

Association of Residence Hall Students
Council Meeting for Monday September 12th, 2016



Call to Order @ 6:22 P.M.

Roll Call: What has been your "brush with greatness"?

- Laura Daly
- Tucker Antico
- Nick Mahon
- Matt Beyen
- Jessica Mingle
- Laekin O'Hara
- David Carcamo
- Tim Roehm
- Akhil Dharmavan
- Evan Handrick
- Frank Selzer
- Jessica Shuey
- Kayla Olowin
- Tanner Ziacik
- Mitch Rosen
- Leigh Bernetich
- John McGlynn
- Nick Ottinger
- Kyle Shuey
- Alex Gubler
- Sangeeth Varadaraj

Guest of the Week

- Officer's Report:
 - Sept 5 - Sept 11 Incidents
 - Robbery - suspects in custody
 - 18 liquor law violations
 - 27 health and safety
 - 11 drug law
 - 9 disorderly conduct
 - 11 threats

Open Student Forum

- None

Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - OPEN**
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
 - Rob: Ben Jeffreys and myself are re-vamping NRHH this year to reduce tension between ARHS and NRHH. We want to make it a service and recognition organization. I'm in charge of OTMs which are due at the end of the month by 11:59 on the last day. These can be any individuals who you think deserve special recognition for their service to the on campus population. I'm trying to make it more accessible to submit one in a google form type style.
 - Nick Mahon: What is NRHH? What do they do?
 - Rob: NRHH is the organization that recognizes the "top 1%" of the on campus population. It is designed to recognize the on campus organizations for their contributions. We're going to be doing a lot of service projects. It's mainly a recognition organisation. NRHH is totally different this year. Ben and I will be coming to present more formally next week.
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**

- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (jeH9@psu.edu)
 - Nothing Reported

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Sanket Narayana** (svn5268@psu.edu)
 - It is going to be a pleasure to be working with everyone!
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Penn State vs. Pitt event was successful
- **North (NHAS) - Tim Roehm** (tjr5395@psu.edu)
 - Have full exec board as well as ARHS reps!
 - Game night in North 9/15 at 8pm in the Warnock game room
 - Mario Kart & Snacks
 - Scavenger Hunt being planned for 9/18 at 3pm Warnock
 - Michigan watch event being planned
- **Pollock (PHRA) - David Carcamo** (djc5782@psu.edu)
 - Filled the rest of PHRA
 - 3v3 Fundraising Basketball Tournament (9/22)
 - PHRA-McElwain Beach Party (Last Friday)
 - 11/3 1st Blood Drive
 - Pumpkin Palooza planning soon
 - Budget Request:
 - For residence life events for the first 6 weeks.
 - Events take place every Friday.
 - Majority of money is for food.
- **South (SHRA) - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - International Day of Peace (9/21)
 - Working with the globe in Simmons.
 - Diversity Canvas (week of 9/26)
 - 2 Canvases.
 - Working on finding an artist.
- **West (WHRA) - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Congrats to our new ARHS representative Nick Mahon!
 - We ran elections and are looking for new members.

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - This weekend was the first time we played University of Pittsburgh since 2000, when our freshman class was only two.
 - Keep sending me pictures for the end of the year slideshow.
- **Homecoming - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu), **Laekin O'hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu)
 - Color run team is established.
 - Team Name: RunYourARHSoff
 - Password: ARHS
 - We ran into trouble with homecoming.
 - Preregistration was handed in.
 - Homecoming never saw the payment
 - No flatbed is reserved.
 - Further information is pending.
 - Laekin: We should have been notified after 2 weeks of no payment, but we've confirmed that we have paid. We're trying to see at what capacity we can participate.
 - Nick Mahon: What is the most likely outcome for this?

- Laekin: It's hard to tell. We're trying to plan some small events.
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - Kay Rinkers** (kgr5093@psu.edu)
 - ARHS "Cheat Sheet"
 - Kyle Shuey: Kay created an ARHS cheat sheet with basics on how to participate in a meeting. She is open for suggestions.
- **Public Relations - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Send me requests for any posters!
 - Follow our social media accounts!
- **Social - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu), **Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu),
 - Make sure you fill out our doodle poll! <http://doodle.com/poll/x5gwcn84n8hzuex6>
 - Haunted houses nearby?
 - Possible movie night Saturday, location TBD
- **THON - James Smith** (jts5577@psu.edu)
 - Are you interested into applying for a THON family? The deadline is September 16. Completely up to you guys.
 - 157 days till THON
 - Leigh: Do we still have our family from last year?
 - John: Yes we do.
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** (afd5151@psu.edu)
 - Nothing Reported

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Andrew Kline** (awk5484@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **ARHS Cinemas - Jessica Mingle** (jfm5509@psu.edu)
 - Movies this week are Lights Out and Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising
- **Campus Safety & Security - OPEN**
- **Diversity - James Smith** (jts5577@psu.edu)
 - Still looking for a key speaker this semester
 - Any questions, comments, or concerns, email me.
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Robert Fauver** (rff5048@psu.edu)
 - Affiliation - Looking to get it in by Monday
 - NACURH Presentation/Booklet - 9/19
 - CAACURH Conference
 - Registration is due October 7th.
 - Application coming out in an email on the 16th or 17th.
 - Due 11:59 on the 23rd.
 - Results will be made public on the 26th.
- **Philanthropy - Leigh Bernetich** (leb5437@psu.edu)
 - Looking at some group volunteering opportunities
- **Student Wellness - OPEN**
- **Sustainability - Tucker Antico** (tja5251@psu.edu), **Nick Mahon**
 - Sustainability Fact: 80% of water used in the US is used for agriculture.
 - Attended the SSAC meeting
 - Discuss ideas to bring to the VPs.

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nick Ottinger** (nso5024@psu.edu)
 - Student readership meeting
 - Circulation is down 18%.
 - Summer circulation is down 12%.
 - "The Buzz" app.
 - Content from the daily collegian and USA Today.

- Care packages round 2
 - Check in area offices tomorrow for more care packages.
- Area stimulus
 - Raising stimulus for Fall Semester to \$1,000.
- Tailgate is this Friday Sept 16th from 3-7 pm. Please sign up!
- Committees
- Recruiting chair ideas
- **Vice President - Kyle Shuey** (krs5584@psu.edu)
 - Fundraising Matching Policy Proposal
 - Proxy Rule Proposal
- **Director of Advocacy - John McGlynn** (jvm5752@psu.edu)
 - Re-vamping Meal Points (to sate your hunger)
 - David: Did they say what the splits would look like?
 - John M: They didn't give specific amounts, but they did say that approximately the same amount of money would be offered.
 - Mitch: Did they explain their reasoning behind this split?
 - Kyle: They really just wanted to make it easier to understand and explain.
 - Nick Mahon: I'm concerned for splitting people into fewer areas. How would they rectify this? Can we just have all the money go in at the beginning of the time career and have it roll over into years?
 - Kyle Shuey: The reason you can't do that is because of financial aide.
 - Alex Gubler: There's still a point where you can change your meal plan level.
 - Nick Mahon: I'm concerned about it being more complicated and it reducing our options.
 - Nick Ottinger: We're still going to be communicating with Residence Life and Food Services.
- **Director of Programming - Alex Gubler** (afg5136@psu.edu)
 - ARHS Tailgate - Signups
 - October Event - Bingo Night?
 - Looking to move away from casino night.
 - Partnering with NRHH.
 - National Coming Out Week
 - Retreat
 - Budget Request.
 - Rob: How did you arrive at 800 T-shirts.
 - Alex: It was an estimate from last year.
 - Nick Mahon: How many inflatables is that?
 - Alex: 4. 2 for each area.
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
- **Director of Records - Alexa Ain** (apa5098@psu.edu)
 - Partnering with Sisters On the Runway
 - Google Calendars
- **Director of Finance - Sangeeth Varadaraj** (skv5072@psu.edu)
 - Account Balance: \$41,429.00
 - Submitted a check request for the website monthly cost
 - Got the last 3 years of annual transaction reports.
 - Looking to create a report reviewing our expenditures over the past 3 years.
 - Nick Mahon: How much is our income per semester?
 - Nick Ottinger: It really varies based on how many care packages and carpets/linens we sell.
 - Kyle Shuey: Last year it was about \$40,000

Forum Break

Open Discussion

Nick Ottinger: Are there any thoughts on committees?

Nick Mahon: What were you looking for with these committees?

Nick Ottinger: We were hoping to create an avenue for the students who don't want to go all the way to a fulltime position and to utilize the "general membership" level.

Nick Mahon: It sounds like a good idea I'm just not sure it's possible with our membership. If we had more people it would be more accessible.

Kyle Shuey: We hope it would be able to increase participation. There aren't enough people right now and it would require additional recruiting but we hope that we'd be able to form them in the future.

Nick Ottinger: Are there any questions or comments about the idea of a recruitment chair?

Kyle Shuey: If you have any ideas of what the responsibilities would be we'd love to know as well.

Nick Ottinger: Are there any further discussion points on the meal point change.

Rob Fauver: We'd like to know what the finite meal point brackets are when you receive that information.

Alex: They're really trying to just simplify it. They have data on the number of people who take each level and some of the levels are extremely lacking. The reason they're looking to do this change is to

Rob: Would it still be a points system or a number of swipes?

Nick Ottinger: Points.

Nick Ottinger: Are there any comments on the executive board fundraising matching initiative?

Laura Daly: I don't think it's a great idea. AREas are able to ask for money from council at will.

Matt Beyen: Yield to redundancy. I don't think it's the best idea to raise funds.

Nick Mahon: I don't think us running out of money is a big problem. It just sounds like we're spending money to spend money. I'm concerned about limiting small organisations.

Kyle Shuey: To be clear we aren't limiting anything. We're simply adding the functionality of fund matching.

Tim: I actually like the idea and I think it encourages independence of the areas.

Sanket: I agree with the fund matching. Not many people in east know about the organisation and the more fundraisers we have it will increase involvement.

Sangeeth: Another reason we want to match dollar for dollar is it increases presence on campus. The more fundraisers we do the more marketing we get.

Nick Ottinger: ARE there any thoughts on Kyle's proxy legislation?

Nick Mahon: I'm very much in favor of it. Voting was always a headache for me and hitting quorum is always an issue.

Laura: I think it makes a lot of sense to allow proxying of the votes, but I think that the president should only be able to proxied by another executive member.

Rob: What is this legislation? I wasn't here at the time.

Kyle: We're considering putting in a system where each area simply gets 4 votes. The president and all other members could be proxied at any time by another member.

Leigh: I think another executive should be able to take the vote for the other executive member but I don't think that just anyone should be able to proxy for the president.

Laura: I've always thought the president and myself should be able to proxy for each other. The two exec votes should stay exec votes but the other two should be able to be proxied.

Nick: Is anyone here from the mexican american student organization? Seeing none I strongly suggest a tabling of the issue until they can present. ARE there any points of discussion on Alex's budget request?

Rob: I think it's very important to fund this considering it's friday.

Nick Mahon: I'm fine with the funding allotment but I think it would be a good idea for ARHS to purchase certain kinds of lawn games to add to these events so we don't have to rent as much when it comes time for an event.

Leigh: Rob, do you remember how much you requested last year?

Rob: We requested nothing. Diane paid for everything and we used the \$5,000 allotment for T-shirts

Nick: Any points of discussion for David's budget request? Seeing no discussion on that are there any other points of discussion?

Tucker: Nick Mahon and myself heard a lot about the new buildings being constructed and we wanted to be able to influence their decisions to increase the sustainability of these new buildings. Is there any way that we can voice simple concerns towards the construction of the new buildings.

Nick Mahon: If we wanted to put in water bottle refilling stations on every floor we were concerned about the funding for that. I'm concerned about the funding that goes to cinemas each week and that the funding could be used for something to improve the residence halls like adding refillable water bottle stations.

Alex: That's a part of HUB latenight.

Nick Ottinger: ARHS cinemas is entirely covered by UPAC.

Rob: I think it's super important that ARHS supports HUB latenight.

Nick Mahon: My point is moreso that a person who goes to these movies is automatically someone who won't go drinking. I think the funding in UPAC could be better allocated.

John Hurst: Joining UPAC and making your voice heard there would be a great way to influence these concerns.

Old Business

Quorum call.

North - 4/4

East - $\frac{3}{4}$

West - 3/3

Pollock - 4/4

New Business

Kyle: I entertain a motion regarding the budget request for the mexican student association:

Laura: I move to table it until someone comes and presents:

Jess seconds

Motion passes unanimously.

Kyle: I entertain a motion to David's budget request.

Laura: I move to pass \$1000 for DAvid's budget request

Jess seconds

Passes 15-0-1

Kyle: I entertain a motion regarding Alex's budget request.

Laura: I move to pass 7991.16 dollars for Alex's budget request

Passes 16-0-0

Kyle: I entertain a motion to open elections.

Laura: I move to open elections.

Sanket Seconds.

Kyle: The executive board chooses to appoint Kayla Olowin for Housing and food services chair.

Kayla: I'd like to thank the executive board for the appointment. I have a lot of ideas regarding the work that I can do in this position regarding the green2go boxes and making the availability of washing machines more well-known through an app.

Kyle: ARE there any discussion points on Kayla? Seeing none the executive board moves to appoint Kayla because of her initiative and her connections to the housing and food services department at Penn State Behrend.

Sangeeth: I was the previous HFS chair for the 2015 year and I didn't have a lot of experience when I joined. I talked to Kayla about it and we discussed different initiatives for housing and food services. We talked about the housing meetings that are biweekly and she was very interested in attending those. On the food services side she seemed like she was already willing.

Kyle: Are there any questions to the executive board regarding this discussion?

Rob: I think it was good that she came in with the washing machine idea my only concern is that she didn't present any ideas here with us.

Pro-Con:

Kyle 3 unanswered pros or cons will end pro con

Pros:

- She's proactive
- Connections
- Willing to run

- Freshman willing to gain experience.

Cons:

- Inexperienced.

Kayla is confirmed.

Kyle: I motion to close elections.

DAvid: I motion to vote by unanimous consent.

Mitch seconds. No objections.

Elections are closed.

Informal Discussion

Pam: Next tuesday at 9 pm John and I are hosting the first student affairs undergraduate resource group. If you have any interest in working at a college after graduation come to our meeting. If you know anyone in the halls or government please spread the word. The meeting will be in 112 forest resources building.

Rob: What will you be speaking about?

Pam: We're going to do this on a biweekly basis and this first meeting is really just to gauge interest. We hope to bring in speakers and talk about graduate school processes. We want to connect you with people throughout the university.

John Hurst: We're trying to establish an interest group for student affairs and we want to convey to students that you can make a career out of it. We do a lot of different things including resume writing and what people are looking for.

Kyle: I entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Laura: I move to adjourn the meeting

The meeting is adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Budget Requests:

Organization: Mexican American Student Association

Contact: Deni Armas

- ASA Account Number
 - 645
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - Una Noche en Mexico: Quinceañera, October 1, 2016 at 5:30 pm in Heritage Hall (the HUB)
- Describe The Event
 - Una Noche en Mexico enhances student life at Penn State by bringing Mexican culture to Penn State and educating our peers about our traditions. It also unifies the Latino community by celebrating each other and bringing a piece of home to Penn State so everyone can enjoy. Our theme this year is Una Noche en Mexico: Quinceañera; A Quinceañera is the coming of age of young Hispanic/latina women. In colonial times, at the age of 15 the parents of the young woman would throw her a huge party to introduce her into society.
- History of Event
 - This is an annual event for the organization Mexican American Student Association. The first Una Noche en Mexico was introduced to Penn State in 2004. Since then the themes have ranged from holidays to festivals to Mexican states and their customs. We have repeatedly showcased Mexican culture to the best of our abilities by bringing authentic Mexican performers to every event and we intend to keep this tradition going.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - Una Noche en Mexico will benefit on campus students by exposing them to the Mexican culture. Not everyone knows the meaning of a Quinceañera but it is a special tradition not only to Mexicans, but all the Latino/ Hispanic culture. Furthermore, not only will it benefit on campus students but it is open to the community so everyone can come and enjoy this event for free.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - Yes (\$5,039)
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$1,500

- How will this funding be used?
 - We will be using the ARHS funding to cover the expense of our catering along with the decorations that will accompany Heritage hall on the night of the event. These aspects are crucial to respect the traditions and to make this event as authentic as possible. It is tradition that food is provided for the guests because they are celebrating the coming of age of a young woman.
 - Decorations - \$305
 - Centerpieces- \$168
 - Balloons- \$52
 - Crown- \$40
 - Quinceañera Doll- \$45
 - Chipotle Catering: split with Mexican American Student Association -- \$2544

Budget Requests:

Organization: Association of Residence Hall Students

Contact: Alex Gubler, afg5136@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
 - 225
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary and Volunteers
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - ARHS Tailgate, Friday, September 16th / 3-7 PM / East and Pollock Quads
- Describe The Event
 - Outdoor carnival event in the East and Pollock Quads to promote and create hype the Temple Football Game on Saturday. There will be inflatable, carnival style food, free t-shirts with tie-dying, and music.
- History of Event
 - This will be the 4th Annual ARHS Tailgate, and it has been a highly successful event in years past.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - The event will take place in two residence hall quads, providing free, safe, and fun entertainment for anybody living there and anyone else who would like to attend as well.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$7,991.16
- How will this funding be used?

o Item	Cost
Windswept Inflatables	\$4,820.00
Best Events Food and Equipment	\$333.66
T-Shirts (800 Count)	\$2,437.50
Flex (Extra Food, Tye-Dye, Decorations)	\$400.00

Max Ceiling Total	\$7,991.16

Budget Requests:

Organization: Pollock Halls Residence Association

Contact: David Carcamo, djc5782@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
 - 232
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
 - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
 - PHRA Pollock Party ---- September 2 7 PM BINGO, September 9 7 PM Karaoke, September 16 (work with ARHS) - ,September 23 7 PM Open, September 30 7 PM Open, October 7 7 PM Open
- Describe The Event
 - Every Friday for the first 6 weeks we plan on doing programs in the Pollock area to get students involved right from the beginning. We are co-sponsoring with Residence Life. Student involvement in a community is vital to a successful college life. The more involved students are in an institution, the more invested they will be.
 - We are hoping to also use this as a recruitment tool for PHRA
- History of Event
 - This is a new programming idea for PHRA - we have already hosted a fairly successful PHRA involvement fair during welcome week and we are hoping to continue with Friday night Pollock Party as a co-sponsored event with Residence Life
 - Manpower at all events from RL and PHRA
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
 - Our goal is to keep students here and have activities for them to do in the area. (Encourage involvement early on)
Because student involvement is so important, it is vital for Penn State to create a culture, not just a campus. When students are involved and engaged, they feel like they are a part of something. This sense of belonging fosters loyalty and pride in their institution, as well as academic achievement, and community involvement.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
 - No
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
 - \$1,000
- How will this funding be used?

- o Money will be divided by the number of events (minus the ARHS event) for food and prizes (so approximately \$200.00 per event)
- o Pizza 15 pizzas \$100.00
- o Chipotle Burritos \$100.00
- o Jimmy Johns Variety Platter \$100.00
- o Prizes would be approximately 4 prizes valued at approximately \$25.00 each (variety of prizes from gift cards to psu stuff)