

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for Monday, April 3rd, 2017



Call to Order 6:19 pm

Roll Call: What is an article of clothing that you will not wear?

Nick Ottinger - President
Kyle Shuey - Vice President
John McGlynn - Director of Advocacy
Laura Daly - Director of Programming
Leigh Bernetich - Director of Records
Sangeeth Varadaraj - Director of Finance
Megan Mercurio - NHAS President
Jessica Shuey - NHAS VP
Kay Rinkers- SHRA President & IPC
____ - SHRA VP
Mitch Rosen - SHRA & Movin' On
Andrew Kline - SHRA & Activities Chair
Sam Finkel - East President
____ - East VP
Robert Fauver - East & NCC
____ - East
Cameron Francis - WHRA President
Tucker Antico - WHRA VP & Sustainability
Nick Mahon - WHRA, Sustainability, & Campus Safety & Security
Julia Bollinger - WHRA Secretary
David Carcamo - PHRA
Brian Kile - PHRA Secretary
Hannah Yost - PHRA & Student Wellness
Kayla Olowin - PHRA, Housing and Food Services, & Historian
Jessica Mingle - ENRA President & Cinemas
Brendan Maguire - ENRA Treasurer
Kyleigh Higie - UPUA
Laekin O'Hara - Social Chair & Philanthropy
Matt Beyen - Social Chair
Josh Evans - THON Chair
Akhil Dharmavaram - Web Design
Amanda Klovekorn - Philanthropy
Mark Rameker - Advisor
John Hurst - Advisor
Pam Ghigliotti - Grad Student Advisor
Emma
Nicole - UHS Intern
Linda LaSalle - UHS
Eric
Kelly
Yesenia
Chanell
Officer

Red = Absent

Guest of the Week

- Officer
 - 1 alarm
 - 1 outside assist
 - 3 criminal mischiefs
 - 3 liquor law violations
 - 2 thefts
 - John: what is an outside assist
 - Officer: someone who needs to gain access to the university
 - Laura: what is an alarm?
 - Officer: a fire alarm or something of that nature
- Linda LaSalle
 - Concerns about International students and coming from a culture that is more common
 - How the potential to go smoke free will affect staff
 - Opportunities available for people, students and faculty, who would like to quit
 - Where exactly will be “smoke free”
 - All PSU campuses, Sidewalks on PennDot roads, Innovation Park
- Terry Ford - BUGPAC
 - Register people to vote in the borough elections (May 17) and Primaries
 - Most residence halls are able to vote in these elections
 - Laekin: What if you are already registered
 - Terry: you are good to go and vote on voting day
 - Rob: is your PAC supporting any candidates or is this a push to get students registered to vote
 - Terry: a little bit of both, we have endorsed a few candidates
 - See Nick during Forum Break for voting applications and absentee ballots
- Alexa Ain
 - Planning a Lighting Tour on April 10th at about 8pm
 - Testing out the Blue Light System
 - Take pictures and send them to Nick or I of burnt out lights
 - David: how willing is the university to implement this
 - Alexa: no idea, but I will be pushing for this
 - David: i would suggest using PanHel or ARHS to start a petition
 - Alexa: ARHS is the only outside org being asked about this,
 - Rob: this is more about Blue Lights than lights?
 - Alexa: not necessarily
 - Kayla: this is awesome, and I am looking forward to collaborating with PanHel

Open Student Forum

- APAC Budget Request
 - Kayla: how much would you need?
 - Kelly: about \$1,000
 - Rob: how will this benefit on campus students
 - Kelly: it is free for everyone
- Latino Caucus Budget Request
- Sovereign Magazine Budget Request

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** (mdr5000@psu.edu)
 - Going to be sending a link out for volunteers to work the Art Wall during the festival!
Looking for 2 people at a time from 3-7 to make sure people aren't writing anything bad, half hour shifts
 - Additionally, if you'd like to volunteer for the festival outside of the Art Wall, let me know!
Always looking for more volunteers.
 - Merch Sale in the HUB on Thursday at 11am
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**

- Nominations are open and will close this Friday
- Applications will be open until April 16
- Think about doing an Exec position
- Laura: am I allowed to stay?
- Rob: yes, just not as president
- Bingo night is April 19th
- Hannah: when are NRHH meetings
- Rob: typically Sundays around 6 pm
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - Kyleigh Higie (keh5550@psu.edu)**
 - Nothing reported

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker (mjr22@psu.edu), John Hurst (je9@psu.edu)**
 - Fall arrival days August 18-19, I need volunteers
 - Director who will be looking over Pollock during arrival (Would have to come the Tuesday before arrival), will be an interview
 - Welcome crew captains (need about 20) move in Wednesday
 - Oversee specific parts of the areas
 - Have a crew from 10-20 student volunteers
 - Welcome Crew Volunteers move in Thursday
 - Volunteer 2 hours on Friday and 2 hours on Saturday
 - RAs will most likely not be able to help
 - Laura: I had fun last year doing it
 - John Hurst: props to you for the conversation when Linda LaSalle was here
 - Cameron: how does the move in work for next year
 - John Hurst: Welcome crews are able to move in for free anytime after Monday, you might have to move stuff into storage possibly 2 weeks prior to classes
 - Hannah: are any of the food areas open before hand?
 - John Hurst: yes, back in the day, people were not allowed to move in before Friday
 - NickO: can you talk about the EcoReps
 - John Hurst: Doug Goodstine is coming in to speak next week and he will talk more about it. We started last year in East wanted 2 per floor, did not work out as well as we would have liked. We moved them to a different model, including upperclassman. I think Doug wants to make them into a programming unit.
 - Brendan: do you have to be an on campus student to be a captain
 - John Hurst: no, just be aware of when your lease is.

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Sam Finkle (srf5294@psu.edu)**
 - Planning events
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - Jessica Mingle (jfm5509@psu.edu)**
 - Working on an end of the year event, not huge
- **North (NHAS) - Megan Mercurio (mem6323@psu.edu)**
 - NHAS Spring Fair this Sunday, April 9th!
 - Cotton candy, snow cones, mechanical bull, etc.
- **Pollock (PHRA) - David Carcamo (djc5782@psu.edu)**
 - Elected New President
 - PP
- **South (SHRA) - Kay Rinkers (kgr5093@psu.edu)**
 - South Beach Bash (4/26)
 - Congrats to Hannah and Jess for becoming President and VP for South next year
- **West (WHRA) - Cameron Francis (cyf5173@psu.edu)**
 - Congrats to Julia for VP, Cameron will be remaining president

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - Penn State awarded the first baccalaureate degrees for agricultural sciences in the country
 - Keep sending in pictures!
 - Hannah: had you thought about adding video components to the video?
 - Kayla: yes, i just dont have any
 - Hannah: no, like asking members about what they like about ARHS
- **Homecoming** - Tasks finished for the year
- **Internal Policy (IPC)** - Kay Rinkers (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - Recommendations Process
- **Public Relations** - OPEN
- **Social - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu), **Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu),
 - Thinking about getting a group to go to all the events this weekend
 - Superlatives
 - Rob: might be beneficial to have people take 5 mins out of the meeting
 - John: possibly a paper form
 - Hannah: how do superlatives work
 - Laekin: different "awards" like best chair, best hair and stuff like that
- **THON - Josh Evans** (jke5144@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to reporte
- **Web Design** - Akhil Dharmavaram (afd5151@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to reporte

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Andrew Kline** (awk5484@psu.edu)
 - Dodgeball! April 15th 11:30
 - Tell your friends!
 - NickO: is there a form to fill out?
 - Andrew: yes, I will send it to Leigh to email out with the minutes
- **ARHS Cinemas - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Lion and The Founder
- **Campus Safety & Security - Nick Mahon** (nam5557@psu.edu)
 - Lighting Tour
- **Diversity** - OPEN
- **Housing and Food Services - Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - Updates
 - Food services did a test run about doing chicken thighs
 - Gail Hurley's boss got the Kosher Food Proposal
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Robert Fauver** (rff5048@psu.edu)
 - NACURH 2017 Delegates
 - Kay, Amanda, Laekin, NickM, Laura, Matt, and Kayla
 - Please fill out the form by Wednesday at noon
 - Pin Search
 - Matt: do you need our passport info?
 - Rob: no, you will buy your own ticket and will be refunded. If that is a problem, please let me know
- **Philanthropy - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu), **Amanda Klovekorn** (alk5617@psu.edu)
 - DP Dough fundraiser with NRHH April 19 from 5-9pm
 - We get 10% of the proceeds
 - Lion's Pantry was very grateful for the donations
 - In Pollock, they will have in the store for a "base cost" for other food items for extra meals points
 - Cameron: is that in every area store?
 - Laekin: no, just in Pollock
- **Student Wellness - Hannah Yost** (hby5050@psu.edu)

- SHAB meeting on April 17th
- Meeting with John Hurst tomorrow
- Working with Nick on bathroom door openers
- Kayla: I am waiting to hear back, and will ask at my next housing meeting
- Cameron: will that be campus wide?
- Hannah: ideally, that'd be great, but that would hard in the non-housing buildings
- **Sustainability - Tucker Antico** (tja5251@psu.edu), **Nick Mahon** (nam5557@psu.edu)
 - Picked up the 200 water bottles for our event!
 - Fact: when you turn on an incandescent lightbulb, 10% of the energy will be used to produce light, the rest is heat

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nick Ottinger** (nso5024@psu.edu)
 - Guests of the week
 - Doug Goodstein next week
 - Andy McDade the week after
 - Star Wars Under the Stars, April 21st
 - Come see me if you would like to go to any of the shows
 - Thank you for a great year!
- **Vice President - Kyle Shuey** (krs5584@psu.edu)
 - Thanks for a great year!
- **Director of Advocacy - John McGlynn** (jvm5752@psu.edu)
 - Smoking letter results
 - Thanks for a great year!
 - Rob: did they say why we did not get on the task force
 - John: yes, mostly because they are almost finished and did not think we would get anything out of it
- **Director of Programming - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Star Wars Under the Stars- April 21st
 - Blue and White and Campus would like to know if we would like to move our event to the Baseball Field
 - John: do we think that the fact it's not at a central location would deter people from going
 - Laura: there might be busses from HUB, we might be able to sit on the field and watch
 - John Hurst: ask them to see if they can get ARHS's name on the marquee
 - Laura: sending out a press release to Onward State, etc.
 - Informal vote: yes
 - NRHH and ARHS Bingo Night- April 19th
 - ARHS Banquet- April 24th
 - Please give me your quarter-zip money today (\$15)
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
- **Director of Records - Leigh Bernetich** (leb5437@psu.edu)
 - Continue to submit agendas on time (63%)
 - Thanks for a great year!
- **Director of Finance - Sangeeth Varadaraj** (skv5072@psu.edu)
 - Account Balance: \$36,901.71
 - Last week amount spent on budget requests: \$3,843.00
 - Submitted NHRA Budget Request for: \$1,650.00
 - Submitted Swank Purchase Orders for ARHS Cinemas movies for: \$6149.00 (Out of the UPAC allocated budget NOT our regular Unrestricted Account)

Forum Break 8:10-8:20

Open Discussion

- Kayla Olowin resigns from Housing and Food Services & Historian

- Laura Daly resigns from Director of Programming
- Transitions & Oaths of Office
 - Laura Daly assumes the office of President
 - Kayla Olowin assumes the office of Vice President
- Kay's presentation on the recommendation
 - Kay: I added the definition of what a recommendation is. "A proposal put forth by council to another organization within the Penn State community."
 - Rob: I like that addition. It answers my concerns.
- Discussion on APAC budget request
 - Rob: We funded this in the past and I think it's important we continue to fund cultural events.
- Discussion on Latino Caucus budget request
 - David Carcamo: I participated in this in the past and it was a really trying experience. It really helped me grow. They have had some issues with getting a space at the last minute and they found out they can only cater towards the BJC. The people that will benefit shouldn't have to suffer for these errors. It's a lot of money but the people coming in are eager to continue working with ARHS. Funding this will serve as a subsidy.
- Discussion on Sovereign Magazine Budget Request
 - Cameron: I like the information they're putting in their magazine. They are really touching on a large variety of communities. This is very good for diversity.
 - David C.: I wanted to ask why they did not want more money. I think it would be good to fund them more so they can get more issues.
- Rob: What is happening with Sisters on the Runway?
- Laura: I told them they needed to submit a budget request and they have not submitted yet.

Old Business

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New Business

- Latino Caucus
 - David C. moves to pass \$6,000
 - Seconded by Andrew Kline
 - Passes 6-0-3
- Sovereign Magazine Budget Request
 - Cameron F motions to pass \$250
 - Rob seconds
 - Passes 9-0-0
- APAC Budget Request
 - Rob moves to pass \$500 for the APAC spotlight
 - Cameron F.
 - Rob moves to vote by unanimous consent
 - Hannah Yost seconds
 - Passes.
- Rob: I move to table Kay's recommendation legislation
 - Seconded by Brian Kile
 - Tabled 10-0-0
- Hannah Yost: I move to open elections
 - Seconded by Cameron
- Rob Fauver controls elections
 - Nominations for Director of Programming
 - Nominations for Director of Advocacy
 - Nominations for Director of Outreach
 - David Carcamo: I nominate Kay Rinkers.
 - Jess Shuey Seconds.
 - Kay Rinkers Accepts the nomination
 - Kay is elected the Director of Outreach

- Control is yielded back to Laura
- Laura: For Director of Records we have chosen to put forward Brendan Maguire
 - Brendan: I accept the nomination
 - Brendan is elected the new Director of Records
- Laura: For Director of Finance we present Tucker Antico
 - Tucker Antico: I accept the nomination.
 - Tucker is elected the new Director of Finance
- Laura: For NCC we would like to present Laekin O'Hara.
 - Laekin: I accept the nomination.
 - Laekin is elected the new NCC.
- Laura: For Cinemas Chair we would like to present Matt Beyen
 - Matt: I accept the nomination.
 - Matt is elected the new NCC
- Laura: For Web Design we would like to present Akhil Dharmavaram.
 - Akhil: I accept the nomination.
 - Akhil is elected the new Web Design.
- Laura: For THON Chair we would like to present Josh Evans.
 - Josh: I accept the nomination.
 - Josh is elected the new THON Chair.

Informal Discussion

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Organization: Asian Pacific American Caucus (APAC)

Contact: Kristen Arielle Collantes, kcollantes95@gmail.com

- ASA Account Number
 - 608
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary, Audio equipment and rented space
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Asian Spotlight, April 12th, 7pm at Heritage Hall located in the HUB
- Describe The Event
 - Every year, in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, APAC invites various Asian Pacific American organizations to perform their talents on stage whether it be dance or music. Events in the past have always included a keynote guest speaker at the end of the event following a 'meet-and-greet' session. There is no admission price.
- History of Event
 - Every Spring, APAC executive board plans the event in the HUB. The usual expected attendance has always been about 350.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - In the past, Asian Pacific American Caucus has given the Asian Pacific American community a voice on campus by organizing educational and cultural events. Our main mission is to support cultural awareness while giving the student body a safe and creative environment during their college career.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes, No confirmation at this time.
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$500+

- How will this funding be used?
 - Funding will be used to help APAC pay for the space at Heritage Hall, audio equipment rented from GP Audio and the remaining costs for the honorarium of our guest speaker. In the past, UPAC has only covered honorarium.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - Yes

Organization: Latino Caucus

Contact: Yesenia Cano, ypc5041@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
 - 423
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary, Advertisements
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Noche Latina, April 20th, 6:00 PM, Bryce Jordan Center
- Describe The Event
 - Noche Latina is an annual event that bestows the honor of Mr. and Miss Latino/a Penn State on two students. The winners also receive an educational scholarship for the following academic year. Eligible candidates must be enrolled at Penn State, University Park for the following academic year in order to fulfill the following responsibilities: participation in the Homecoming Parade, completion of thirty hours of community service, and having hosted an educational program for the student-body. Finally, the winners are encouraged to maintain visibility in the community, positively representing Latinos wherever they go.
 - All applicants must fulfill a certain grade point average and interview with the Noche Latina committee to demonstrate how their involvement as a Latinx on campus has impacted our Penn State Community. Upon acceptance as a running candidate, one must begin preparations for the event.
 - The night starts off with the cultural segment. The segment consists of a pre-recorded video introducing themselves and their nationality, the Latino Caucus dance team, and the candidates wearing traditional attire from their nationality. Next is the monologues. Typically, the committee poses an overarching question or theme in which candidates' monologues are framed around. Following the monologues, the candidates perform a personal talent to the audience and judges. Lastly, they answer questions in relations to culture, politics, and social issues affecting the Latinos in the United States.
 - The program concludes with the judges, which range from diverse departments of faculty, tally up the points and choose our next Mr. and Miss Latino/a Penn State. This year, Noche Latina is set for Thursday, April 20th, 2017 and will begin promptly at 6:00pm with doors opening at 5:30pm. Along with the various performances by the candidates, the event will include additional performances by students and/or organizations. Lastly, Latino Caucus awards certificates to outstanding students and student organizations, who have exemplified leadership throughout the 2016-2017 school year.
- History of Event
 - This year marks the 22nd year of Noche Latina on the Penn State campus. Noche Latina is a hotly anticipated event due, in part, to its inspiring contestants and lively performances. Historically, the event fills to capacity and attracts considerable media attention.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?

- Noche Latina is an event that promotes diversity and recognition in the Penn State community. Traditionally, the lionshare of students who apply (and go on to win) are on-campus students during their first or second year on campus. This event serves as a way to recognize these students, empower them to continue their involvement, and bring a marginalized group to the forefront. All too often, Penn State students are not given the opportunity outside of the classroom to learn about the different cultures that make up our student-body. Noche Latina aims to connect the entire Penn State community to learn more about the Latino culture. That being said, the event is open to everyone. In fact, we encourage everyone to grab tickets as soon as possible because it tends to fill rapidly. While this event is not directly involved in the All In campaign, we see ourselves as fulfilling the promise of diversity and inclusion by extending a long-standing traditional event to on-campus students. If ARHS opts to fund our event, you would be enabling us to encourage and recognize budding students leaders.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes, \$7,382
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - up to \$6,000
- How will this funding be used?
 - This funding will be used towards the catering and scholarships. To cover catering alone, we would have to charge each student \$25 for the event. This is not feasible for most students, or at the very least, would deter many from participating. The funding would be used to operate more comfortably with the general budget, provide a quality experience, and offer it at a reasonable cost (~\$3).
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - Yes

Organization: Sovereign Magazine

Contact: Shirneil Merisier, svm5849@gmail.com

- ASA Account Number
 - 1566
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary, Advertisements
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Sovereign Release Party, April 17th/7pm/ Paul Robeson Cultural Center
- Describe The Event
 - This event is held in order to celebrate all the work that has been put into the magazine all semester. We will be showcasing our past magazines during the event, as well as informing guests about what Sovereign Magazine, the first magazine for student of color, on campus is all about. We will be specifically inviting all who are involved with the magazine and the event will be open to the public. Guests will get a chance to meet our front cover person, since we do not release that information until after the magazine is officially released. There will be a photo booth done by our photographers in order for guests to have keepsakes from the night. We plan on having food, performances and activities.
- History of Event
 - This will be our 3rd magazine release party, being as though our magazine is released once every semester. Sovereign Magazine is a fairly new organization that began Spring 2016. As

mentioned above, since the beginning it has been an event to celebrate the hard work of the staff and reflect upon all the hard work and effort, (articles being written, promotions, etc), that went into putting together the magazine. It's a chance for members to really reflect on how vital their role is in the production of the magazine. Every semester we have been changing the release party to see what works well and what does not.

- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - There are many members of the organization who are on-campus students. It gives them recognition and purpose to continue to contribute to the organization. It will also benefit other students by providing information for those who may have interests in the different committees (photography, public relations, writers) that are involved in creating the magazine. It will also ensure the minoritized students on campus who aren't often highlighted in publications that Sovereign magazine makes it their goal to put a spotlight on these events. It also provides a fun way to get involved in something new. Sovereign is a vital publication to all of the students of color and others on this campus. We would like to share this with everyone.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$250
- How will this funding be used?
 - This funding will be used to purchase food for the guests, candy giveaways to ensure that guests come out the official release day and decorations (such as balloons, streamers, etc) to make the event more appealing to the student body.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
 - Yes