

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for March 18th, 2019



Call to Order: 6:15pm

Roll Call: March Madness winner prediction? OR Favorite fruit?

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
Michael Keller, WHRA Rep
Spage Fong, NHAS President
Angel Antosz, NHAS Representative
AJ Rodriguez, SHRA President
Maria, SHRA Vice President
Julie Waller, EHRA President
Judy Rodriguez, PHRA VP & ARHS Diversity Chair
Garrett Reed, PHRA Rep
Abi Mason, PHRA Secretary
Rachael Lowe, Movin' On
Attiyana Coe, Nat'l Association of Black Accounts

Open Student Forum

- PSU Officer's Report
 - We have a problem with theft in the dorms and piggybacking inside dorms. If someone is coming up behind you and you don't know them, a lot of people will just let them in. This defeats the card swipe process. Allowing people to have free reign inside buildings causes chaos because some students won't lock their doors and this results in theft without any record of who it was. We can look at video, but not much else. If we find whoever allowed a piggybacker in, we will refer them to student conduct.
 - UMASS Amherst Video - One Swipe One Entry
 - Logan O'Hara: Do you know the statistics around thefts from piggybacking?
 - Adam: I can get that for you. One weekend we dealt with 40+ reported thefts from East Halls during a football weekend.
 - Greg: I like the idea of the video but I'm dubious of how effective it would be.
 - Mark: What would be effective for your peers?
 - Cheyenne: The statistics. We always say nothing would happen but hearing the statistics kind of keeps it in my head.
 - Garrett: Something like posting the exact # of phones/laptops/wallets that have been stolen.
 - Greg: Maybe having RAs informing residents annually to lock doors.
 - Logan: Fear campaigns, although I don't like them, may be effective. Maybe something like the active shooter video that was released.
- National Association of Black Accountants Budget Request
 - Looking for \$600 in financial support to cover DJ costs.
 - Spage: Do you charge admissions?
 - At: No, it's free.
 - Logan: Do you need the money for the DJ or make up artist?

- At: Either or. The price is the same for both.
- Nathaniel: Can you tell me about your club?

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Rachael Lowe** (rxl5276@psu.edu)
 - Sorry about lineup reveal, as soon as I know more I will keep you all updated!
 - Budget request coming soon for hospitality
 - Photos/polaroids
 - Acoustic Roadshow
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
 - NRHH Meetings are now Tuesdays at 6pm
 - Interested in joining? Attend a meeting!
- **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)
 - Nothing new to report
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Spage Fong** (ssf14@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Emma Kertis** (eck5201@psu.edu)
 - PHRAday 3/22 — washi tape picture frames
 - Pollock Palooza 4/25 — theme this year is retro/decades
- **South (SHRA) - AJ Rodriguez** (abr5439@psu.edu)
 - National Holidays
 - Awkward moments day
 - Supreme sacrifice day
 - Sloppy Joe Day
 - Lacy Oatmeal Cookie
 - Bio-diesel day
- **West (WHRA) - Gregory Edmunds**
 - Skate pattys went well
 - Planning for the end of the year event is underway

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)**
 - Leadership Institute Applications due Monday, March 18th by midnight (held at Camp Blue Diamond May 5-11th!)
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Daniel Hanuska (djh73@psu.edu)**
 - NACURH applications due tonight!
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - AJ Rodriguez (abr5439@psu.edu)**
 - Good luck to those in elections!! :D
 - Positive work environments lead to members of organizations feeling more included and trusted when leaders work to allow everyone's voices to be heard and to take initiative!
 - Kim C. Brimhall. Inclusion Is Important . . . But How Do I Include?
 - Examining the Effects of Leader Engagement on Inclusion, Innovation, Job Satisfaction, and Perceived Quality of Care in a Diverse Nonprofit Health Care Organization.
 - SHAB Recap:
 - Student Leader Alcohol Roundtable
 - Meeting in April
 - Open to anyone who wants to join
 - Wellness Workshop bump
 - Wellness Week in the works
 - Topics are: Wellness, Anxiety, Depression, Substance Abuse, and Sexual Assault
 - Targeting Freshmen and Seniors
- **Sustainability - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Kayla Olowin (kms7123@psu.edu)**
 - Thank you Michael and Gregory!
 - Elections
 - Banquet
 - A little message
- **Vice President - Cheyenne Hansen (ceh42@psu.edu)**
 - Elections are today! Goodluck to everyone running
 - Elections packets are due FRIDAY (March 22nd)

- Send me pictures for end of year video
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Programming - Nathaniel Waksman (nxw37@psu.edu)**
 - Skate Patty's wrap-up
 - Casino Night Budget Request
 - Outdoor Movie Night-April 6
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire (bfm5125@psu.edu)**
 - Goodluck to all in elections!!
- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico (tja5251@psu.edu)**
 - Balance: \$54,404.64

Forum Break 7:03 - 7:13

Open Discussion

- Council discussed the following:
 - Accountants Budget Request
 - Nathaniel's Budget Request

Old Business

New Business

- Accountants Budget Request
 - AJ moves to pass \$600 to the National Association of Black Accountants
 - Gregory seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes 13-0-0
- Nathaniel's Budget Request
 - Logan moves to pass a cap of \$3,100 for Casino Night pt. 2
 - Daniel seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes 13-0-0
- Elections
 - Spage motions to open elections
 - Michael Keller seconds
 - Logan O'Hara nominates Nathaniel Waksman for President
 - AJ Rodriguez seconds
 - Nathaniel Waksman accepts his nomination
 - Kayla: One thing you'd like to change about ARHS?
 - Nathaniel: I'd like to have a bigger push for recruitment. Enticing talent to come to our organization. We're uniquely positioned, we can engage and are contact with multiple facets of the university.
 - Daniel: Being President is stressful, can you tell us about a time where you had weight on you and you could manage it?
 - Nathaniel: AP European History in High School. First few weeks, I wasn't mentally prepared for it at all. A lot of it was understanding that work needs to come first as a responsibility. Stress management and leaning on those you work with can also help. Nobody had a background in AP Euro, so we

all came together to get through it. I hope to replicate that experience in ARHS.

- AJ: What's one of your weaknesses? How do you plan on overcoming that?
- Nathaniel: I do not do well deviating from a previously set plan. I will set a plan and go for it. But I can rely on others to help me adjust changing plans and following through.
 - Nathaniel Waksman is elected President of ARHS
- Judy Rodriguez nominates herself for Director of Outreach
 - AJ Rodriguez seconds the nomination
 - Judy Rodriguez accepts her nomination
 - Kayla: What do you see as your biggest challenge?
 - Judy: Recruitment and getting enough people to see the amazing things I've gotten out of ARHS. I remember seeing a PHRA flyer last year, and now I'm here. So I think pushing genuinely reaching out to collaborate is something I'll be doing next year, extending our efforts even further. Externally and internally.
 - Kayla: Having being on the outside of exec, what is something you'd like to change about exec?
 - Judy: I'd like to have constant communication with exec. General members may not know how much work goes into planning and collaborating. So I'd like to be very transparent and have general members feel more involved.
 - AJ: Where do you see this organization in one year?
 - Judy: Hopefully we see a lot of people not coming to ARHS and seeing it as a chore. Individuals furthering not only themselves but furthering this organization as a whole.
 - Dan: As NCC and potentially being under your command, in what ways would you work with not only me but CACURH/NACURH as a whole?
 - Judy: No concrete ideas right now, but I'd love to know more about how conferences work and what they're like and see how I can boost attendance to these conferences.
 - Judy Rodriguez is elected as Director of Outreach
- Gregory Edmunds nominates himself as Director of Programming
 - Ben seconds
 - Gregory Edmunds accepts his nomination as Director of Programming
 - Maria: What qualities or traits do you see matching with this position?
 - Greg: I have a lot of experience with organized activities. Boy Scouts of America, budgeting for gas and unexpected costs and event planning. I've expressed interest in this position to people before and I find myself willing to put in that effort.
 - Kayla: Obviously Nathaniel has told you a lot about this position. It's extremely stressful. How do you handle high amounts of stress?
 - Greg: My general philosophy isn't to break out in panic sessions and curl into the fetal position. It's buckle down and see what the best scenario I can get out of it. Moving an event back, doing whatever is possible to get as many people for the last minute on board. I've worked with tight knit groups before and everyone here helps each other get along. I can consult with Nathaniel for other issues.
 - Kayla: One big thing you wanna do with this position?
 - Greg: In general, I haven't considered something big from what we've been doing. An echo from tonight is recruitment. Probably one of our better ways to recruit members is from a.e.s.
 - Daniel: Any trademark events you want to bring to ARHS?
 - Greg: Nothing in particular, some of our events ideas are limited because of university restrictions. I'm sure we have dedicated members willing to pitch ideas that I can make happen.

- Judy: Time commitments?
- Greg: Geography major. Reasonably time consuming but I've managed so far. Most of my time constraints are this and IM volleyball.
- AJ: How was your experience in WHRA valuable for ARHS?
- Greg: Each organization runs differently. Generally, we've had issues with membership in WHRA. Damage control was frequent.
 - Gregory Edmunds is elected Director of Programming
- Spage motions to close elections
 - AJ seconds
 - No objections
- Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

Budget Requests:

Organization: National Association of Black Accountants

Contact: Attiyana Coe

- ASA Account Number
 - 0362
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - NABA's 12th Annual Fashion Show
 - Date: March 23, 2019
 - Time: 6pm
 - Location: Alumni Hall
- Describe The Event
 - NABA Penn State Chapter has been hosting a fashion Annual for the past 11 years. It's has had an audience ranging from 400-1000 people. This year's theme is centered around street wear. I chose this theme because I feel this genre of fashion includes everyone due to how diverse street wear is. Hence that it includes everyone, it will increase the diversity of our audience. This is something I see that the Penn State community needs and I would appreciate it you would choose to be apart of that by your donation.
- History of Event
 - NABA's Fashion Show started off as a fashion show showcasing professional and business casual outfits for the business world. It has now expanded and became a fashion show that showcases talent and art.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - This is a free event so all students are welcomed. This event will bring together the Penn State Community no matter who you are.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$600
- How will this funding be used?

- o It can help pay for the DJ or help pay for our two makeup artist.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - o Yes

Organization: ARHS

Contact: Nathaniel Waksman

- ASA Account Number
 - o 0225
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - o Monetary, volunteers
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - o Casino Night
 - o March 29, Noontime Lounge (HUB), 7-10PM
- Describe The Event
 - o Back by popular demand, ARHS' casino night is a night filled with fun, food, and cool prizes.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - o Gives students an opportunity to enjoy a fun, alcohol-free evening
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - o No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - o Cap of \$3,100
- How will this funding be used?
 - o Prizing, food (pizza and insomnia cookies??), new roulette wheel
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - o Yes