Kayla: What is your plan in the meantime?
 - Alex: My ideal plan is to have a task force created by next semester, until the end of the year. It might only take 6 months. Sexual Assault took 6 months.
 - Hannah: Is everyone who is able to vote, going to have a seat?
 - Alex: No. In the past we would have diverse representation and those appointed by the President. It is about who he feels best fit.
 - Nick: What is a reasonable idea for this to be launched?
 - Alex: Most likely after I graduate, and I am a Junior.
 - Nick: How is Penn State more difficult than Florida State?
 - Alex: A huge issue is the commonwealth.

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen (mdr5000@psu.edu)**
 - No Agenda Submitted
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - Kyleigh Higie (keh5550@psu.edu)**
 - Funding for Red Cross Blood Drive
 - Planning to discuss Movin' On funding this week
 - Support of Faculty Senate Resolution and the Implementation of the Smoke Free Task Force

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker (mjr22@psu.edu), John Hurst (je9@psu.edu)**
 - Pam: The 2017 MLK Jr. Day Of Service is accepting leader applications until Friday October 28th!

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Sanket Narayana (svn5268@psu.edu)**
 - Halloween event is occurring this Thursday (10/27)

- EHRA council decided not to support UPUA. Many felt there should be designated smoking zones rather than abolishing smoking completely.
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Tim Roehm** (tjr5395@psu.edu)
 - Pumpkin Carving event was yesterday
 - Tabling this week to give out Halloween treats and promote ARHS
 - Ping pong tourney on the way
 - Looking into North Casino Night. Suggestions/Advice appreciated!
- **Pollock (PHRA) - David Carcamo** (djc5782@psu.edu)
 - Pumpkin Palooza
 - Haunted House
 - NYC Trip
- **South (SHRA) - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - SHRAalloween (10/27)
- **West (WHRA) - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - We have our event Tuesday!

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - After, 1793 Penn State is finally a ranked school!
- **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 requests!
- **Social - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu), **Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu),
 - Haunted house update
 - Availability for next weekend?
- **THON - OPEN**
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** (afd5151@psu.edu)
 - No Agenda Submitted

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Andrew Kline** (awk5484@psu.edu)
 - Racquetball not happening
 - Considering a dodgeball tournament
- **ARHS Cinemas - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - The movies this week are Ghostbusters and Don't Breathe
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
- **Diversity - OPEN**
- **Housing and Food Services - Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - No Agenda Submitted
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Robert Fauver** (rff5048@psu.edu)
 - **Sorry I'm not here tonight - have another interview in MD**
 - NCC Legislation - I will be bringing forth a presentation and legislation about the updates I would like to the Constitution based on the "job responsibilities" of the chair position
 - Sangeeth - text me so we can meet up Tuesday so I can give you the CAACURH invoice
- **Philanthropy - Leigh Bernetich** (leb5437@psu.edu)
 - Thanksgiving Baskets due November 14th
- **Student Wellness - OPEN**
- **Sustainability - Tucker Antico** (tja5251@psu.edu), **Nick Mahon** (nam5557@psu.edu)
 - Touring a compost facility
 - Transportation Meeting

- Housing Meeting/Thank You
- Sustainability Fact

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nick Ottinger** (nso5024@psu.edu)
 - Care package distribution this week
 - Military appreciation week budget request
- **Vice President - Kyle Shuey** (krs5584@psu.edu)
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- **Director of Advocacy - John McGlynn** (jvm5752@psu.edu)
 - CAPS Advisory Board, looking for applications!
 - “Counseling and Psychological Services”
 - Looking for suggestions on how to improve
- **Director of Programming - Alex Gubler** (afg5136@psu.edu)
 - Nothing New
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
- **Director of Records - Alexa Ain** (apa5098@psu.edu)
 - Reminder of Due Dates --
 - Budget Requests are due at 12:00pm on Friday Afternoon
 - Agendas are due at 11:59pm on Sunday nights
- **Director of Finance - Sangeeth Varadaraj** (skv5072@psu.edu)
 - Account Balance: \$31,589
 - Submitted budget requests
 - Submitted Swank Purchase Orders #3 for ARHS Cinemas
 - Area stipends have distributed to all areas (ASA takes a few more days depending on their schedule)

Forum Break

Open Discussion

- Thanksgiving Baskets
 - North is doing a basket
 - Every area is interested in doing a basket
 - John Hurst: I can talk to the advisors, I meet with them tomorrow
 - Leigh: Thank you
- Smoking Policy and Task Force
 - Please see separate document
- EHRA Budget Request
 - Our first event is this thursday, with hot chocolate and apple cider in Findlay. We are also having a pumpkin drawing contest. We need \$400 for the event.
 - John: Does this budget request reflect the conversation in the groupme?
 - Sangeeth: They are requesting a little less now as a result of getting pumpkins
- Performing Arts Council Budget Request
 - Hannah: I am involved in performing arts, I think this would be amazing to sponsor. It’s a great way to also spread different cultures.
- SRCC Budget Request
 - Brendan: We beat Michigan State last year. This food would mean a lot
- Military Movie Appreciation
 - No discussion
- National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week Budget Request
 - No Discussion

Old Business

New Business

- Matt: I move to pass \$1,000 to the Student Red Cross Club
 - Seconded by Tim
 - Motion passes 15-0-1
- Michael: I move to pass \$400 for the East Budget REquest
 - Seconded by Hannah
 - Motion passes 16-0-0
- Hannah: I move to pass \$1,410 for NHHAW and their movie request
 - Seconded by Laura
 - Motion passes 15-0-1
- Matt: I move to pass a ceiling of \$1200 for the Performing Arts Council
 - Seconded by Hannah
 - Motion passes 16-0-0
- Hannah: I motion for a cap of \$1,000 and the movie (Military Appreciation)
 - Seconded by Matt
 - Objected by Laura 8-8-0
 - Tie breaker done by Kyle Shuey, objection stands
- Laura: You motion for a cap of \$1000 for the movie
 - Seconded by Kayla
 - Objected by Hannah
 - Motion does not get a second
 - Motion passes 16-0-0

Informal Discussion

Meeting Adjourned

- Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting
 - Seconded by Brendan

Budget Requests:

Organization: EHRA

Contact: Sanket Narayana, svn5268@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
 - 229
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - EHRA Halloween Event, October 27 from 6-7:30 in Findlay Commons
- Describe The Event
 - This is our first event as an EHRA organization. We want our presence known throughout East Halls and Penn State community. We will giving out free hot chocolate, apple cider, and food. We will also have a candy guessing competition, which will be fundraiser for the National Association for Down Syndrome. October is Down Syndrome awareness month! In addition, we will have pumpkin drawing event.
- History of Event
 - N/A
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - Students will understand there is a student government in East Halls that is there to assist them on problems and issues.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$400
- How will this funding be used?
 - We are purchasing 130 pumpkins at \$3 a piece. The rest of the \$10 will be provided to the driver to pick up the pumpkins at the farm.

Organization: Performing Arts Council

Contact: Matt Schiffman, mattschiffman4@gmail.com

- ASA Account Number
 - 1455
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary, Advertisements
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Performing Arts Council Signature Series,
- Describe The Event
 - Performing Arts Council is looking for a T-Shirt sponsor for our Signature Series. The Series consists of 5 shows, one from each of our genres (dance, acapella, theatre, writing, instrumental), and our end of the year collaborative showcase. The shirts would advertise the 6 events that are part of the series and the front will have the theme for the year.
- History of Event
 - N/A
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - The mission of the Penn State Performing Arts Council (PAC) is to foster a culture in which performing arts can flourish by serving as a resource to student performing arts organizations and serving as their liaison to the University.
 - These shirts will help us advertise and promote the events in the Signature Series, which aim to elevate the performing arts presence on campus through collaborative pieces and performances.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$1,000-\$1,200
- How will this funding be used?
 - T-Shirts (100-150)

Organization: National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week

Contact: John McGlynn, jvm5752@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
 - N/A
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary, 1 ARHS movie showing
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Friday Nov 11 - Thursday Nov 17: Various times and locations
- Describe The Event
 - National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness week is a recurring event for Penn State to build awareness for hunger and homelessness at Penn State, the State College community, and internationally. There are multiple events planned for the week.
 - ARHS Movie:
 - Requesting one showing time slot of "The Pursuit of Happyness" a biographical drama about the struggles of the homeless starring Will Smith. The committee will use this event to bring in the week and advertise the other events.
 - Webster's Cafe & Bookstore Spoken Word Event:
 - Hoping to have WORDS come and perform along with members of the Performing Arts Council. The performances will highlight poverty, homelessness, and hunger.
 - Poverty Fight Night:
 - A sleep-in at the HUB to raise awareness about hunger and homelessness on campus.
 - Panel:
 - Hoping to have a variety of speakers from Student Affairs, the State College community, and national poverty awareness groups like FeelGood.
 - Hunger Banquet:
 - An interactive event designed to give participants a sense of what its like to struggle with hunger regularly. Participants will be sorted into a mock "social class" and the rest of the event, including their food and table settings, will be similar to those of a member of that individual's "social class".
 - Thanksgiving Basket Drive:
 - Week-long event programmed by Students Engaging Students to gather donations for Thanksgiving baskets for families who are not able to have a traditional Thanksgiving of their own.
- History of Event
 - National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week is an event started by the National Coalition for the Homeless in 1981. It has been a part of Penn State for multiple years and has been sponsored by ARHS regularly in the past.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week is an advocacy event designed to educate participants about the importance of caring for those that struggle with hunger and homelessness. These issues are prevalent here at Penn State including in the on-campus community. That is why organizations like Lion's Pantry exist. This event will help elevate the level of awareness of the general student body at Penn State about the issues of Hunger and Homelessness which will hopefully inspire increased action to combat the issue.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$1,410

- How will this funding be used?
 - This funding will be used to provide food and utensils for the hunger banquet, purchase the rights for the movie showing, and to purchase T-shirts for the event.

Organization: SRCC -- Student Red Cross Club

Contact: Bryce Burke, bmb5629@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
 - 367
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary (Food for the blood drives)
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - October 31-November 17; Various Locations; Flexible dates
- Describe The Event
 - MSU vs. PSU Blood Donor Challenge: PSU and MSU face off in this annual event to compete against one another to see which school can collect the most blood.
- History of Event
 - Last year, PSU pulled out ahead of MSU with a total of 992 viable units of blood collected! Between both schools, over 1900 units of viable units of blood were collected. This blood went on to save potentially 5700 lives!
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - Giving blood is an important act and is an ever demanding need. Giving blood is something that doesn't just save lives within our community, but blood collected on campus will be used around PA, MD, VA, DE, NJ, NY and more areas!
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes, to be determined
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$1,000 (to match last year's donation)
- How will this funding be used?
 - This funding will go to buying food for the PSU vs. MSU drives. Having food at the drives directly increases turnout at the drives and helps the donors make a speedy recovery after their donation.