

Association of Residence Hall Students

Council Meeting for March 19th, 2018



Call to Order: 6:23pm

Roll Call: What are you most excited about for the summer?

Laura Daly, President
Kayla Olowin, Vice President
Tucker Antico, Director of Finance
Brendan Maguire, Director of Records
Alexa VP, Historian
Amanda Klovekorn, PR & Recruitment
Paige Fox, Panhellenic
David Carcamo, IPC Chair
Brian Kile, NRHH President
Matt Beyen, NRHH & ARHS Cinemas
Laekin O'Hara, NCC
Megan Mercurio, NHAS President
Rayna Klingensmith, NHAS Vice President
Nathaniel Waksman, Activities Chair and NHAS Rep
Spage Fong, NHAS Rep
Anila Anthony, PHRA President
Cheyenne Hensen, PHRA Treasurer
Emma Kurtis, PHRA Rep
Hannah Yost, SHRA President and Student Health and Wellness
Jess Shuey, SHRA VP
Joelle Smith, SHRA Rep
Stephen Day, EHRA President
Ryan, EHRA Treasurer
AJ Rodriguez, EHRA Representative
Stephen Dougherty, EHRA Representative
Logan O'Hara, WHRA President
Julia Bollinger, WHRA VP & Campus Safety and Security Chair
Emily, WHRA Representative

Guest of the Week

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Open Student Forum

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Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** (mdr5400@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu)
 - We are trying to reserve the HUB for bingo, if not then we will be at Redifer on March 30th
 - General body meeting next week, March 25th
 - Apparel sale is still going on!
 - NRHH nominations are now open
- **Panhellenic Council - Paige Fox** (pef5050@psu.edu)
 - Panhellenic health and wellness week starts the 26th
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** (mjr22@psu.edu), **John Hurst** (je9@psu.edu)
 - **The deadline to submit a nomination for STARS is March 19th.** We would like to have about 40 and at this point **we only have 4 nominations**. Please take the time to think about any individuals you think may deserve this award and really **encourage your RAs to submit nominations as well**.
 - **STARS** (*Students That Are Recognized*) is a program set up to recognize first year students who stand out in their residence hall communities and make a difference in the lives of all students living on campus. Anyone can nominate a first year student. Self-nominations are allowed.
 - Submit a nomination at <https://goo.gl/forms/VQcKbPy0qQ74xiM63>

Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Stephen Day** (scd5284@psu.edu)
 - Good luck in elections
 - Talent show cancelled
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **North (NHAS) - Megan Mercurio** (mem6323@psu.edu)
 - NHAS Bingo Night this Thursday
- **Pollock (PHRA) - Anila Anthony** (axa99@psu.edu)
 - We have received UPAC funding for Pollock Palooza!
 - Last phraday was self defense training,
 - We had over 30 people trained
- **South (SHRA) - Hannah Yost** (hby5050@psu.edu)
 - Elected Jess as Elections Commissioner
 - Meeting about ENRA on Friday
 - Working on April painting event
- **West (WHRA) - Logan O'Hara** (ko5055@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report

Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Alexa Vander Ploeg** (arv5162@psu.edu)
 - Penn State Berkey Creamery makes about 130 flavors of ice cream and ships to 48 states!
- **Homecoming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - David Carcamo** (djc5782@psu.edu)
 - Nothing new to report
- **Public Relations - Amanda Klovekorn** (alk5617@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **Social - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **THON - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** (afd5151@psu.edu)
 - Press release regarding Gender Neutral Housing is up

External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Nathaniel Waksman** (nxw37@psu.edu)
 - Nothing new to report!
- **Recruitment - Amanda Klovekorn** (alk5617@psu.edu)
 - Giveaways update and questions
- **ARHS Cinemas - Matt Beyen** (mdb5548@psu.edu)
 - This week we are playing Jumanji and Pitch Perfect 3

- **Campus Safety & Security - Julia Bollinger** (jfb5368@psu.edu)
 - the event will be held on March 29th in East at 6
 - ID holders came in
 - sent the little information cards to the printers
 - currently making the tri-fold for the table
- **Diversity - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Housing and Food Services - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Laekin O'Hara** (ljo5051@psu.edu)
 - Congratulations to those attending NACURH this summer...
to those going, keep an eye out for a delegate information form and plan on attending a meeting ~SOON~
 - I will be submitting for UPAC funding very soon, and keep you all updated on the process
- **Philanthropy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Student Health & Wellness - Hannah Yost** (hby5050@psu.edu)
 - Nothing to report
- **Sustainability - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report

Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Laura Daly** (lvd5265@psu.edu)
 - Gender Neutral Housing
 - Good luck tonight to whoever is running!
- **Vice President - Kayla Olowin** (kms7123@psu.edu)
 - Creating transition materials
 - Good luck to those running tonight!
- **Director of Advocacy - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Programming - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
 - Nothing to report
- **Director of Records - Brendan Maguire** (bfm5125@psu.edu)
 - Please remember to fill out agendas
 - Thank you to those who attended ARHS & Area Government pictures
 - Good luck to everyone running tonight!
- **Director of Finance - Tucker Antico** (tja5251@psu.edu)
 - Account Balance: \$10,453.21

Forum Break 7:20pm - 7:37pm

Open Discussion

- **David's Amendment**
 - Brian: I thought something in the constitution said the e-board can change the meeting already at their discretion.
 - David: I don't believe so.
 - Brian: It may be the PHRA constitution.
 - Kayla: I don't believe it is in the constitution. There is a 48 hour clause with executive board approval but since makes it so there doesn't have to be and we can move during emergencies e.g. no heat.

- Amanda: I support the change but I don't entirely think it's necessary. I don't personally see it as breaking the constitution if we leave a room because there's no heat.
- Nathaniel: I think it is necessary so we can have full flexibility.
- Logan O'Hara: I feel like it should be fixed to have language that's less open to interpretations so we won't have discrepancies in the future.
- John Hurst: I hear what Logan's saying. Keep in mind, the reason that things are gray is so that you can make your own decisions. When you're writing constitutional law, and you're going to be specific, you have to be careful because you don't know what's going to happen three or four years down the line. If you write things gray you are able to make your own decisions.
- Laekin O'Hara: Elections, Appointments and Liaisons
 - We're technically breaking the constitution by allowing our elections to happen on UPUA's site. It allows anyone in the area to vote for area elections when our constitution requires area members to vote. This is your elections. So rather than running through UPUA, with signatures and paperwork, you can run your election through your area.
 - Cheyenne: I think having an internal election for areas is very important. The people who aren't involved in your area government have no knowledge about any of the candidates and could vote at random. It can come down to a popularity contest and put somebody who is not qualified into office. So I think we should change it.
 - Kayla: Do we still have the ability to get our names on the UPUA ballot?
 - Laekin: Yes. We had up until the day before the election to get a list of names on there.
 - Kayla: Can you explain how such an area like East and Eastview would work?
 - Laekin: Anyone from East running would already have to live there. It would have to be a deliberate decision. Anyone running from East would have to say they're living there to run there. Eastview is kind of complicated. My guess is that we've discussed running it in the past through ARHS. Run as a vacant position.
 - Logan: Do we have any statistics on if people showed up and voted?
 - Laura: We know people vote, we don't know how many, but a ton of people vote.
 - Laekin: You can't skip votes if you're on votes.psu.
 - Tucker: I know when I was elected for West, there was around 150-160 voters. Some people ran uncontested and that's how many votes they accumulated. Other areas will get higher numbers for higher populations.
 - David: One of the benefits to do it through their system is that they already have the infrastructure built and it lets you get your name out there to show there is a on campus government. And getting your signatures is getting your name out there. But at the same time, I do understand Cheyennes points.
 - Anila: I ran uncontested last time and received 430 votes. So Pollock definitely has a higher turnout. And I don't know 430 people, so it is just people who have to vote. One of the years where there was a contested election in Pollock, it came down to a popularity contest and did allow somebody who wasn't qualified to receive the position.
 - Brian: We have an external elections code, does that not come down to anything?
 - Laekin: Not when we have different constitutions conflicting each other. It's going to come down to what we want to do as council.
 - Anila: If we're changing it, can West say internal and Pollock say external?
 - Laekin: No, it would be across the board. All the codes are currently the same.
 - Nathaniel: Didn't we recently say the ARHS constitution supersedes the area governments?
 - Laura: No. It was never voted on.
 - Brian: I don't think we should be discussing changing the entire process a week before. I think we bring it up the beginning of next year.
 - Laekin: The reason that it's being brought up tonight is because of the discrepancy I found.
 - Anila: So we're breaking the constitution by having PHRA elections through UPUA?
 - Laekin: Yes.

- John: If you decide to go internal, how are you bringing in people in your area to be able to vote for the people that they want?
- Laura: You have to be an active member of an area government to vote.
- Logan: I was elected internally. But going off people who don't know area governments. When west had an event for St Patrick's day, we had some people come who didn't know anything about WHRA. These were West residents who were available to vote if I was elected externally.
- Brian: I think if people didn't know what it is, you're campaigning, it's your duty to let people know why you want to be elected.
- Stephen: I was also internally elected but did a little bit of campaigning. Should East abstain because we're different?
- Laekin: I'm not choosing a side, I'm simply doing my duty as an elections commissioner and making you aware of the options. I understand people have intense opinions about this but facts laid out are that we're breaking the constitution and need to fix it. I'm fine with either option but it needs to be corrected.
- Nathaniel: So I see both sides. I'm going to propose an unofficial compromise. I believe we should run external elections this year and consider this issue at a later date for further refinement and discussion.
- Cheyenne: I know he said it would be easier to do internal but all of our members at Pollock already have their signatures and paperwork done. So it's just about getting them on the ballots.
- Informal vote: Yes - internal. No - continue with UPUA election site and change constitution. Abstain - moral issue.
- David: I will start an ad hoc committee to get some discussion started on this.

Old Business

New Business

- Laura Daly yields her gavel to Laekin O'Hara to run elections
 - Laekin O'Hara entertains a motion to open elections
 - Nathaniel Waksman moves to open elections
 - Anila Anthony seconds
 - Laekin O'Hara will entertain motions for President
 - Laura Daly nominates Kayla for President
 - Brian Kile seconds
 - Kayla Olowin accepts her nomination for President
 - Brian motions to extend questioning by 5 minutes
 - AJ seconds
 - No objections
 - Extended until 7:55pm
 - Brian motions to end Q&A for Kayla
 - AJ seconds
 - No objections
 - Kayla Olowin is elected as President
 - Tucker Antico nominates Stephen Day as Vice President
 - Stephen Dougherty seconds
 - Stephen Day accepts his nomination for Vice President
 - Nathaniel Waksman moves to extend questioning by 2 min 30 sec
 - Logan seconds
 - No objections
 - Extended until 8:16pm
 - Cheyenne Hansen moves to extend discussion by 5 minutes

- Nathaniel seconds
- No objections
- Extended until 8:30pm
 - Stephen Day is elected as Vice President
- Matt Beyen nominates Cheyenne Hansen for Director of Advocacy
- Brian Kile seconds
 - Cheyenne Hansen accepts her nomination for Director of Advocacy
 - Cheyenne Hansen is elected as Director of Advocacy
- Nathaniel Waksman nominates himself for Director of Programming
- Hannah Yost seconds
 - Nathaniel Waksman accepts his nomination for Director of Programming
 - Cheyenne motions to exhaust the speakers list after additions
 - Logan O'Hara seconds
 - Speakers list exhausted after additions
 - Nathaniel Waksman is elected as Director of Programming
- Anila Anthony moves to close elections
- Hannah Yost seconds
- No objections
- Elections closed
- Hannah moves to end the meeting
- AJ seconds
- No objections
- Meeting adjourned 9:24pm

Budget Requests: