

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for Monday September 11th, 2017



Call to Order 6:15pm

Roll Call: Favorite memory from Labor Day Weekend

Laura Daly, President
Kayla Olowin, Vice President
Kay Rinkers, Director of Outreach
Tucker Antico, Director of Finance
Akhil Dharmavaram, Web-design chair
Josh Evans, THON Chair
Stephen Dougherty, East
Brian Kile, PHRA Executive VP
Emma Kertis, PHRA Rep
Joey Cortez, PHRA Rep
Anila Anthony, PHRA President
David Carcamo, Pollock Resident
Jessica Shuey, SHRA Vice President
Hannah Yost, SHRA President
Jonathan Lockwood, WHRA Treasurer
Cameron Francis, WHRA President
Logan O'Hara, WHRA Rep
Brian Shoemaker, WHRA Rep
Nick Mahon, Co-Campus Safety & Security Chair, Sustainability Chair
Spage Fong, NHAS Rep
Nathaniel Waxman, NHAS Rep
Stephen Day, EHRA President
Andrew _, EHRA Vice President
Laekin O'Hara, NCC
Paige Fox, Panhellenic Liaison
Dan Hadden, East Coordinator
Paul Kane, Penn State Thespians Treasurer
Mark Rameker, Advisor

Guest of the Week

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Open Student Forum

- **Paul Kane, Penn State Thespians**
 - **Asking for \$1,300**
 - **Cameron: how much are you formally requesting?**
 - **Paul: \$1,000**
 - **Stephen: How much are student tickets?**
 - **Paul: \$12 a ticket, \$4.98 for students, \$5.00 for children**
 - **Logan: Do you have an average crowd size?**
 - **Paul: It varies. This isn't a popular show compared to last year, but the last 3 shows have been 3 of the highest grossing of all time. Beauty and the Beast was 1700.**
 - **Nick: Other than UPAC & ARHS, what other source of funding do you pursue?**
 - **Paul: We have two endowments, so essentially we rely on UPAC and alumni funding.**

- Laekin: What would you say the largest benefit the on-campus population can receive from us giving you this money?
- Paul: The School of Theatre tends to do very wonderful performances that need to be seen.. They can't be seen as much on the collegiate level. We think people at Penn State deserve to see blockbusters and smaller scale shows. We offer plenty of opportunities for growth in the club.
- Hannah: How long have you been coming to ARHS for funding? (How many times)
- Paul: There are records of us coming here for the last 4 semesters. But I can't be positive.
- Laekin: I think it's a lot longer than that, if you go back in our minutes. As long as I've been in ARHS, they've been coming.

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)
 - National Hazing Prevention Week starts next week
 - Can get back to you next week on dates if needed
- University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN
 - Nothing to report

Adviser Report

- Mark Rameker (mjr22@psu.edu), John Hurst (jeH9@psu.edu)
 - There was a lot of questions back and forth about things put in people's windows this weekend. We're an institution of higher education.. So I was hoping we could be a little more ingenious with our wording of things. We talked to those who had things in their windows, asked if that's how they wanted to be seen.. The reason we didn't ask for people to take things down is because it's a free speech issue. We allow students to self express, we have sorority floors with window letters, etc. I can't tell somebody subjectively because I'm offended or somebody else is offended that they have to take things down. But we did have educational discussions with those who chose to do so about what they did. A lot of housing staff didn't think it reflected nicely upon them. But again, we had to go to the first amendment when dealing with this.
 - Laura: A lot of times when people have an inappropriate message on a board in their hallway, RA's do come and ask them to remove it. Why is it different?
 - Mark: RA's sometimes have them remove it because it can interfere with the workspace. An example would be students putting pornography on their board.. You have tech staff or cleaning staff who have to walk by and see that. If you put something in your room but it's visible from outside then it interferes. But inside is your area and your space.
 - Cameron: Currently in West Halls, there's a student who wrote "Send a Nude" in post-it notes. How long will that stand before housing removes it?
 - Mark: Staff went to talk to them this afternoon. But we can't make them take it down. The only way we can is if there is a policy made saying "nothing on windows. At all."
 - Stephen: Would that include a box fan sitting in your window?
 - Mark: If a message is on it, then yes.
 - Brian: How successful were you on getting people to take them down?
 - Mark: I'm not really sure. Some people decided to take it down after our conversation, others didn't. But it seems like things are mostly down now.
 - Mark: On a side note, we've solidified prizes for the top teams for the semester for our Friday Night events. Every week, top three teams can have a party involving

either pizza/wings/subs bought by the RA. But the other prizes are pretty big..so keep your eyes out for those.

- Brian: Would this come out of my funds if I'm an RA?
- Mark: No.

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Stephen Day**
 - Just held elections
 - Going to go to individual trainings on Friday
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Megan Mercurio (mem6323@psu.edu)**
 - We'll be hosting a NHAS tailgate for the Ohio State game in October.
 - First official event is coming up, (Luau) look out for a groupme message.
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Anila Anthony (axa99@psu.edu)**
 - Care package issues.
 - Last PHRAday went well & budget request for PHRAday.
 - New ARSH Reps. Secretary, Housing and Food Services Liaison elected last meeting
 - Laura: How are you registered w/ student activities?
 - Anila: I have two VP's and one is registered as an acting treasurer right now.
 - Brian: Thanks for letting me borrow the casino stuff.
- **South (SHRA) - Hannah Yost (hby5050@psu.edu)**
 - Elections were last week
 - Looking to have a fall-themed paint and sip
 - ARHS Funding to areas?
 - Tucker: I'll address that in my agenda.
 - Cameron: What's the paint & sip?
 - Hannah: We're going to paint something fall themed & sip apple cider.
- **West (WHRA) - Cameron Francis (cyf5173@psu.edu)**
 - Large influx of new and eager members
 - ARHS Reps, Red cross liaison, and PR chair positions filled
 - Other positions expected to be filled next week
 - Looking into scheduling a West House meeting

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)**
 - I have a PR request form draft, I'll put it in the GroupMe after the meeting and ask for suggestions or changes.
- **Social - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **THON - Josh Evans (jje5144@psu.edu)**
 - Unfortunately I have too many time commitments and can no longer serve as your THON Chair.
 - Josh Evans resigns from his position as THON Chair.
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram (afd5151@psu.edu)**
 - Looking into making the website more professional w/ exec
 - psuarhs.org

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - OPEN**
 - **Nothing to report**
- **Recruitment - Amanda Klovekorn (alk5617@psu.edu)**
 - Social media posts for open positions, if anyone has anything about their past position(s) to share let me know.
- **ARHS Cinemas - Matt Beyen (mdb5548@psu.edu)**
 - This weekend we will be playing Wonder Woman
 - We had over 900 students come to ARHS cinemas this weekend!
- **Campus Safety & Security - Nick Mahon (nam5557@psu.edu) & Julia Bollinger (jfb5368@psu.edu)**
 - More security cameras in residence halls
 - Cameron: Where would the security cameras be located?
 - Nick: In the stairwells, not in the halls.
- **Diversity - OPEN**
 - **Nothing to report**
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
 - **Nothing to report**
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Laekin O'Hara (ljo5051@psu.edu)**
 - Presentation - Let's talk about CAACURH
 - Affiliation - update
 - APPLY: <https://goo.gl/forms/HrTw3fpbAW76IT5H2>
 - CAACURH Apps due by Friday, September 22nd at 5pm
 - Area Execs should definitely look into going to these conferences
 - Anila: So 6 people is the amount you'd take with you? Should I encourage my members to apply?
 - Laekin: Yes, anyone involved in ARHS can apply.
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
 - **Alexa Ain's budget request**
 - **Anila: So the event is going to be on the hub lawn?**
 - **Alexa: So right now we're going to have it on Old Main. I am perfectly fine with having areas promote this event in their respective areas.**
 - **Hannah: What time is this event?**
 - **Alexa: 7:30am promptly so we can get the 8am students.**
 - **Anila: So if we help where would we have people help?**
 - **Alexa: In your area.**
 - **Brian Kile: Your budget request is for the donuts right?**
 - **Alexa: Yes.**
 - **Alexa: You'd be buying the donuts for your area. This is more of a partnership.. Not a budget request.**
- **Student Health & Wellness - Hannah Yost (hby5050@psu.edu)**
 - SHAB Meeting looks to be October 2nd
 - Let me know of anything you want me to bring up
 - Domestic Violence month
- **Sustainability - Nick Mahon (nam5557@psu.edu)**
 - Plastic Week
 - Housing and Food Service App
 - Combining the wait time screen at West Wing concept into the Housing & Food Service App?
 - Kayla: Mark do you know anything about this app?
 - Mark: It used to be Jim Richard..but he was recently promoted. So start with Lisa Wendel.
 - Nick: I think it would be cool if you could see how many people were in the commons and if you could get an expected wait time.

- Stephen: I've had a lot of trouble with the app recently.
- Anila: The app works but for some reason only east shows up for me.

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Laura Daly (lvd5265@psu.edu)**
 - Care Package Pickup
 - Brian Kile: These are continued from the first round?
 - Laura: Yes, these are late-order first rounders & for those who have yet to pick theirs up.
 - Stephen: So am I responsible for delivering these?
 - Laura: No, just have people in your office handing them out.
 - Cameron: How come I wasn't notified of my packages being delivered?
 - Laura: Rich delivered them.
 - Retreat.. October 7th's weekend.
 - Cameron: Can we attend the one on the 7th and not the 8th?
 - Laura: We can talk about that later but we'd like you to attend both.
 - Canning Trip (possibly in Brooklyn.. Looking into the interest for it!)
 - Laekin: We would just can for one day, Saturday.
 - Stephen: When would this be?
 - Laura: The weekend of the 22nd. We'd leave after classes on Friday and come back some point on Sunday.
 - Spage: What part of Brooklyn?
 - Laura: Baker Heights
 - Any ideas for events!
- **Vice President - Kayla Olowin (kms7123@psu.edu)**
 - Housing is having a student feedback event for Earle and Robinson Hall
 - Food Services is having a cultural dinner on November 15th and wants ARHS representation
 - System for Requesting Budget's.. A possible tier system
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Programming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Outreach - Kay Rinkers (kgr5093@psu.edu)**
 - **Committee for National Homelessness & Hunger Awareness Week is opening! We plan an awareness week with speakers, 24hr camp-out in the hub, etc.**
 - **If anyone is interested in getting involved, come talk to me.**
 - **We're going to be scheduling group pictures for our website! Looking for a date in October.. Will be sending out a doodle poll.**
 - **Brian: Somebody in my supergroup is a "professional" photographer, I can ask him if he's interested.**
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire (bfm5125@psu.edu)**
 - **New members - make sure you give me your email for the listserv!**
 - **Office hours - if you hold a chair position, please sign up. This does NOT include Area Presidents. If you cannot do any time between 12-5, come talk to exec during forum break.**
 - **Akhil: Do we all have swipe access to the office yet?**
 - **Laura: If you've given me your information, yes. If you haven't given me your information please give me it so I can get you swipe access.**
 - **Hannah: Does access carry through semesters?**
 - **Laura: No.**
- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico (tja5251@psu.edu)**
 - **Account Balance: \$32,299.17**
 - **OCM Check coming at the end of October...spend wisely!**
 - **Requested transaction reports for the past 13 years for our records (and charts)**

- Area Presidents- Forward me your area's transaction reports from ASA (asaoffice@psu.edu)
- Need reports for semester stimulus - In 2015/16 it was only \$500 for the year and in 2016/17 it was only \$1000. With preliminary knowledge would be much in favor of increasing this
 - Nick Mahon: Did any areas receive their \$250 stimulus?
 - Tucker: No
 - Nick Mahon: In the constitution it says they need to receive that stimulus before the beginning of the year. So we should get that moving.

Forum Break 7:36 - 7:53

Open Discussion

- **Akhil Dharmavaram's Budget Request, Web-Design Chair**
 - Looking to be reimbursed for paying ARHS's website fee.
 - Brian: Why were you paying out of pocket?
 - Akhil: Last year, Nick told me to pay for it out of pocket for two months and I did. But it ended up being longer.
 - Nick: Tucker can we work on getting a purchasing card?
 - Tucker: Yeah we can.
 - Laekin: Have we considered not using a platform that requires payment?
 - Laura: That is something we wanted to talk about next. So we're going to of course reimburse him for his payments, but we've been talking to Akhil about moving to sites.psu.
 - Akhil: So exec wants to revamp the website and make it look more professional. They also want to avoid paying for the website in the future so we want to discuss it with council.
 - Website Feedback for psuarhs.org
 - Brian Kile: I think the home screen is boring. If you look at UPUA's website, it has a very nice logo and it's in your face. If you go to ours, it's very bland and doesn't do anyone any favors. I think we should update it and put some more colors and things like that.
 - Hannah: I feel like having our own website is more professional than having one by penn state. Like, I have my own sites.psu website for my own name. I don't see how it makes us more professional.
 - Laura: We just wanted to update it in general. So we were thinking about moving while we upgrade.
 - Laekin: I think we don't have the most welcoming website but I also want to see an updated logo. If you look at UPUA's, it's really nice. Organizations are moving away from the circled logos. CAACURH recently updated their logo, I don't necessarily like it but they moved to square/box shape away from circles.
 - Nick: I definitely agree the website needs to be more professional. I think we should also make the website more timeless. I want something that can age well - meaning we don't have to update it very well.
 - Cameron: I agree with keeping our website on this domain. I think we have more freedom using this domain. Using psu sites limits favor.
 - Akhil: With sites.psu do you have control over changing the URL?
 - Kayla: No
 - Akhil: I think psuarhs.org is way better than psu.sites
 - Brian Kile: Our website also isn't very mobile friendly. I don't know if you've ever pulled it up on your phone, but it's disgusting.
 - Nick: I don't think you can access the constitution on mobile either.
 - Anila: I also support having our own website than using psu site. When you're using sites.psu is there more restrictions on creativity? If there are more options having an individual website, I would definitely favor staying on.

- Nathaniel: Is this not a question for a marketing major? How to present ourselves? Instead of us arguing with each other. Can we not just ask a marketing major "hey, we need a new website, what are some tips you can give us?"
- Kayla: That's not a bad idea, we can do a lot with that.
- Tucker: Yeah I like that idea a lot.
- Nathaniel: I mean we can say whatever we want about the website, but we're already so clearly invested. I think we need somebody's opinion who's not involved.
- Akhil: I somewhat agree. I think it's more so web development than marketing.
- Nathaniel: Not even designing websites. But.. like, make our new logo. What types of texts should we have on the website? Set up a criteria for this person, etc.
- Brian Kile: If you do decide to go to sites.psu.edu, anything that has your ARHS website on it would have to be reprinted.
- Laura: Nothing really has it aside from our little cards and social media. Which really isn't hard to do.
- Laekin: I think the NAACURH website is decent and I think they go through the same thing we do using it. They pay somebody to do theres.. So it's just a good example. They have their social media listed which is something I think we should take advantage of.
- Logan: You said they paid for somebody to set up their website? So could we do the same sort of idea but have a competition style? Advocating ARHS to people..allowing them to put up sites they think would be useful to us while also putting our names out there in the meantime. An opportunity to put up a website but also look into our information more in depth. I think going along the lines of paying for a website, not only paying for it but also having people having the mindset of people making a professional website is a good idea.
- Hannah: I don't think we have enough people checking out our website to warrant paying for it.
- Laura: We would give the winner a prize, not necessarily monetary.
- Nick Mahon: Point of order.. We can't actually pay them to do it.
- Laekin: There are a couple of problems with outsourcing. If we have somebody else do it that's not internal, we don't know how the upkeep would be in the future. And not a lot of these sites are hard to use. It's about googling it, learning it, figuring it out. A marketing association isn't going to necessarily know how to do this. You kind of have to know how to use html or know to use a website. We could do a competition.. But how are we going to publicize it? How would we go about it? I think it's a lot more simple to just have Akhil take over and do it.
- David Carcamo: I think for the sake of time, this should be tabled. I think if you're interested in this as an idea, bring it up next meeting.
- Cameron: I feel like the area we should be advertising to is the School of Graphic Design. They deal with html and things like that.
- Nick: I think this conversation went down several different topics. I think this would be better served to have a meeting with Akhil and the web design committee. We also can't move to table an open discussion.
- Nick motions to exhaust the speaker's list after Brian.
- Nathaniel seconds.
- Motion passes
- Brian Kile: I feel like we spent the last half hour blasting Akhil. But honestly he's done a great job keeping it up to date. We're just trying to improve it, so it's not personal.
- Akhil: Thank you
- Laura: Yeah we're really grateful for everything you've done with the website.

- Paul Kane, Penn State Thespians Budget Request

- Laekin: I think keeping in mind what John Hurst would say & what Tucker said earlier.. Is we should really focus on ourselves before we give so much money away. They rely heavily on the budget we give them every year. We've been giving them at least \$1,000 every semester since I've been apart of ARHS. They come on the dot every year around the same time. I think it's a good cause but do we want to just be the bank in this situation? I think we need to really self reflect here. They are charging for tickets, maybe they can charge a dollar more for tickets to cover the money we'd be giving them. It is a paid event and how many on campus students are really going to this?
- Hannah: I think Penn State Thespians does a really good job on their shows. They came here really prepared and have helped them for a really long time. I don't like the logic of charging students more money because that's taking away an opportunity from a student attending. We have money and can help make it easier for students to attend. They provide a great opportunity for you to go out and do something that isn't partying. I think it's great to have something like this for the on-campus community & the general university park community. I'd have no problem giving them this money.
- Logan: I don't know if anyone can clarify this for me, but the auditorium..how are they making their money? Is this a lending system or are they making money to donate it?
- Lauren: The auditorium is covered by UPAC and they don't do concessions.
- David: The way it works is, when we fund an event, we are indirectly facilitating the event happening.
- Stephen Day: I do agree with what Hannah said about upcharging the students. On the other hand, I do see it as reasonable for tickets going up \$1 or \$2 dollars. I don't think that alienates students from going. I think raising the ticket prices should definitely be on the table. People who want to see the show are definitely going to go if they want to.
- Laura: I just wanted to add it's not an all or nothing. We can vote on any dollar amount.
- Brian Kile : One thing they did add was that it's a good thing for freshman to know it exists. I do think it's important to help them. They requested \$1,300 but I think \$1,000 would be fine. And it is important for us to spend less. But I think trying to just stop funding stuff would go against our mission.
- Cameron: On the point of increasing the prices of tickets..it wouldn't help them in their immediate need, because that's after the show is done. Out of all the people who we've assisted in the path in terms of funding, this is probably the most attended and successful event we've assisted. So I think they deserve our assistance more than anyone else in the past.
- Brian Kile: What do you feel they should receive?
- Cameron: \$1,000
- Nathaniel: It's a stupid idea for us to debate whether or not they should raise ticket prices. Our job right now is to help the students. We know they put on a great event and students attend it, we've given them money in the past, I think we should definitely fund them. Our decision is not about tickets, it's about funding them. We shouldn't burn bridges when we have a group with a history of a good turn out and it looks good for us.
- Brian Shoemaker: It's neat to see, while, other places in the US arts seem to be dying.. And here at Penn State Art seems to be thriving. I love that they put on shows that include ones that people aren't familiar with. I know in the past they've put on shows that people would really want to go to. So I think our money would be spent wisely putting it towards the thespians.
- Laekin: We continue to give and give and give. And what are we getting in return? Aside from our name getting on a small ticket. We can't get the numbers for how many on-campus students this is actually helping. We don't know really how we're helping the on campus population. Maybe we give them a couple hundred dollars. I don't think they should receive \$1,000 just because we've done it in the past. We are not the sole funder of the arts.
- Anila: Is there any way they can give us a bunch of tickets that we can give them to our areas?
- Nick: We can pass it with a stipulation.

- Anila: So if we were to say.. You give us tickets and we give you money, than we can make sure on-campus students go to the event. So it gives our area students a free opportunity to go see this wonderful event. It would ensure we see our community benefiting from the money.
 - Tucker: We gave them \$500 in 15-16 school year & \$1,000 last year.
 - Nick: If we do that ticket stipulation, I just want to make sure the tickets go to students in our area but nobody involved in ARHS. I believe that this discussion should be in new business. You can't motion to close anything in open discussion. Laura has to recognize anyone who's speaking as chair of this meeting. So we can't close any topic in open discussion. It's more of an avenue for students coming in to discuss something.
 - Laekin: According to Rules of Order, this is where anything we're voting on are discussed.
 - Nick: Just because this is how it's always been done, doesn't mean that's how we should operate.
 - Laura: If you'd like to work on something to amend this, we can look at that.
 - Hannah: I just feel like this is a really great event on campus to be having. I think it's a great organization. I agree with whoever said burning this bridge would not help us. I know we're trying to focus on spending money on ourselves but I don't recall us being in a huge budget deficit last year and we're about to get a check for a huge hefty amount of money. I feel like this is a great opportunity for us to say that we support efforts like this from organizations.
 - Logan motions to exhaust the speakers list after Brian speaks
 - Brian seconds
 - Motion passes
 - Brian: I do think it's important to think about money, no matter how much we have. We don't know what can happen in the future and money doesn't come in as much at the end of the year. If we have to pay for some last minute plane tickets for example, we need to make sure we have room for that kind of money. I don't think having more money coming in is a valid reason to spend more money.
- **Alexa Ain's Budget Request**
 - Brian Kile: It's for \$100 right?
 - Laura: It's for whatever we want.
 - Brian Kile: If we have a ceiling for \$110.. That's a lot of donuts. I think that should be fine.
 - Logan: I mean for \$100, that's nothing for a lot of donuts. I think we can go all out. This benefits students and we can spam ARHS with it.
 - Laura: We're also talking about if we want to partnership in general.
 - Hannah: This is something that I'd like to bring to the areas before I vote on here. I don't want to say SHRA members have to be here before I talk to them about it.
 - Laura: It's ARHS members. We would have ARHS members table the event in areas. It's the same as ARHS Back to School Bash where we have ARHS members handle the event but in an area.
 - Hannah: I would still rather wait a week and talk about it with my area.
 - Anila: I support the program and I like the idea about how she is willing to come to every individual area. She cares about ARHS and she came to the right place to ask for money. I would support and coordinate.
 - Laekin: I think our relationship with panhellenic is really important especially since we have a liaison. This would be a really easy way to keep a good relationship with them.
 - Nathaniel: As Laekin handed to, it's a silly idea to not partner with them. It's free advertising. I think we should at least pass this week, a partnership, because there seems to be very little planning on our part and they have a very solid plan.
 - Stephen: I agree with Nathaniel.
 - **Laura Daly's Budget Request**
 - Kayla: A lot of people were really excited about this event so I'm happy it went so well.

- Laura: We went through all 720 T-shirts so that was awesome.
- Brian Kile: I feel like a lot of ARHS budget requests are reimbursements. One thing I'd recommend is getting the invoice a little earlier so we don't have to potentially screw somebody over.
- Laura: We're not trying to make this habitual, the only issue was that I didn't get the invoice in time before last week's meeting.
- **Hannah Yost: Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
 - Hannah: I want to do something for DVA Month. I was thinking about handing out bracelets or having people sign a banner supporting efforts against domestic violence. We could go in the hub and have a poster board with different factual information about domestic violence occurring on campus. I wanted to hear some opinions on this happening in October.
 - Brian Kile: Is there some normal movement for people who are against Domestic Violence? Kind of like Autism Speaks?
 - Hannah: I don't think so, I just see the color associated in the month. I see some nails painted purple in October but other than that not really.
 - Cameron: I really support what Hannah wants to do because I think people should be aware. We could do this in every area.
 - Laura: We could do something like the plastic week and alternate an area a day to give our bracelets. I also think Sisters on the Runway works directly with the Domestic Violence Resource Center so we should talk to them and partner with them on their events.
 - Hannah: I just want to make sure we're just not handing out stuff. I want their to be a general education/activist component. If we're talking about doing something in different areas, maybe we can get a different banner for each area. I don't want it to be something like just handing things out.
- **Kayla Olowin's Budget Tier System**
 - Kayla: Amanda and I sat it on a conference where they talked about how their budget system worked. So essentially people would apply to a tier instead of a number like \$542.22. It would eliminate the debate about numbers.. To make it simple, people would apply about tiers and we would debate the tier if necessary. If they want to tell us the exact amount they needed they could.
 - Hannah: What would stop people from applying to the highest tier every single time?
 - Kayla: They still have to break down costs and we can vote against the tier.
 - Nathaniel: Wouldn't we still end up arguing about the tier.
 - Kayla: We'd pass a ceiling, but not a tier.
 - Nick: I think this would result in more confusion for people outside the organization when applying for money. I just think it's something that doesn't need to be done.
 - Brian Kile: My problem with the tiers is that..let's say it's \$500 to \$1500. If I needed \$1200 I'd have to apply for an amount that I don't need. So I understand what you're going for but I don't understand how it be implemented.
 - Amanda: Just to go off that, using it as an explanation, if you had an event where you expect to use \$1,100. You might be tempted to request for \$1,100 flat. But if you have to apply for a tier, you'd be applying for \$1,500. If council accepts the tier it leaves room for any accidental or last minute costs.
 - Nathaniel: If the whole point of the tier system is to set ceilings.. Can't we just stipulate that we require people to apply for ceilings instead of exact amounts?
 - Amanda: That's what this is.
 - Nathaniel: But people might be confused about tiers..what if you don't fit into a tier?
 - Laekin: How is what you're saying less confusing? You're saying if I need \$1,212.12.. I can't just say I need a \$1,500 tier? It's a streamlined process. It's not meant to confuse people. We have the same group of people who request money every year, I don't think it could confuse them.

- Nathaniel: If your ceiling is in between \$1,000 and \$1,500 but you only are going to spend \$1,200.. Doesn't that put you in a weird position?
 - Cameron: As people said before, they have to send in a break down. So even if they only need \$1,200 but are in the \$1,500 tier we can see that.
 - Amanda: Something Kayla and I had talked about was offering a multiple choice selection of tiers and also a write in section where they can write an exact amount if they really wanted to.
 - Nathaniel: If they are going to request a tier, and they only want \$1200 dollars and are going to write that down anyway, why would we even have the system?
 - Laekin: You're saying this like we couldn't do \$100 in between the tiers. This is mostly to handle a lot of requests that are \$ and change. You could do it by the \$250's to \$500's. It's a streamline.
 - Laekin motions to exhaust the speakers list
 - Stephen Day seconds
- Laekin O'Hara's Event Idea
 - In CAACURH 2015 there was a university that was doing a really awesome Breast Cancer Awareness Event that was mixed in with halloween. It was called "Boobies." It's essentially a carnival that you go around with a passport book and they were showing how to do breast exams at one booth, and a bra pong at another, and every booth you go to you get a stamp. If you get your entire pass book stamped you go into a raffle for a prize. It was a cool breast cancer awareness event. It was really well received with administration and students. But the only issue I had was doing it on a scale. The school that did it only had about 1,000 students and we have way more than that. So maybe we space out the event in October or have stop by's at different places.
 - Laura: An idea I had is splitting it across areas. So we'd pick a week with every area, or something like that.
 - Cameron: I really like the event but I don't like the title. I think the title is silly.
 - Laekin: We can always talk about it more. That's me explaining their event. We can make this work for our university.
 - Nathaniel: Isn't November national Breast Cancer Awareness Month?
 - Laekin: November
 - Laekin: Another event I also loved was about how to be an ally to another person. How to create an open space of communication and what it means to be an ally. So you as an ally are not the focus and it never should be. So what it is is an educational type of thing but maybe inviting some of the groups to discuss this in a round table would be cool.
 - Brian Kile: Would they come in and talk to us or would they give a speech in one of the areas?
 - Laekin: Probably one of the areas. Each of the areas has a cultural lounge so we could easily do one in every area.
- Brian Kile motions for an additional 5 minute forum break
- Cameron seconds
- 5 minute break 9:06
- Return 9:14

Old Business

New Business

- **Hannah motions to give Akhil \$194.25 for reimbursements**
 - Brian Kile seconds
 - No objections
 - Hannah motions to pass by unanimous consent
 - Anila seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes

- **Brian Shoemaker motions for Cameron to make a presentation**
- **Cameron Francis motions to make an amendment to the constitution regarding Office Hours..**
 - Amending 2.2.3, Under Article II:
 - Each Executive Board member shall serve a minimum of (2) office hours per week.
 - Each Area Representative or Chair member may voluntarily serve (1) or more office hours per week.
 - Director of Records must ensure that each member of the ARHS Executive Board is properly attending office hours in pursuant to 2.2.3 and maintain a record of absences.
 - Nick: I think we should drop Exec Members to 1 hour and put a sign on the door that lists the hours they'd be there. I think we should lessen the burden on ourselves and make it voluntarily.
 - Brian: I do think office hours are useful because if I ever need to see somebody about ARHS, I have a dedicated time to do so. I think it should say Exec Board members serve a minimum of (2) to make them more accessible and I think chairs are required (1) and get rid of each Area Representative.
 - Amanda: Laekin had to go but this is her statement: Office hours are an important part of being an organization. It gives students/faculty a chance to get to know us, ask questions, and do ARHS related work. Every other university's RHA requires at least 1 hour from members and more from execs, each week. Some schools require 6+ hours from their execs.. Asking for 1 hour per week from chairs, who are elected by council to represent this organization in their positions, is not too much. NACURH and CAACURH also do office hours. It's not about a minimum. It is about maintaining our organization.
 - Hannah: In the areas, exec members have to serve 2 hours so I think the ARHS exec board should be standard. I'm not opposed to making chairs and ARHS reps an hour a week. I'm not comfortable making an ARHS Rep serve more hours than an Area President though.
 - Nick: Point of clarification, are you saying the ARHS Rep has to serve in their own office or the hub office?
 - Kayla: It depends on the area.
 - Cameron: I also want to indicate, under the WHRA constitution, it does not say that they have to serve office hours. So you can't uphold this to them.
 - Kayla: For them to have voting rights, we can.
 - Nick: That's not technically true. The Director of Records can make them as a half absent for not coming to office hours, and after 3 unexcused absences you can be impeached.
 - Anila: I completely agree with Hannah. Presidents don't have to do office hours because we have to attend our own meetings, ARHS meetings and our area office hours. So I don't think ARHS Reps should have to do office hours have to do both either.
 - Cameron: Currently as it stands, this proposal will keep our office.
 - Amanda: I agree that Area Reps shouldn't have to serve double office hours and I don't know all of the area constitutions but maybe we could make it a stipulation that area reps have to serve office hours either for ARHS or their area depending on their constitution. Everyone here who has a chair position is volunteering to have that position so I think having a office hour for that position is entirely reasonable.

- Hannah: I like the idea of an Area Rep only having to do one office hour. But then I was wondering, technicalities and all, how does that work out for somebody that's both an area rep and chair? How would we work that out?
 - Kayla: So if you left that part of the constitution the same, if you hold more than one position, you're not required to hold more than one hour.
 - Brian: About the Area Representative, forcing them to have an hour, what do you gain? Accessibility is the most important thing for office hours. Don't think about it as filling a hub requirement but filling a need in for the people you serve.
 - Cameron: I support that exec members serve 2 hours because they have a more commanding knowledge of what ARHS is compared to other positions.
 - Nick: How often have students come in to each of you to ask a question?
 - Tucker: I can't specifically remember.
 - Brendan: I don't think this should be taken into account because we never know when the opportunity of a student coming in to ask a question would arise.
 - Kayla: I can't specifically remember a person coming in who isn't involved with ARHS but those who are involved with ARHS I have had plenty of encounters.
 - Laura: I've had people come to me before. Probably 3 or 4.
 - Amanda: The point of office hours is about feasibility and accessibility, like Brian said. If we're going to have chairs be the head of committees, this is perfect for them.
 - Cameron: The opportunity to hold office hours is still available. You can still voluntarily hold office hours.
 - Amanda: You're voluntarily holding a position. You can voluntarily have an office hour to fulfill this position.
 - Cameron: I can't fit 12-5 in my schedule at all.
 - Laura: We wanted to make it as easy for everyone to do office hours, which is why we did 12-5. But it's a responsibility and we're flexible with it.
 - Kayla: But it's open to change for those who can't make the office hours designated time.
 - Logan: I'm confused on what the issue is here. As stated office hours should be happening for those in power. So changing this would exclude the people who aren't in power from having office hours.
 - Amanda: Point of clarification. Is this argument primarily about chair positions or ARHS reps having hours?
 - Cameron: Both
 - Nick: Laura you said for exec board you have to sacrifice a couple of hours a week as expected for your position. But you're compensated for your position, as an executive board member living on campus. We emphasize chair positions are voluntarily, not compensated and don't want them to have to make sacrifices with this position. People are punished for not coming to meetings and according to the constitution should be punished for missing office hours. Is that being enforced?
 - Brendan: I am currently not enforcing it but I will be in the future.
 - Nick: Do you plan on punishing people for missing office hours?
 - Brendan: Yes, and that will change based on whether or not this is amended.
 - Mark: We are the only group other than UPUA, CCSG and GPSA that have an office in the hub and don't have to go into a lottery every year to get it back. Part of that is because of history. My opinion is we probably need to have more office hours than other groups. Because if we're not using it, other groups can ask why we have it. So it's just something to take into account.
 - Brian: Can we do an informal raise of hands?
 - Nick: Only voting members should vote.
 - Brian: This is informal, and those voting are directly affected by the vote. Everyone should vote.
- Nathaniel motions to pass \$3,000 to Laura Daily for the ARHS T-Shirts

- Hannah seconds
 - No objections
 - Hannah moves to pass by unanimous consent
 - Brian seconds
 - No objection
 - Hannah motions to pass \$1,300 for PSU Thespians
 - Brian Shoemaker seconds
 - Brian Kile objects
 - Steven Day seconds the objection
 - Objection passes 7-4-1
 - Brian Kile motions to pass \$1,300 for PSU Thespians
 - Joey seconds
 - Nathaniel objects: wants to stipulate 60 tickets, ten per housing district, for prizes to students to ensure on-campus students are benefiting. We would pay for the \$60 tickets.
 - Logan seconds objection
 - Objection fails 2-9-1
 - Motion fails 5-6-1
 - Cameron motions to table budget until we have agreement from the Thespians: \$298 for 60 tickets
 - Hannah seconds
 - Brian Kile objects: I don't think we should be spending this money. If we give it out to areas, there is no guarantee that they're on-campus students.
 - Brian Kile's objection fails
 - Logan O'Hara objects: I would like to see information on ticket sales so I can see the price range they're dealing with. I want to know how they're not profiting if we're giving them money every year.
 - Logan O'Hara Objection fails
 - Nick Mahon objects: table this with no stipulations and do this next week
 - Hannah Yost seconds
 - Motion passes 11-1-0
 - Motion is tabled
- Alexa Ain's Donut Budget Request
 - Logan motions to table the discussion until he has more information from Alexa
 - Nathaniel seconds
 - Motions to table passes 6-1-5
 - Brian Kile motions to end new business
 - Hannah seconds
 - Nick motions to close the meeting without reading snaps
 - Nathaniel seconds
 - Brian Kile objects
 - Brian Kile's objection fails
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:03

Informal Discussion

Budget Requests:

Organization: n/a

Contact: Akhil Dharmavaram (afd5151@psu.edu)

- ASA Account Number
 - n/a
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - n/a
- Describe The Event
 - Reimbursement
- History of Event
 - Cost of website
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - n/a
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - n/a
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$194.25
- How will this funding be used?
 - \$194.25: \$12.95 per month for the past 15 months
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - n/a

Organization: The Penn State Thespians

Contact: Paul Kane (prkane77@gmail.com)

- ASA Account Number
 - 263
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - The Penn State Thespians Present: The Drowsy Chaperone
 - Schwab Auditorium, Oct 12-14, 7:30 PM
- Describe The Event
 - Touted as "A musical within a comedy" this Tony-Award-Winning, satirical, over-the-top lampoon of Golden-Age musical theatre is made all the funnier by the fact that it literally is that thing it strives to poke fun at. An eccentric old man, (or in the case of our production, a woman) recounts his favorite Broadway musical: The fictional "The Drowsy Chaperone" and the show comes to life in his apartment as he describes each scene. The characters are cookie-cutter, the accents are over-the-top, and and the audience will be in stitches as they escape the dreariness of their lives, if only for a moment.
- History of Event
 - The Penn State Thespians, having recently celebrated our 120th year, are the oldest continually-running student organization on campus (Glee club would've beaten us if WWII didn't happen). Every year, we put on two mainstage musicals, several cabarets, and two children's shows. Drove of students and families alike come to see our productions, and we hope to provide our unique brand of entertainment to the wonderful

people of the State College and University Park communities for years and years to come.

- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - The Penn State Thespians are one of the premier arts organizations on campus. We strive to make new students feel welcome, and more importantly, we strive to teach them the importance of this art in our world today. We strive to provide them with useful skills for the world outside of college - teamwork, leadership, independence, responsibility. Our organization is at once, a creative outlet, a social influencer, a classroom, a business, and a family. Students with an interest in theatre who see our productions often join our club, and they always come out better people once they leave this school.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$1,300
- How will this funding be used?
 - Due to this show's relative obscurity outside of the theatre community, we have decided that our marketing team needs significantly more money this year than in years past. Whereas a typical year would see \$2000 being sufficient for their purposes, an additional \$1000 to \$1500 will be needed to cover their increased expenses, as well as any loss we may take as a result of doing a show that college students typically do not have a chance to see or participate in. Additionally, the marketing team this year is an exceptional collaboration of individuals with creative, interpersonal, and academic abilities far greater than what our organization has seen in the past. As treasurer, it is my personal wish to provide these gifted individuals with superior resources, in the hope that they will produce superior work.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - Yes

Budget Requests:

Organization: Panhellenic

Contact: Alexa Ain (apa5098@psu.edu)

- ASA Account Number
 - 8504
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary, volunteers
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Wellness Week -- Donut Stress
 - October 19th - 7:30am-10:00am -- Various Locations including South, Pollock, and Old Main
- Describe The Event
 - Wellness Week is Panhellenic programming week where we are doing multiple different events such as a Sleep Workshop, Financial Literacy Program, hopefully a fitness class

and more. With all of our changes going on, we have decided to make these events open to those who wish to attend. In doing so, I have contacted multiple different organizations to help co-sponsor some events and I thought this program would be perfect for ARHS. I was planning on doing a Do Not (Donut) Stress Day where we wish students luck on their way to class. This will be right around peak exam time and fingers crossed it will not be when the snow starts around here.

- History of Event
 - As stated above, this is the first time we are opening this week up to other individuals and it is the first time I will be planning the Wellness Week. However, I know multiple other organizations who have done similar events and have found success (ex: Blue and White Society)
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - This will benefit on-campus students because it will show them that their fellow students support their success, as well as bring a little sunshine to their day. I think this will lift their spirits and help with their emotional well-being.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - Around \$100
- How will this funding be used?
 - The funding will be used to purchase donuts for your respective tables, as well as if you need supplies like a table cover, which can be decided at your discretion.
 - I am requesting \$100 as that gives you around 6 dozen donuts at each table -- if you choose to only table in two locations -- Please do as many as you can have volunteers for
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - Yes

Organization: ARHS

Contact: Laura Daly (lvd5265@psu.edu)

- ASA Account Number
 - n/a
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - 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?
 - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?

- o \$3,000
- How will this funding be used?
 - o \$3000 cap for invoice received for ARHS Tailgate shirts
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor? n/a