

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for March 26th, 2018



Call to Order: 6:15pm

Roll Call: What is your favorite thing about Spring?

Laura Daly, President
Kayla Olowin, Vice President
Tucker Antico, Director of Finance
Brendan Maguire, Director of Records
Brian Kile, NRHH President
Matt Beyen, ARHS Cinemas & NRHH
David Carcamo, IPC Chair
Akhil Dharmavaram, Web-design Chair
Amanda Klovekorn, PR & Recruitment
Paige Fox, Panhellenic Council
Alexa Vander Plug, Historian
Stephen Day, EHRA President
Andrew Keane, EHRA Vice President
AJ Rodriguez, EHRA Representative
Jared, EHRA Representative
Jessica Shuey, SHRA Vice President
Joelle Smith, SHRA Representative
Megan Mercurio, NHAS President
Rayna Klingensmith, NHAS Vice President
Nathaniel Waksman, Activities Chair & NHAS Representative
Spage Fong, NHAS Representative
Logan O'Hara, WHRA President
Julia Bollinger, WHRA Vice President & Campus Safety and Security
Justin Walker, WHRA Representative
Emily Simons, WHRA Representative
Anila Anthony, PHRA President
Cheyenne Hensen, PHRA Treasurer
Cody Heaton, UPUA Presidential Candidate
Yasmin Jones, QTPOC Representative
Mark Rameker, Advisor
John Hurst, Advisor

Guest of the Week

- Diane Andrews, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
 - Transitioning period with her new position
 - Collaboration with different student organizations towards common initiatives
 - Develop strong relationships across the board
 - Matt Beyen: What was the transition like, going from working with Res Life and Housing Services to your new job?
 - Diane: The first thing that happened to me was moving into an office in Old Main. I never imagined myself being able to work in that building. It was fun to have the idea of being in the University Building. Fortunately, I've worked with a lot of people in Old Main in the past. The transition for me was wrapping my head around being back at Student Affairs and having a huge portfolio. Figuring out how to intermix with directors and help everyone. I understand Residence Life, but I don't have a deep understanding of some other issues or things going on. This was the first year

we were receiving money for campus recreation. So that was a significant undertaking. There are a lot of things I needed to get my head wrapped around and figure out how to do. It's always fun to learn something new and be challenged.

- Kayla: If you had one challenge to ask this group with for the upcoming school year, what would it be?
- Diane: It's been a cake walk filling the residence halls at University Park. I don't know if that's going to continue to be the case with downtown development. So think of ways to keep students happy and want to live with us. We're not going to be able to make renovations everywhere at once. We have plans for some areas but not others. We need to think about what different buildings we want to make in the areas we haven't started in yet. We need to think about what students really want. I think we have one of the best food services in the Big 10. I do think we need to continue to look at the needs of our students and our population. So have a voice in that. What are the things that will keep students here. You are the students and you are the voice. Another thing I will continue to do is advocate for your voice to be around the table. We've done a great job involving ARHS, UPUA and CCSG in discussions that involve change but we need to continue that and grow from it. We love our students and get along with them. You can always walk in the door and ask for change and we can talk realistically about it. I think that, because of that, you guys have been more a willing to take on other issues. Promoting diversity, programming, events, whatever has been going on. I do think you have a role in a larger issue making sure our residence halls satisfy the needs of our students to the best of our ability as quickly as we can. We need to be more competitive in what we're offering to students.
- Diane: For years you guys have been doing OCM. It's a great source of revenue. How would we make money without OCM? What would we look like? Thanks.

Open Student Forum

- Cody Heaton, UPUA Presidential Candidate
- Presenting his platform (attached in minutes)
 - Paige Fox: What are your top 3 goals for your term?
 - Cody: Water accessibility, students.psu.edu,
 - Laura Daly: Could you explain the water monster more?
 - Cody: Picture a blown up 5 gallon gatorade jug. It's like that with a lot of fossetts for students to get water out of.
 - Amanda: What's the feasibility around doing away with custom textbooks and paid homework services?
 - Cody: It's about advocating for those contrats to not be signed in the future. It probably won't happen in the next year, but maybe it will down in the line. There is a spanish class where Professors have uploaded homework onto canvas. So it's a possible initiative.
 - Nathaniel: What's your ideal relationship between ARHS and UPUA?
 - Cody: Student governments are strongest when they collaborate. If we work together, I think there is a higher likelihood of getting it done. I love working with people. Reach out to me, I'll reach out to you.
 - Brian Kile: I believe I read online that one of the big things you want to fight for was increasing awareness for mental health and sexual assault.
 - Cody: We want to make mental health awareness a year long effort and help CAPS financially. In terms of sexual violence and prevention is to go after that red zone. The first 6 weeks of students being here. Letting them know what to do if there is a situation that arises.
 - Cody: I also have an on campus initiative. A mobile ordering system. Basically, an app you can order food from the commons with. You'd be able to eat in between classes, or if you're studying and don't have a lot of time, you could use it. That's something I'd be willing to collaborate with.

- Cheyenne: I work at Pollock Dining Commons and I know they're renovating in 2019 so if you ever want to reach out, that would be a great start.
- Brian: It would be like ordering at the mix but you don't have to go there?
- Cody: It's like order up but you pick it up. Another cool thing we could do is a student program where they can work and help deliver the food.
- Yasmin Jones, QTPOC
- Presenting a budget request (attached in minutes)
 - Stephen Day: How many people attended last year?
 - Yasmin: 250 seats, 300 people attended.
 - Stephen: We're really tight on money right now. If there's a minimum amount you could request, or a lesser amount, could you provide it?
 - Yasmin: Because it's not a big chunk of money, whatever the maximum amount is. Whatever you could give.
 - Stephen: Is there anything you view as the most important?
 - Yasmin: \$1,500 for the designers.
 - David: When was QTPOC founded?
 - Yasmin: QPOC was founded in 2014. Reactivated as QTPOC in 2015 and active since then.
 - David: You said it was offline for a while, can you talk about bringing it back?
 - Yasmin: I'm not sure why it fell off. But when I became interested, the club was started again because we felt the need for it on campus. It died down because of lack of participation. So we've worked with LGBTQ Resource Center and other organizations on campus to stay active. We've had events on consent, homophobia, workshops on how to be a good ally, etc. We try to engage with the community a lot so we keep a good number of people.
 - Anila: Does your organization have money you can put into the event?
 - Yasmin: We have enough to contribute, but partially. We have some funds left over from conferences.
 - Nathaniel: Is there an admittance fee to this event?
 - Yasmin: Yes, \$5 per student. Last year it was free to gauge the interest. Since it was such a big turn out and we need fundraising opportunities, we decided on \$3-5.
 - AJ: Are you guys projecting to have the same numbers, is the budget planned around this fee?
 - Yasmin: No. This is not budgeted into the event. It's for future use.

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** (mdr5400@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu)
 - We are trying to reserve the HUB for bingo, if not then we will be at Redifer on March 30th
- **Panhellenic Council - Paige Fox** (pef5050@psu.edu)
 - Panhellenic health and wellness week starts today
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (jeH9@psu.edu)
 - ARHS/ Residence Life Summer Internship
 - Work 20 hours a week in the Central Residence Life Office in 201 Johnston. The internship begins in May 2018 and ends August 10, 2018. The office is open from 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday.
 - You will be able to schedule your hours, however we would like you to spread them out over the 5 day work week.
 - While working in 201 Johnston, you will be asked to:
 - Answer phone calls, file, and various other office related tasks.

- Be a student representative on various Residence Life and Housing committees.
 - Represent ARHS over the summer as needed.
 - Interview possible Residence Life candidates as needed.
 - Work on special projects for John Hurst
 - Other duties as assigned.
- Both Sally Butts (Office Manager for 201 Johnston Commons) and John Hurst will be your supervisors for the summer.
- Perks:
 - Single room in Eastview terrace.
 - Meal plan for the summer.
 - Paid ? an hour
- **Please email John Hurst a letter of intent about the internship.**
- **Interviews of selected candidates will follow.**

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Stephen Day** (scd5284@psu.edu)
 - Transportation meeting msg on groupme
 - Working with the constitution during this period of transition
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Megan Mercurio** (mem6323@psu.edu)
 - Nothing new to report
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Anila Anthony** (axa99@psu.edu)
 - Budget request
 - Julia: Total budget for the event?
 - Anila: Around \$11,000
 - Laura: What is your current budget for PHRA?
 - Anila: Around \$5,000. After our expenses for this event, we would be at \$2,000
 - Egg decorating event coming figuring out the details
- **South (SHRA) - Hannah Yost** (hby5050@psu.edu)
 - Had meeting about ENRA
 - Earth Day event April 19
 - Working on study breaks
- **West (WHRA) - Logan O'Hara** (ko5055@psu.edu)
 - Preparing End of the Year Event

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Alexa Vander Ploeg** (arv5162@psu.edu)
 - One in four meteorologists in the United States have graduated Penn State
 - Add any pictures you would like to see in the end of the year slideshow to the google drive
- **Homecoming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - David Carcamo** (djc5782@psu.edu)
 - Constitutional vote tonight
- **Public Relations - Amanda Klovekorn** (alk5617@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **Social - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **THON - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** (afd5151@psu.edu)
 - Press release regarding Gender Neutral Housing is up

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Nathaniel Waksman** (nxw37@psu.edu)

- Nothing new to report, just don't forget about SWUTS
- **Recruitment - Amanda Klovekorn** (alk5617@psu.edu)
 - Found the bags in the office, they have a bunch of 2015 Relay for Life merch in them but they could work as giveaways for next year's involvement fair & anything else we do this year so that we don't have to spend money on new things!
- **ARHS Cinemas - Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu)
 - This week we are playing Ladybird and I, Tonya
- **Campus Safety & Security - Julia Bollinger** (jfb5368@psu.edu)
 - Safety Awareness event is this Thursday in East at 6pm. Tell your areas to stop by!
- **Diversity - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu)
 - Sorry I'm not here guys, I have a pre-interview thing!
 - The UPAC funding is officially submitted. We will have an answer by the 19th! Hopefully they will find the full 75% they can. Matt has the budget and will be presenting in my place!
I'm excited to announce that Brendan will be replacing Ben (as he is no longer able to go) Preparations are well under way. And we officially have a RLC scheduled! So if you're missing NACURH but are interested talk to Matt.
 - Anila: Does NRHH pay towards this?
 - Matt: They pay for their delegates.
 - Anila: So that's not the part being reimbursed?
 - Matt: No.
 - Laura: NRHH is now covering the registration fees, which ARHS usually covers, but NRHH offered because of our tight budget.
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - Hannah Yost** (hby5050@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **Sustainability - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - CAPS
 - Q-zips
 - Registered for Involvement Fair in Fall
- **Vice President - Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - Transition Meeting - April 2nd (e-board),
 - Chair Elections - April 9th
 - External Elections
 - Student Leader Round Table
 - Retreat Booked for the Fall - Weekend of October 5th-6th
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Programming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire** (bfm5125@psu.edu)
 - Remember to fill out agendas on time

- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico** (tja5251@psu.edu)
 - Account Balance: \$13,456.16

Forum Break 7:16pm

Open Discussion

- NACURH Budget Request
 - Brian: Going to NACURH is one of the important things ARHS does. I think it's really important we pass this. The experiences people have at the conference can be brought over to the general body.
- Pollock Palooza Budget Request
 - Justin: It's not that much, I know \$500 is a good chunk of our current budget, but this is an annual event that targets a lot of students. I think it is good to pass.
 - Amanda: We can't pass all three of these for the full amount requested, it's just a general comment.
- QTPOC Budget Request
 - Brian: I think it's a fine event but we don't have the budget to pass it.
 - Anila: I think they'll survive using their \$5 admission fee.
 - Rayna: I think we should give them a little bit. It drew a lot of attention and a lot of people came. A lot of people will be going to this. The ticket cost would be going to pay for things in the future and it's a great event for diversity.
 - Stephen: I asked her specifically what the minimum amount would be. She said \$1,500. That is still too much money. I think we should fund maybe some of the smaller items. We cannot pass a lot of money for this.
 - Cheyenne: They're not putting any more towards this at all. Using future funds with the ticket cost shows they have enough money to use right now. I don't think we should be passing any money towards this event.
 - Emily: I agree with Cheyenne, I don't think we should pass any money towards this. We are already over our suggested \$500 weekly spending limit.
 - Nathaniel: \$143.00 is the maximum amount of money we can spend on this event.
 - Stephen: I do agree with that, but Cheyenne made an amazing point when she mentioned mockery. We might as well give them \$0 than so little.
 - Amanda: Obviously we want to fund everything we can. But we need to be a little more selfish with our money right now and need to focus on us. We can't support others if we can't support ourselves.
 - Nathaniel: In my view, it's best to give any money that we can. They're a new organization and we can start a relationship with them now. They only had standing room only last year and have only good places to go.
 - Julia: Even if we give a little bit or no money, we should express that we can help and support them in non monetary ways. But right now we can't financially support them.
 - Laura: You can include that in a stipulation.
- Constitutional Amendment
 - David: The change being made is in the bylaws at the bottom of the constitution. The time and place we meet would be at the discretion of the executive board. The current wording has it mandated to be in South at 6:15pm.
 - Laura: This is important when we have issues like the heat being broken in South.
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Old Business
New Business

- NACURH Budget Request
 - Julia Bollinger motions to pass a ceiling of \$6,500 for NACURH.
 - Cheyenne Hansen Seconds
 - No objections
 - Motion passes 16-0-1

- Nathaniel Waksman motions to pass \$500 for Pollock Palooza.
 - Emily Simons seconds
 - No objections
 - 13-0-3

- Cheyenne Hansen motions to pass \$0 towards QTPOC with a stipulation that we explain why and offer other means of support.
 - Justin seconds
 - Rayna objects: I believe we should pass some sort of money for them.
 - Objection fails
 - Original motion passes 12-4-0

- Constitutional Amendment
 - Amendment passes by secret ballot

- Elections are opened
 - Nathaniel motions
 - AJ seconds

- The Fall 2018-2019 Executive Board nominates Tucker Antico for Director of Finance
 - No objections
 - Tucker Antico accepts the nomination
 - Tucker Antico is elected Director of Finance

- The Fall 2018-2019 Executive Board nominates Brendan Maguire for Director of Records
 - No objections
 - Brendan Maguire accepts the nomination
 - Brendan Maguire is elected Director of Records

- Nathaniel moves to close the meeting
 - Stephen seconds
 - No objections
 - Meeting adjourned 8:40pm

Budget Requests:

Organization: QTPOC (Queer and Trans People of Color)

Contact: Yasmin Jones (yjf5038@psu.edu)

- ASA Account Number
 - 1589
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location

- o Cirque De SoGAY
- o April 26th, 2018 / 8 PM / Heritage Hall
- Describe The Event
 - o The show titled “Cirque De SoGAY” will showcase local drag performers and feature guest judges prominent in the Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) community. The event will be an opportunity for students to express themselves and have fun in an open and safe environment. Ten student drag queens are expected to perform and four fashion scenes designed by students over the course of the program. “DRAG Her” is an opportunity for the Penn State Community to come together to celebrate the art and talent of QTPOC.
- History of Event
 - o This will be our second year holding the event. Last year's show was hosted by Naomi Smalls, a RuPaul's Drag Show contestant and Jerrie Johnson, Penn State Alumni. Over 300 people were in attendance and the show was sold out.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - o This will benefit on-campus students by providing an experience of drag ball culture unlike that typical to this area. By paying homage to the drag ball culture of New York City during the 80's and 90's we will be gifting the Penn State community with a learning experience and an extremely fun and rewarding form of entertainment.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - o Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - o \$3,319
- How will this funding be used?
 - o This funding will be used to purchase food (popcorn, cotton candy), clothing for the models of our fashion show, decorations for heritage hall and honorarium for a guest speaker.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - o Yes

Organization: Pollock Halls Residence Association

Contact: Anila Antony (anilaantony.7@gmail.com)

- ASA Account Number
 - o 232
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - o Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - o Pollock Palooza
 - o April 20th, 4-7 PM
- Describe The Event
 - o Pollock Palooza is the annual end-of-the-year event that celebrates the last day of a successful school year. There will be free food, music, free tshirts, prizes, inflatable activities (e.g. Bounce House), and other various forms of entertainment.
- History of Event
 - o Pollock Palooza has been an annual event for many years. It has been historically funded by both ARHS and UPAC.

- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - This event provides on-campus students with the opportunity to come together with their peers to relax and have fun before the start of exam week and celebrate the end of the year.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$500
- How will this funding be used?
 - The funding will be used to pay a part of the cost of the Tshirts.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - Yes

Organization: ARHS

Contact: Laekin O'Hara (ljo5051@psu.edu)

- ASA Account Number
 - 225
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - NACURH 2018
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - Ceiling of \$6500
- How will this funding be used?
 - This money goes towards the transportation, registration, housing/meals, for the delegates going to the NACURH conference.
 - This ceiling is simply to write the check out of our account! We will receive our UPAC funding around the 19th. ResLife is fronting the money for the flights; we will need to reimburse them for our flights. NRHH will reimburse us for their delegate. The actual total coming from the ARHS account (our own money) should be around \$1200.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - Yes