

# **Association of Residence Hall Students**

## ***Council Meeting for Monday, April 10th, 2017***

Call to Order 6:18pm

Roll Call: What is your favorite month at Penn State and why?

Laura Daly - President  
Kayla Olowin - Vice President  
Kay Rinkers - Director of Outreach  
Brendan Maguire - Director of Records  
Tucker Antico - Director of Finance  
John Hurst - Advisor  
Julia Bollinger - WHRA Rep  
Mitch Rosen - Movin On' Liaison & SHRA Rep  
John McGlynn - N/A  
Megan Mercurio - NHAS President  
Josh Evans - THON Chair  
David Carcamo - PHRA President  
Brian Kile - PHRA Rep  
Hannah Yost - Student Health & Wellness Chair, PHRA Rep  
Rob Fauver - NCC & EHRA Voting Rep  
Laekin O'Hara - NCCIT, Co-Philanthropy Chair, Co-Social Chair  
Amanda Klovekorn - Co-Philanthropy Chair  
Paige Fox - N/A



### Guest of the Week

- Doug Goodstein, President of Sustainability Institute
  - Defining sustainability: not environmentalism. Sustainability is human health, environmental quality and economic well being. Sustainability is a broader conversation about economics and humans with an emphasis on Social Justice.
  - The Sustainability Institute: A staff of 7 with 3 major focuses: student enrichment, staff engagement and contextual involvement
  - First Year Experience: Integrating sustainability into campus life with a coordinated and intentional experience
  - Student Engagement: Engineers for a sustainable world (elected organizations, student clubs, Eco Action, Global Brigades, NetImpact, CW Campus & World Campus)
  - Sustainability Summit, Involvement Fairs & Conferences set up for students to get engaged.. Interested in help from ARHS
  - A goal to take organizations off of Hub Lawn and move them towards where students really are in order to ensure they're actively engaged and aware
- Questions:
  - Rob: How do you be sustainable towards social justice issues?
  - Doug: In 1987 the UN created a foundational conference where they looked at sustainability issues globally and asked "what can we contribute to a sustainable future?" This question led us to researching into women's education and other issues that aren't environmental that have to do with sustainability. Farmers in Chile cutting rainforests to raise cattle is another great example. The system that reinforces environmental destruction in order to get a profit.
  - Doug: 6.5% of the residents hall recyclables are being recycled

### Open Student Forum

- Organization: **Queer People of Color (QPOC), Brooke Jin**
- Questions:
  - Rob: How did you hear about ARHS?
  - Brooke Jin: Our treasurer is the President of APAC and knew of ARHS. We were also looking for sponsors around campus for this event.
  - Brian: Where will the funding we give you be going?
  - Brooke Jin: The funding will be going towards the fashion designers and the set design as well as the photographer.
  - Rob: Are you asking for a range or a specific amount?
  - Brooke Jin: Any amount possible in the listed range would be great.
  - Rob: What happens if we don't fund the amount needed?
  - Brooke Jin: We'd have to cut back on parts of the fashion show and other small details.
- Organization: **African Student Association, Joann Claude**
- Questions:
  - Lakein: Are you charging for tickets?
  - Joann: VIP Tickets: \$45, Non-Student VIP Tickets: \$46, General Admission for Students: \$30, General Admission: \$35
  - Rob: So are you asking for \$1,500 or more than that?
  - Joann: We are asking for whatever you're able to give, but we know the cap is \$1,500.
  - Kayla: Is your full catering bill \$3,500?
  - Joann: That is what we owed in the past.
  - Kayla: How much do you need to cover the event?
  - Joann: \$5,750
  - Hannah: I think it's awesome you guys are dedicated to event. My organization was interested in singing for your event but it had to change. Why?
  - Joann: Circumstances with our previous leader resulted in numerous venue changes.
  - Rob: How did you hear about ARHS?
  - Joann: 11 people in our executive board total, over 3 of them work in Res Life and informed us about ARHS.
  - Joann: We are also planning on putting your logo on all of our promotional materials.
  - Laura: How much do you need for the event total?
  - Joann: \$8,775

### Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen ([mdr5000@psu.edu](mailto:mdr5000@psu.edu))**
  - PLEASE PLEASE sign up to work the Art Wall! S/o to Laekin and Amanda for being the only ones on the form so far!
  - Merch Sale moved from last Wednesday to this coming Wednesday from 11 to 4 in the HUB (the merch is dope, go buy some)
  - Movin' On is having a chipotle fundraiser, Munchin On', tomorrow, April 11th, from 4-8pm
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
  - Rob: Application for membership is due this Sunday, April 16th at 5pm!
  - Nominations have closed but apply through the nomination link if interested
  - Encouraging all to nominate OTMs. Please submit on campus, first year students who you feel deserve recognition
  - Elections for next year will be happening, date TBD, and we're allowing all new members to apply
  - NRHH Banquet is on Thursday, April 27th, 6pm
  - Laura will be representing NRHH at the CAACURH Conference
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**

### Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** ([mjr22@psu.edu](mailto:mjr22@psu.edu)), **John Hurst** ([je9@psu.edu](mailto:je9@psu.edu))
  - We are looking for a lot of help for Fall 17 Arrival: We are in need of..
- **Welcome Crew Director Position!**
  - Oversee all of the Welcome Crew Captains in the Pollock Area!
  - Be able to work both Friday, August 18th from 7:30am to 4:30pm and Saturday, August 19th from 7:30am to 4:30pm.
  - Supervision experience required.
  - Need more information? See below!
  - Welcome Week Director position is open! Click on the link below to learn more:  
<http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/reslife/wwwd/>
- **Welcome Crew Captain Positions!**
  - Over see 10 to 20 volunteers in your area.
  - Be able to work both Friday, August 18th from 7:30am to 4:30pm and Saturday, August 19th from 7:30am to 4:30pm.
  - Help new students and families during arrival
  - Need more information? See below!
  - Welcome Week Captain Positions are Open Now!
  - <http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/reslife/wwwc/>
- **Welcome Crew Positions!**
  - Be the first person to have an impact on Penn State first year students and their family.
  - Work only 2 hours on Friday, August 18 and 2 hours Saturday, August 19.
  - Give tours of the campus!
  - Move into the halls early!
  - Need more information, see below.
  - Welcome Crew Positions are Open Now!
  - <http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/reslife/PSUwelcomecrew/default.shtml>

### Graduate Assistant Report

- **Pam Ghigliotti** ([pfg5070@psu.edu](mailto:pfg5070@psu.edu))
- April is sexual assault awareness month and so there are a few events this week you should check out if you have time:
  - More than a Pretty Face: Challenging the Objectification of Women
  - Wednesday, April 12 at 6pm in 64 Willard
  - Walk a Mile in Her Shoes - The international men's march to stop rape, sexual assault, and gender violence.
  - Friday, April 14 at 2:30pm in 129 HUB, walk to be on Pollock Rd after a short education presentation. We would LOVE to have ARHS members there and participating.
  - Email Pam at [pfg5070@psu.edu](mailto:pfg5070@psu.edu) if you have any questions!

### Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Sam Finkle** ([srf5294@psu.edu](mailto:srf5294@psu.edu))
  - EHRA No Limit Texas Hold'em Event: April 20th
  - Need people
  - Need help with paying for event
  - Be on the lookout for a budget request coming soon
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - Jessica Mingle** ([jfm5509@psu.edu](mailto:jfm5509@psu.edu))
  - Small end of the year event being planned
- **North (NHAS) - Megan Mercurio** ([mem6323@psu.edu](mailto:mem6323@psu.edu))
  - Had a great NHAS Spring Fair
  - Elections for treasurer will be held on April 20th

- **Pollock (PHRA) - David Carcamo** ([djc5782@psu.edu](mailto:djc5782@psu.edu))
  - Pollock Palooza: April 21st from 4-7pm
- **South (SHRA) - Kay Rinkers** ([kgr5093@psu.edu](mailto:kgr5093@psu.edu))
  - Planning the end of the year event for April 26th
  - Transition meeting will be happening this Thursday
- **West (WHRA) - Cameron Francis** ([cyf5173@psu.edu](mailto:cyf5173@psu.edu))
  - Kickin' it With West was a success. Thanks to all that came out!
  - Congrats to North's Spring Fair event!

#### Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - OPEN**
- **Homecoming** - Tasks finished for the year
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - OPEN**
- **Public Relations - OPEN**
- **Social - Laekin O'Hara** ([ljo5051@psu.edu](mailto:ljo5051@psu.edu)), **Matt Beyen** ([mdb5548@psu.edu](mailto:mdb5548@psu.edu)),
  - Post-banquet movie night- details soon
  - Potluck Saturday, April 15th
- **THON - Josh Evans** ([jke5144@psu.edu](mailto:jke5144@psu.edu))
  - Tasks finished for the year
- **Transition Commissioner - Teresa Steck**
  - Make a google account (or add to an existing account/folder) for your position-- compile any materials used in the position such as agendas, budget requests, a list of contacts, programs, meeting notes, etc.
  - Transition Dinner/Meeting to be held on April 17th
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** ([afd5151@psu.edu](mailto:afd5151@psu.edu))
  - Area presidents, please send me posters/info about your events
  - Newly elected members, please send me pictures for the website

#### External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Andrew Kline** ([awk5484@psu.edu](mailto:awk5484@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to Report
- **ARHS Cinemas - Matt Beyen** ([mdb5548@psu.edu](mailto:mdb5548@psu.edu))
  - Thursday at 10pm: We are X (Special viewing!)
  - Other movies: Gold and John Wick Chapter 2
- **Campus Safety & Security - Nick Mahon** ([nam5557@psu.edu](mailto:nam5557@psu.edu))
  - Lighting tour tonight after the meeting! Please join me for as long as you can!
  - Sorry I could not make it tonight I have an exam
- **Diversity - OPEN**
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Robert Fauver** ([rff5048@psu.edu](mailto:rff5048@psu.edu))
  - NACURH 2017 Budget Request
  - Nittany Pride Pins Budget Request
  - Transition Materials
- **Philanthropy - Laekin O'Hara** ([ljo5051@psu.edu](mailto:ljo5051@psu.edu)), **Amanda Klovekorn** ([alk5617@psu.edu](mailto:alk5617@psu.edu)),
  - DP Dough fundraiser April 19th from 5-8 pm with NRHH to 10% benefit Lion's Pantry
  - We'll still accept any more Lions Pantry donations, especially toiletry items!
  - We're looking into possibly doing a spaghetti dinner fundraiser before the end of the semester too (possibly Sun. 4/23), so stay tuned for details!
- **Student Wellness - Hannah Yost** ([hby5050@psu.edu](mailto:hby5050@psu.edu))
  - Meeting with Conal on Wednesday with Nick
  - Hand Sanitizer Pilot Program
  - SHAB Meeting on April 17th
- **Sustainability - Tucker Antico** ([tja5251@psu.edu](mailto:tja5251@psu.edu)), **Nick Mahon** ([nam5557@psu.edu](mailto:nam5557@psu.edu))
  - Water Bottle Event

- Fact: Each year, an estimated 1/3rd of all food produced ends up rotting

#### Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Laura Daly** ([lvd5265@psu.edu](mailto:lvd5265@psu.edu))
  - Make sure to give me your money for quarter zips!!
  - NRHH/ARHS Bingo Night: April 19th
  - Pizza
  - Star Wars Under the Stars: April 21st
  - RSVP for the Banquet- April 24th
  - Tshirts?
- **Vice President - Kayla Olowin** ([kms7123@psu.edu](mailto:kms7123@psu.edu))
  - Updates
- **Director of Programming - OPEN**
- **Director of Outreach - Kay Rinkers** ([kgr5093@psu.edu](mailto:kgr5093@psu.edu))
  - Chair meetings
  - Let me know if you have any ideas related to outreach that you want to see implemented in the coming year!
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire** ([bfm5125@psu.edu](mailto:bfm5125@psu.edu))
  - Thanks to everyone who submitted an agenda!
  - Look out for a ListServ Clean-up email coming soon
- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico** ([tja5251@psu.edu](mailto:tja5251@psu.edu))
  - Account Balance: \$35,137.12
  - Amount spent last week on budget requests: \$1650.00
  - Submitted Latino Caucus Budget Request for: \$6000.00
  - Submitted Sovereign Magazine Budget Request: \$250.00
  - Submitted APAC Budget Request for: \$500.00
  - Sangeeth met with Tucker to review the forms and weekly process to transition him into the Director of Finance

#### Forum Break 7:36pm

#### Open Discussion

- Laura: We are going to have to suspend the constitution to pass the budget requests.
- David: You can't do that.
- John: Isn't there some process for this?
- Laura: No, not in the constitution.
- Kayla: We spoke with John Hurst about it, for an advisor's opinion, and made an executive board decision on our own.
- David: I get what you're doing, but it's not right.
- Amanda: Can we have an informal vote on this?
- Laura: I'll proceed with an informal vote.
- David: You just said that you didn't need anyone's approval.
- Kayla: This was informal for us to proceed.
- NACURH Budget Request
  - No comments
- QPOC Budget Request
  - Rob: I think the event is great, but I'm not sure how much money we should pass for them.
  - Rob: If we give everyone the amount they requested, it's way too much money.
  - Brian: I think \$2,000 may be a good number.
  - Brian: Can we table things not mandatory?

- Laura: You can motion to table things, but please keep the dates in mind. Some events are going to pass before the next meeting
- Rob: We aren't guaranteed that people will be at the next meeting either.
- African Student Association
  - Hannah: I like this event, what is the exact number they want?
  - Kayla: \$8,775
  - Hannah: Are they waiting to hear back from anyone else for money?
  - Kayla: They said they'd have to scale back their event.
  - Rob: \$8,000 is way too much money. I would propose \$1,500.
  - Brian: I agree
  - Megan: I think the original amount requested is what we should give them. If they really needed more, they should've said so.
  - Hannah: They thought there was a cap, that's why they asked for \$1,500. \$1,500 will pay for half their food. I think we should consider upping the amount we're going to give.
  - Rob: How much are you proposing, Hannah?
  - Hannah: I think a lot of groups ask for money for food. I think we should cover their food costs.
  - Rob: So \$3,000 for food?
  - Hannah: Correct
  - Brian: Tucker did you get confirmation on our current budget?
  - Tucker: Yes, it is our current budget.
  - John: I think the event is good, but I think it's a big deal they went into a huge debt. I'm not sure who's fault it is but I'm not comfortable giving this much money to an organization that spent money so recklessly in the past.
  - Brian: They said they usually plan for one year, but now three months?
  - Laura: Yes, they normally plan for a year.
  - Brian: I'm not sure how successful this event is going to be with such little time planning.
  - John: I'm not ok with the ticket pricing either.
- ARHS - CAACURH Budget Request
  - No comments

#### Old Business

#### New Business

- Brian motions to table QPOC Budget Request until next week
  - Megan seconds
  - Rob objects
  - Objection fails
  - John: I think we can rely on other people to show up next week.
  - Rob: You're willing to jeopardize the passing of this budget request?
  - Kayla: Anyone who ran for an exec board position had to resign and therefore we lost members. Those members consistently came to meetings, we don't have anyone here who usually comes and we can't rely on those who never come.
  - Brian: There are currently 2 people not here because of conflicting schedules. There are two people who will more than likely to show up next week.
  - John: I don't feel like this is responsible to pass this much money during a suspension of the constitution.
  - Hannah: I don't think we should vote on this when there isn't enough members of council to even vote on this when following the constitution.
  - QPOC Budget Request is tabled until next week
- Brian motions to pass \$6,6102.20 for the ARHS NACURH Conference
  - Megan seconds

- Motion passes 4-0-2
- Brian motions to pass \$1,500 for the African Student Association
  - Rob seconds
  - Hannah objects
  - Objection fails
  - Motion passes 4-1-1
- Brian motions to pass \$26 for Nittany/CAACURH Pride Pins
  - Megan seconds
  - Motion passes 4-0-2

#### Informal Discussion

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11

#### Budget Requests:

#### **Organization: African Student Association**

Contact: Joann Claude ([j.claude918@gmail.com](mailto:j.claude918@gmail.com))

- ASA Account Number
  - 003
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - Touch of Africa
  - April 15/Doors Open at 3:00pm
  - Event Starts at 4:00pm
  - Celebration Hall.. 2280 Commercial Blvd, State College, PA 16801
- Describe The Event
  - For the past 56 years, the Pennsylvania State University's Chapter of the African Students Association has annually hosted Touch of Africa, affectionately known as TOA. Our purpose since the inception of Touch of Africa is to exhibit and promote the rich African culture in all its forms across the 54 countries. This year our theme for Touch of Africa is, "The Re-education of Africa; what do you really know? Our theme seeks to educate not only non-Africans about Africa but also indigenous Africans. The sad reality is in the media, in popular culture and even in our day-to-day vocabulary, the individual countries of Africa are never referred to or highlighted, they are just hidden under the umbrella term 'Africa'. So this year, from the food, to the opening ceremony, to the décor we are determined to celebrate the uniqueness and diverseness of our beloved continent and educate people on her specific countries, not just the continent. Touch of Africa is one of the biggest student-run multi cultural events in the east coast, an educational banquet that displays the diversity of African cultures through music, dance, food, and traditional and modern fashion from all over the continent, and this event is completely run by students.
- History of Event
  - This event has been taking place for the past 56 years at Penn State.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?

- o This event will benefit on-campus students by contributing to the "All in Campaign: A Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion" by educating the public on the unknown facts of Africa.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - o Yes
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - o \$1,500
- How will this funding be used?
  - o This funding will be used for the food which will cost around \$3,000.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor? **Yes**

**Organization: Queer People of Color (QPOC)**

Contact: Brooke Jin ([brookejin@gmail.com](mailto:brookejin@gmail.com))

- ASA Account Number
  - o 1589
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - o Monetary, Advertisement
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - o DRAG Her - QTPOC's 1st Annual Fashion Show and Drag Competition
  - o Thursday, April 27th at 8PM in Heritage Hall
- Describe The Event
  - o DRAG Her will be QTPOC's first annual fashion show and drag competition, hosted by Penn State alum/actress Jerrie Johnson and drag superstar Naomi Smalls. We will be showcasing local and national drag icons and prominent members of the community to produce an event that will promote the arts, diversity, and self-expression.
  - o The event will be an opportunity for students to express themselves and have fun in an open and safe environment. For the rundown of the program: Ten student drag queens are expected to perform and four fashion scenes designed by students will be featured over the course of the program.
- History of Event
  - o This will be the first annual drag show hosted by QTPOC. We want to feature prominent members in the Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) community moving forward and host more programs similar to this vision in the future.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
  - o We intend to showcase local drag performers and national icons in the LGBTQA+ community to raise awareness about our community. Drag culture is very prominent in the community, so we hope to create an environment that promotes a more diverse, inclusive and accepting campus. We embrace all expressions of gender and self-identity, so we want to celebrate the art and talent of Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC). For on-campus students, we want to create a safe space for them to learn about others and celebrate their own identities.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - o Yes (received \$10,815.00)
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - o \$1,000 - \$4,400



- How will this funding be used?
  - The funding will be primarily used to help pay for the clothing and set design in the fashion show portion of the program. Since UPAC covered honoraria for our guests, we are asking for more funding to help with other parts of the production. We will be contracting a local artist in the community to design and produce the clothing to be displayed and showcased during the fashion show portion.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?

### **Organization: ARHS - NACURH Conference**

Contact: Robert Fauver ([rff5048@psu.edu](mailto:rff5048@psu.edu)) & Laekin O'Hara ([ljo5051@psu.edu](mailto:ljo5051@psu.edu))

- ASA Account Number
  - n/a
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - NACURH Conference
  - Friday May 26th - Monday May 29th
- Describe The Event
  - NACURH stands for the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. NACURH is comprised of eight regional affiliates and one corporate office. Penn State is an affiliate of the Central Atlantic region. At the conference, delegates will attend programming and the president and NCC will attend boardroom.
- History of Event
  - Penn State has attended the NACURH conference every year since its affiliation.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
  - This will benefit on campus students by allowing for our members (delegates) to gain more insight on programs to bring back to campus. We will also be voting on legislation that affects our affiliation as well as on our campus.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$6,601.2
- How will this funding be used?
  - This funding will be used to send the NCC, the RHA President, an Advisor, and 5 delegates to the NACURH conference.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor? **Yes**

### **Organization: ARHS**

Contact: Robert Fauver ([rff5048@psu.edu](mailto:rff5048@psu.edu))

- ASA Account Number
  - 225
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary

- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - o Nittany/CAACURH Pride Pins
  - o April 24, 2017 | 6pm | Nittany Lion Inn (ARHS Banquet)
- Describe The Event
  - o As per the NCC constitution, the NCC will hand out 2-3 Nittany pride pins to individuals that have attended conferences this academic year and have showed great enthusiasm for said conferences. It is a way of recognizing those individuals who show great interest in the CAACURH region, as well as conferences.
- History of Event
  - o This is the first time this event will be taking place.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
  - o
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - o No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - o \$26.00
- How will this funding be used?
  - o To repay me who paid for the pins
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor? **N/A**