

# Association of Residence Hall Students

## Council Meeting for October 7th, 2019



Call to Order: 6:15 pm

Roll Call: Favorite mammal (non-human)? (Homo Sapien, Shrews, monkey, dog, cat, elephant, dolphin, rats, platypus, Neanderthal)

Nathaniel Waksman, President

Emma Kertis, DoA

Judy Rodriguez, DoO

Gregory Edmunds, DoP

Maria Howe, DoF

Abi Mason, DoR

Daniel Hanuska, NCC Chair and Pollock AVP

Cj, EHRA VP

Micheal Keller, Diversity Chair and WHRA President

Kirsten Worrall, Cinemas and SHRA Treasurer

Ben Lakavage, SHRA President and Cinema

Macy Klocko, Movin On Liaison

MJ Schleck, PHRA President

Garrett Reed, PHRA Rep proxy

Sarah, PHRA Rep

Howie, PHRA Treasurer

AJ Rodriguez, Student Health and Wellness Chair

John Hurst, Advisor

Patrick, UPUA Member

Mark Rameker, Advisor

Officer Rodney, UP Police

### Officer Report:

- STATS: 1 DUI charge, 5 drug paraphernalia, 1 small amount, 6 underage, 10 thefts, 10 liquor law, 50 non-criminal requests
- New program, BEEP. Bicycle enforcement education program. Now we issue monetary citations for breaking SY16: no skateboarding on campus (\$25 fine), nothing in the roadway not authorized by PA road law (\$25), no electric scooters (\$25), bicycles can be on the road but not often on the sidewalk unless there is no parallel street, wearing headphones while driving/riding (\$50). psu.edu look up PSUSY16. The First week of this program over \$3000 dollars in fine, the first time you make the mistake you can waive the fine by taking a test, the second and subsequent times you are charged to your bursar's account and must pay or also face academic consequences (no diploma, etc).
- Howie: If a main road is closed can bicycles switch to the sidewalk?
  - As long as you yield to pedestrians and don't wear
- Patrick: Can you wear one headphone? Or is that also disallowed?
  - As long as you don't have both in you probably won't be stopped. But there's some allowance for interpretation.
- Nathaniel: where do the fines go to?
  - Into programs relating to bikes run by the university or by the police

### Guest of the Week: Jennifer Garner, Director of Ancillary Services

- I oversee all of the contracts and room assignments, the commons desks.
- We're half way through the semester, so fall break is soon. Students can request break access while creating the contract to stay on campus for an additional fee. On NOV. 11th we will start the campaign to allow students to come into the office and sign up for break access supplemental housing. Last

year we only had 2 or 3 rooms, each holding 8 students, this is our busiest break. Come spring we usually have eastview rooms available and offer them at a higher price.

- Howie: Is walk in more than entire semester?
  - It costs more to stay for the entire semester in the same room as you don't have to move or stay in a room with 8 people. We see about 300 interested parties each year usually with a few athletes.
- We are now looking at next year's housing, as there is a surplus of housing downtown, so we need to also be proactive as the landlords are being very active. We work closely with the office of Off Campus Student Support, we had 5 workshops over the weekend talking about what students need to consider before moving off campus. And there was a housing fair yesterday. Last year we revamped the lottery system we used in the past to be much cleaner and student-friendly. A student applies and is subsequently invited to view what spaces we have left in each style and type they can select. We are in a request phase until Oct. 31st then we go into a selection phase, this restarts in December.
- Judy: What's an eloquent way to answer "who gets first pick in housing?" to new parents?
  - I'd say that as a freshman they are required to live on campus but every year after that students can get housing on-campus. There is a little asterisk there, that they may not get the space they want because there are some spots that many people want. But you may be able to switch later on if they add themselves to the waitlist to be reassigned. We can't promise you those spaces.
- Judy: Are freshman students allowed to request things in housing like SLO?
  - They can list their top two areas, and then from each of those they can pick a room-type specific to that area, they can also pick two SLO choices, they can also pick a roommate request, and finally, they can choose their top priority out of their preferences. We are always trying to adapt this to work better for both us and the students.
- Nathaniel: The process to study abroad is similar to internships?
  - We're sending out an email telling people to let us know soon if they have internships or study abroad opportunities.
- Michael: I've been told that the SLO opportunities aren't very visible, is that intentional?
  - We are aware of that but it wasn't our intention. It is simply a fact of programming difficulty. We try to hammer in the SLO opportunities at accepted students day. We are working on a brochure to start handing out. We also want to work on retention rate. We'd love to hear more from SLO's about retention and improving the system.
- Sarah: how do you choose who gets to choose first for returning students?
  - Its randomly selected from the pool of applicants by gender given a number of invitations each day. The first person of a group of people living together can bring in their desired roommates as to insure for their housing.
- Sarah: many people have expressed trouble visualising themselves in their room, can we get better pictures?
  - This is a sore spot in our office, we want them but just keep getting sidetracked. We are hoping to do this soon. We need to get the rooms for some of the more obscure rooms and areas to get that.
    - Judy, Sarah, and a few others seem interested in showing their rooms
- Michael: I work at the commons desk and we have staffing issue, what's up?
  - We're at a bottleneck and with all the hoops we have to jump through and the onboarding process takes a few weeks after they've been hired, and then they need 16 hours of training. We're working on solving this issue and then making sure that it doesn't happen again/as much.
- Howie: Is there positions on the waitlist?
  - We don't show the positions because sometimes we have to take some students over others specifically with medical issues, and people would get mad at an unexplained jump. We also allow students who have cancelled to retake their spots. You can always call or check e-living to see that you're still on the waitlist.
- ARHS came to housing a few years ago to create the gender neutral housing.

- Upper Class: Any student can request gender neutral housing, there's no hurdle to climb through initially. When housing reviews it then they send an agreement and set of stipulations, 1 can't be in a relationship, 2. If one person withdraws they won't be replaced by someone of the opposite gender of the person remaining.
- NATHANIEL: Assigned versus Identified Gender
  - Many students reach out about this and we can now override a person's assigned/legal gender to maintain privacy for the student. We have a non-binary student label (U). We don't put opposite genders together as first years unless we are actively speaking with them. We try to work directly with students such that we don't out them, we are working to set up Preferred names in e-living such that we don't accidentally breach their privacy, because e-living also works with packages and we don't want to reject packages from people not in the know.
- Michael: Is gender neutral available in any building?
  - We can put upperclassmen in any building as long as the spaces are not already filled.
- Michael: People have had issues in Ally House where they can't pick someone with an opposite gender issue.
  - We are working to solve that without working to redo our full system the new override system should make this much easier in the future.
- We want to be transparent so feel free to reach out to me.

#### Open Student Forum:

- *No students*

#### Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Macy Klocko**
  - Core Committee Picked
  - Future Acoustic Roadshows
    - Held in the dining commons, I'd like to have an ARHS table as we have a movin on table, that's a future problem
  - Promo applications are out, see the GroupMe
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**
  - We don't have much going on right now, Mondays with McKinney and Lion Pantry events

#### Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker ([mjr22@psu.edu](mailto:mjr22@psu.edu)), John Hurst ([jeH9@psu.edu](mailto:jeH9@psu.edu))**
  - Nothing to report

#### Area Reports

- **East (EHRA)**
  - A Halloween event is being planned and/or thought about
- **North (NHAS) - Jennifer Rodriguez**
  - Budget request
    - Fall fest \$200
- **Pollock (PHRA) - MJ Scheck**
  - PHRAday budget request \$900
    - Pumpkin palooza (400\$ or half of the event)
    - \$200 for past
    - \$300 for future
  - Pumpkin Palooza is Oct. 25th

- **South (SHRA) - Ben Lakavage** ([bzl5349@psu.edu](mailto:bzl5349@psu.edu))
  - SHRALLOWEEN pumpkin painting October 24, 5-8
    - Somewhere in the main dining area in Redifer
- **West (WHRA) - Michael Keller** ([mrk5578@psu.edu](mailto:mrk5578@psu.edu))
  - Tabling recruitment events Tuesday through Thursday of this week (12-2 TR, 3-6 W)
  - Still need to complete treasurer training
  - We had a general body member show up to complain about coffee

#### Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Homecoming - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Public Relations - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Social - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **THON - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Web Design - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report

#### External Committee Reports

- **Activities - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Recruitment - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **ARHS Cinemas - Ben Lakavage** ([bzl5349@psu.edu](mailto:bzl5349@psu.edu)) & **Kirsten Worrall** ([kpw5273@psu.edu](mailto:kpw5273@psu.edu))
  - Hobbs and Shaw
  - Not yet in stall stories, but the info is on the website and in the facebook
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Diversity - Michael Keller** ([mrk5578@psu.edu](mailto:mrk5578@psu.edu))
  - Hispanic Heritage Month
    - October 15th: An Evening With Quiara Alegría Hudes, 6:00 PM in Foster Auditorium
  - LGBT+ History Month
    - Wear purple on Thursday! No major events this week.
- **Housing and Food Services – OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Daniel Hanuska** ([djh73@psu.edu](mailto:djh73@psu.edu))
  - CAACURH Updates
  - Budget Request for \$130 to continue as a NACURH affiliate and attend conferences as a voting member.
    - Let Daniel continue to do his job!
    - Gives us access to a network of resources and advice from many different sources
  - MAC chats in the off weeks, leadership talks and they're open to everyone and you can either sit and listen or actively participate (you get more out of the latter).
  - CACURH, we now have two advisors attending Sarah (Pollock) and Dominica
    - We also lost a Student Representative so if any female member of council wants to attend let me know.
    - November 8-10th

- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - AJ Rodriguez ([abr5439@psu.edu](mailto:abr5439@psu.edu))**
  - Article about mental health and school shootings:
    - Past history of crime and being male (best) predictors of committing a mass shooting.
    - <https://www.healio.com/psychiatry/violence-trauma/news/online/%7b950af475-3d0a-4c3e-83d3-3c4b54504661%7d/experts-say-mental-illness-should-not-be-stigmatized-in-wake-of-mass-shootings>
  - National Days:
    - NATIONAL KICK BUTT DAY
    - NATIONAL ONLINE BANK DAY
    - NATIVE AMERICAN DAY
      - Happy Indigenous Peoples' Day! - Abi
    - BE BALD AND BE FREE DAY
    - NATIONAL DESSERT DAY
- **Sustainability - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report

#### Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nathaniel Waksman ([nxw37@psu.edu](mailto:nxw37@psu.edu))**
  - Student Leader Roundtable Updates
    - City planner and borough officials came to talk to us
  - RMOc bachelor auction happening?
    - Date is Oct 25th at 7pm
  - John/Mark-census' implication on on-campus students?
  - Areas please send out a last call for the old care packages as the old ones arrive next tuesday.
    - We'll talk about donating the rest of them next week on Monday
  - Cj: East has a lot of them still and I've never seen anyone come into the office
    - Send out an email to everyone.
- **Vice President - OPEN**
  - Nothing to report
- **Director of Advocacy - Emma Kertis ([eck5201@psu.edu](mailto:eck5201@psu.edu))**
  - Sushi sampling 11/1 (somewhere in Redifer)
  - Food services meeting 10/29 3pm (please come!)
  - Food services coffee survey (we'll send it out so we can look at the questions)
- **Director of Outreach - Judy Rodriguez ([jrr5741@psu.edu](mailto:jrr5741@psu.edu))**
  - Use my email! arhsdoo@gmail.com
  - Sending out a poll on gear order (closes tomorrow evening)
- **Director of Programming - Gregory Edmunds ([gte5015@psu.edu](mailto:gte5015@psu.edu))**
  - Emma: You mentioned Casino Night last week?
    - We are looking at doing another Casino Night in the Noontime Lounge, working to try and reserve the space before doing more with the council.
- **Director of Records - Abi Mason ([arhsdor@gmail.com](mailto:arhsdor@gmail.com))**
  - Office hour reminder
  - Please submit agendas! Please make sure your area submits agenda
- **Director of Finance - Maria Howe ([mrh64@psu.edu](mailto:mrh64@psu.edu))**
  - Balance: *Inquire in person or over email.*
  - Area Stipend, it is a constitutional requirement that we allocate \$250 to each active area every semester. ASA is a bit behind but expect it soon.

#### Quorum Check

Forum Break 7:33-7:48

Open Discussion

- NCC Budget Request: \$130 for Affiliation Fee
- Pollock Budget Request: \$900 for PHRAdays
- NHAS Fall Fest: \$200 for Food
- NHAS Chess Tournament:
  - Dismissed, ARHS does not fund events that have already passed. So this comes from your account.

Old Business

WHRA-SRCC Budget Request: Waiting for Info  
Role of Technology in ARHS: Looking for Area Government Approval

New Business

- NHAS Chess Tournament Budget Request
  - Dismissed due to being for a past event.
- NHAS Fall Foods Budget Request
  - Motion to pass ceiling of \$200 dollars for NHAS Fall Fest, Seconded
    - Passes
- NACURH Affiliation Fee Budget Request
  - Motion to pass \$130 for the NACURH affiliation, Seconded
    - Passes
- PHRAdays Budget Request
  - Motion to pass \$900 for PHRAdays, Seconded
    - Passes

Informal Discussion

Nathaniel has raised \$1k which is above the donation barrier. (is not in first, but is the top student earner).

Abi plugs a research survey she is running.

Do Judy's Gear Poll!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 pm

Budget Requests:

Organization: NHAS

- Contact: Nia Thankachan
- ASA Account Number: ----
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - Chess tournament, 10-05-2018/ 7:30 pm-9:30pm/ Warnock Commons lounge
- Describe The Event
  - The event was held at the Warnock commons. This is an event that we combined with the chess team and invited people to join for a day of food, drinks, and chess. Everyone was welcome and we had about 30-40 people participate in the event.
- History of Event
  - This chess tournament is usually held at Warnock commons with the chess team and that's how it was done this time as well. Usually people come together, play and eat and enjoy themselves there. You can either play for fun or play in the tournament.
- How will this event benefit on-campus students?
  - This event will help on-campus students as people participate and play together, it will be an opportunity for them to connect through common things that they both enjoy. People will be able to have fun and enjoy their time at being North Halls.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$171.62

- Dunkin Donuts- \$105.92
    - Pizza Hut- \$65.70
  - How will this funding be used?
    - This funding will be used to reimburse the money that was used to pay for the food that was provided to the students.
  - Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
    - Yes

Organization: ARHS/NACURH

- Contact: Daniel Hanuska
- ASA Account Number: ----
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - NACURH Affiliation, a yearly cost, a yearly benefit
- Describe The Event
  - Every year, Penn State must affiliate with NACURH to be eligible to attend and vote at the conferences they host. We are also granted access to a plethora of resources.
- History of Event
  - ARHS has historically supported this
- How will this event benefit on-campus students?
  - The ability to attend the conferences allows us to grow as leaders and for a more cohesive and effective group. This group will be better equipped to run events and advocate for the student body.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$130
- How will this funding be used?
  - To pay for the affiliation fee
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - Yes

Organization: PHRA

- Contact: MJ Schleck
- ASA Account Number: ----
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - PHRAdays
- Describe The Event
  - Continual event that runs every PHRAday
- History of Event
  - Every Friday we have this event for students for several years
- How will this event benefit on-campus students?
  - This event provides a different event for students that do not want to go and party.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - \$900
- How will this funding be used?
  - To pay for all PHRAdays this semester, including funding half of pumpkin palooza
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - Yes