

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for September 30rd, 2019

Call to Order: 6:18 pm

Roll Call: Favorite thing you did at the retreat? (bonfire, Talking about life, werewolf, talking about bringing in more students, field soccer) (Webster's, vintage pop-up, more)

Nathaniel Waksman, President

Emma Kertis, DoA

Judy Rodriguez, DoO

Gregory Edmunds, DoP

Maria Howe, DoF

Abi Mason, DoR

MJ Schleck, PHRA President

Chris, PHRA Rep

Sarah, PHRA Rep

Daniel Hanuska, NCC and PHRA AVP

Cj, EHRA VP

Julia, EHRA President

Michael Keller, Diversity Chair and WHRA Rep

Evan Pepper, NHAS Secretary

Macy Klocko, Movin' On Liaison

Ben Lakavage, ARHS Cinemas and SHRA President

Michael, SHRA EVP

Kirsten Worrall, SHRA Treasurer

Howie, PHRA Treasurer

Cheryl Febreasie, Housing Guest

Mark Rameker, Advisor

John Hurst, Advisor

Officer Rodney



Open Student Forum:

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Officer Report:

- Stats: 13 thefts, 1 fraud, 5 drug violations, 13 underage drinking, 6 disorderly conducts, 77 non-criminal (dispatched), 125 total dispatches.
- Charges: 2 drug misdemeanors, 3 marijuana possession, 1 public drunk, 6 underage drinking
- Why do things come up in charges, if someone goes to the hospital or is otherwise indisposed it can take a week before they are charged
- Last Saturday: movin' in, 6 am-12 am, 6 liquor law (underage), 1 public drunkenness, 1 other criminal events.
- Wednesday morning 8-9:30 bagels and coffee in pollock #nationalcoffeewithacopday
 - Please stop by and get some we've got a ton
- At 11:30-1:30 Get the scoop with a cop in pollock
 - Ice cream and resources, come by and chat.
- Gregory: How was your weekend?
 - Good finally got a weekend off, except for working the volleyball game, but we don't really do much then.

Guest of the Week: Cheryl Febreasie

- Thank you for your leadership, what I do really comes from you all as student leaders on campus.

- Penn State as compared to other universities, we really should be proud of our housing here as we do really well even compared to other big 10 schools. Please continue to give us feedback! We really strive to keep improving. As you can see with our larger construction projects and our smaller enhancements.
- It is unfortunate that many or most of you won't see the changes unless you come back as Alumni
- We have a support group for many different services including several new dieticians and nutritionists and more experienced ones. We want them to engage with both those who require it and the campus at large.
- Nathaniel: Coffee on campus! The reasoning behind it being non-competition between residence halls and hub Starbucks coffee
 - First, one of the things as we look at all the different types of beverages on campus, so they can get what they're looking for on campus. We know there's a demand and sometimes the lines can be unwieldy. We looked at that to see if we can bring Starbucks close to the residents to better the rush
 - Secondly, Edge really grew in popularity in east, we looked at pollock and had to ask whether the demand would transfer over to pollock.
 - The discount has been taken away, we looked at the sourcing at the particular bean, the product we were serving cost more than Starbucks, so we reduced it to the Starbucks prices. When we changed to the Starbucks beans it also increased the price due to the coffee costs, likely we hadn't actually looked at the price-cost evaluation when Edge started using the Irving's beans
- Evan: So the Seattle's Best is no longer served on campus?
 - Irvings is found at the two Edge locations, Starbucks is served in all of the locations including all you can eat
- Daniel: Removal of trash rooms in Pollock and across campus?
 - At all of the commonwealth campuses students take out their own trash, so we are piloting this now at the main campus
 - Daniel: I think it is likely causing students to be more wasteful and is causing many repeated residences to be angry with the removal of a service.
 - That is some good feedback that I can bring back.
 - Chris: I feel like the removal of trash rooms is also prohibitive to students with disabilities and physical limitations
 - Definitely true and good feedback
 - Evan: Is there any survey or means of contact for students to inform you of issues?
 - Not specifically
 - Nathaniel: Push towards standardization in residential dining, the mix and match are now being removed, how do you see the standardization versus the removal of choices?
 - It's both an art and a science, what are you eating, when are you eating, where are you eating. We can now see what's selling and we have a little more business savvy and regulation in the ordering systems. It's one of the things that we looked at, we'd see that we would have a great item at one location but no others. We can see there are certain types of grilled cheese for example that people order most and we're looking to get more time in your schedule. We're looking to get the best of the best, and that can't always satisfy everyone and shift some of those rarer items to the specialty items. We need to see not just at the UP campus but also at all the commonwealth, CPI or PPI standards based on the inflation regarding food. We look at the future forecasting in those standards so that we can keep the meal plan rates from climbing as at other schools it is happening much more regularly. The other thing is the reduction of food waste, where we would add in more things based off of student requests but they would expire with next to no purchases, so we try to fit the demand rather than meet every demand
 - Rolling Lion outside Willard Building, It was some of the best reception we've ever had for them. It was originally at Behrend but was moved here due to the weather issues. We've had it in the homecoming parade, as part of nittanyville, football games, IFC tailgate, Pollock.

We're leveraging it as we get different requests, we're trying to have it out and about multiple days a week.

- Did anyone try the pop-up? (MJ did) we probably could be doing more to advertise things. Likely no one has heard the Chef Demo happening next week
- Evan: Foodservice employees, not having enough?
- We as a country have a very low unemployment rate, so now we are working to adapt our marketing for jobs as a whole, where are the gaps in our messaging, do the people working for us to see it? Do the students not working for us see any? We want to expose more students to more opportunities, can we become more creative with our scheduling, exposing students to more locations. We're looking to change that dynamic.

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Macy Klocko**
 - Nothing to report
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
 - Meeting last week, next meeting on Oct. 8th it is also an event/art contest to donate money to meals on wheels, in pollock
 - Pizza party event in Nov. where the entrance fee is feminine hygiene products
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker (mjr22@psu.edu), John Hurst (je9@psu.edu)**
 - Women's basketball team tomorrow from 7-9 is doing a movie shoot and is looking for people to be in the crowd, this would be footage for the intro. Possibly fireworks might be canceled if there's rain, there will be a DJ
 - Nathaniel: Thank you to John for helping with the retreat this weekend.
 - Y'all should really be thanking Mark as he pulls the strings and allows

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) -**
 - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Jennifer Rodriguez**
 - Angel has, unfortunately, had to resign from NHAS and ARHS
 - We're trying to do another collab with Chess Club, Saturday 7-9:30 pm
 - North and Food Services we're trying to work on
- **Pollock (PHRA) - MJ Scheck**
 - Nothing to report
 - *Hi New PHRA Reps*
 - Tie-dye scarves were a bit of a disaster.
- **South (SHRA) - Ben Lakavage (bzl5349@psu.edu)**
 - Care packages are going well, we still have a few left
 - Photo booth event October 11th, 2-6
 - Hoping to fill our exec this week
- **West (WHRA) - OPEN**
 - Elections this week
 - Gregory is going to help run them
 - Hopeful for new exec

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Homecoming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

- **Internal Policy (IPC) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Public Relations - Julie Waller (jaw365@psu.edu)**
 - Nothing to report
- **Social - Julie Waller (jaw365@psu.edu)**
 - 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) & Kirsten Worrall (kpw5273@psu.edu)**
 - The movie this weekend is Men In Black: International
 - Advertising
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Diversity - Michael Keller (mrk5578@psu.edu)**
 - Hispanic Heritage Month continues, but no major event
 - LGBT History Month, Wednesday HUB takeover from 12-2
 - I will be there with Ally House
- **Housing and Food Services – OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Daniel Hanuska (djh73@psu.edu)**
 - CAACURH Attendees
 - Daniel, Nathaniel, Michael so far, please fill it out if you'd like to come (Lot's of great people!)
 - Weekly NCC chat updates (financial thing and another thing)
 - We passed one bill that was a change of wording regarding finances, as well as an advising board in the Great Lakes. Neither really affect us at Penn State
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - AJ Rodriguez (abr5439@psu.edu)**
 - Nothing to report
- **Sustainability - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nathaniel Waksman (nxw37@psu.edu)**
 - Retreat was nice
 - Nathaniel would like to know the events of him being hit in the face with a poster board
 - Next recruitment push
 - Discuss dates and times for areas to table
 - Finalizing an elevator pitch
 - Meetings are going to go a bit longer with HFS members coming every week. Please plan accordingly so we have voting members in the room when it matters
 - OrgCentral, updating ARHS and Area Gov't
 - Please update and renew your stuff

- **Vice President - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Advocacy - Emma Kertis (eck5201@psu.edu)**
 - Notes from foodservice meeting
 - Two committees with students
 - HFS board includes us and a few others
 - Looking to have a menu/special events committee with students likely open to the general student body
 - Jim Mainecy will be doing a sushi taste testing to test the feasibility of expanding the areas it is available
- **Director of Outreach - Judy Rodriguez (jrr5741@psu.edu)**
 - THANK YOU FOR A GREAT RETREAT!
 - Thank you for speaking up with the advisors.
 - End of retreat video
 - John: Judy planned the retreat *APPLAUSE*
- **Director of Programming - Gregory Edmunds (gte5015@psu.edu)**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Records - Abi Mason (arhsdor@gmail.com)**
 - Who Submits an Agenda?
 - Constitution Check!
 - Transition Material
 - Role of Technology in ARHS
 - Brainstorm other Student Orgs on campus you'd like to work with!
- **Director of Finance - Maria Howe (mrh64@psu.edu)**
 - Executive funds passed: *Inquire in person or over email.*
 - Thanks for coming out to the retreat!
 - Balance: *Inquire in person or over email.*

Quorum Check

Forum Break 7:30-7:45

Open Discussion

Role of Technology in ARHS

Looking into the possibility of condensing the social media and online presence of Area governments into ARHS wide profiles and websites.

Elevator Pitch for Marketing

Creating and brainstorming more elevator pitches to provide a base of information when recruiting students.

Old Business

WHRA-SRCC Budget Request: Waiting for Info

Rocky Horror Picture Show: Waiting for Info

Nathaniel has been in contact, waiting to know how much the Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity is pitching in.

New Business

Informal Discussion

ARHS formal for the end of the semester, rather than just the banquet in Spring.

Get dressed up have food and celebrate the end of the semester

ARHS apparel poll coming for what kinds of things people would like.

What happened when Nathaniel got hit in the face?

John: We say that Nathaniel's really out of it, Greg went over and threw the poster paper on Nathaniel's head and he still wasn't fully awake

Possibility of keeping a schedule and allotting time per activity

Nathaniel: maybe after the first rotation of housing we'll allot them a certain amount of time, but considering this is the first time we're talking to them, we want to give them as much time as they need. I'm also thinking about starting earlier in future meetings so that we end prior to 8 pm.

Michael motions to close the meeting, Daniel Seconds
The meeting closes at 8:18 pm