

# **Association of Residence Hall Students**

## *Council Meeting for Monday, March 27, 2017*



Call to Order 6:20

Roll Call: What is your favorite topic of conversation?

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

Cameron Francis - WHRA President

**Tucker Antico - WHRA VP & Sustainability**

Nick Mahon - WHRA, Sustainability, & Campus Safety & Security

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

Olan Garrett - ResLife

Jennifer Garvin - ResLife

Reed - West Student

Rita - Penn State Student Newspaper Program

Shae - Student Newspaper Program

**Red = Absent**

Guest of the Week

- Penn State Student Newspaper Readership
- Jennifer Garvin

Open Student Forum

- n/a

### Liaison Reports

- **Movin' On - Mitch Rosen** ([mdr5000@psu.edu](mailto:mdr5000@psu.edu))
  - Battle went well, our winner, Zach Wade and the Good Grief, will open up Movin On!
  - One month till Movin On tomorrow in the HUB
- **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) - OPEN**
  - 3rd GBM last night
  - Lion's Pantry Fundraiser Last night
  - Merch sale in East, email to come
  - Nominations April 7th-16
- **Panhellenic Council - OPEN**
- **University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) - Kyleigh Higie** ([keh5550@psu.edu](mailto:keh5550@psu.edu))
  - Nothing reported

### Adviser Report

- **Mark Rameker** ([mjr22@psu.edu](mailto:mjr22@psu.edu)), **John Hurst** ([je9@psu.edu](mailto:je9@psu.edu))

Housing Services and the Sustainability Institute are looking for outgoing and motivated upperclass students to provide peer-to-peer environmental and leadership education to incoming residential first-year students for the 2017-18 school year. Eco-Reps are paid undergraduate leaders who foster environmental responsibility on campus (compensation will be \$500 per semester delivered via eLion).

### **What do Eco-Reps do?**

- Lead activities and events to educate peers on sustainable behaviors.
- Connect with other students, faculty, student organizations, and staff such as Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, The Sustainability Institute, Residence Life, and Dining and Food Services.
- Connect with other students, faculty, student organizations and staff
- Create, assist, and implement projects throughout the residence halls and Penn State's campus relating to recycling, energy, water, and food.
- Gain practical leadership experience in the growing field of sustainability.

They work to educate their fellow classmates about sustainability issues by distributing information, creating, coordinating and hosting activities throughout campus and within residence halls. Their work is based on the philosophy that we can improve our relationship with the environment by making simple changes in our lifestyles. If you are interested in being a peer-mentor for first year students please follow the link below and consider applying.

Application deadline will be March 27.

<http://sustainability.psu.edu/eco-reps>

### Area Reports

- **East (EHRA) - Sam Finkle** ([srf5294@psu.edu](mailto:srf5294@psu.edu))
  - Nothing reported
- **Eastview/Nittany (ENRA) - Jessica Mingle** ([jfm5509@psu.edu](mailto:jfm5509@psu.edu))
  - If anyone has free time to man a table for Elections DM Brendan if you are not running for any position
- **North (NHAS) - Megan Mercurio** ([mem6323@psu.edu](mailto:mem6323@psu.edu))
  - Budget Request
- **Pollock (PHRA) - David Carcamo** ([djc5782@psu.edu](mailto:djc5782@psu.edu))
  - PHRA Elections
  - Pollock Palooza
  - If anyone can help elections tabling from 1-4 Wednesday
- **South (SHRA) - Kay Rinkers** ([kgr5093@psu.edu](mailto:kgr5093@psu.edu))
  - Nothing reported
- **West (WHRA) - Cameron Francis** ([cyf5173@psu.edu](mailto:cyf5173@psu.edu))
  - Finalizing Kicking it with West Event plans

### Internal Committee Reports

- **Historian - Kayla Olowin** ([kms7123@psu.edu](mailto:kms7123@psu.edu))
  - The creamery makes over 700 milkshakes every day
  - Please send me pictures!
- **Homecoming** - Tasks finished for the year
- **Internal Policy (IPC) - Kay Rinkers** ([kgr5093@psu.edu](mailto:kgr5093@psu.edu))
  - Recommendations Process Presentation
- **Public Relations - OPEN**
- **Social - Laekin O'Hara** ([ljo5051@psu.edu](mailto:ljo5051@psu.edu)), **Matt Beyen** ([mdb5548@psu.edu](mailto:mdb5548@psu.edu)),
  - Looking at dates and ideas for the rest of the semester
  - How do y'all feel about something Easter weekend (April 14-16)?
  - Potluck coming up, dates TBD
  - also please keep filling out the laser tag poll! <http://doodle.com/poll/4szadb8c57gembi9>
  - Availability poll will be posted in the groupme later :)
- **THON - Josh Evans** ([jke5144@psu.edu](mailto:jke5144@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report
- **Web Design - Akhil Dharmavaram** ([afd5151@psu.edu](mailto:afd5151@psu.edu))
  - All of the appointed chair position applications are online
- **Commissioner of Transition - Teresa Steck** ([txs5303@psu.edu](mailto:txs5303@psu.edu))
  - Make a google account (or add to an existing account) for your position-- compile any materials used in the position such as agendas, budget requests, a list of contacts, programs, meeting notes, etc.
  - Transition Dinner/Meeting to be held on April 17th or 10th

### External Committee Reports

- **Activities - Andrew Kline** ([awk5484@psu.edu](mailto:awk5484@psu.edu))
  - Nothing reported
- **ARHS Cinemas - Jessica Mingle** ([jfm5509@psu.edu](mailto:jfm5509@psu.edu))
  - A Dog's Purpose and Manchester by the Sea
- **Campus Safety & Security - Nick Mahon** ([nam5557@psu.edu](mailto:nam5557@psu.edu))
  - Nothing new
- **Diversity - OPEN**
- **Housing and Food Services - Kayla Olowin** ([kms7123@psu.edu](mailto:kms7123@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report
- **National Communications Coordinator (NCC) - Robert Fauver** ([rff5048@psu.edu](mailto:rff5048@psu.edu))
  - NACURH Application - 3/31 by 5pm
  - Pin Search
  - External Elections - this WEDNESDAY, 3/29
    - Modified Hours: needs to be manned for at least 4 hrs at any point from 8am-4pm
  - Go out and vote!
  - Email results will be sent out on Thursday
  - Megan: can you describe what we will be doing?
  - Rob: sit at the table with an iPad so people can come up and vote
  - NickM: are you going to make it mandatory for areas to post hours
  - Rob: no, up to area commissioner
  - Cameron: what do you the areas do with the iPads?
  - Rob: place it in the office and I will come and get it
- **Philanthropy - Laekin O'Hara** ([ljo5051@psu.edu](mailto:ljo5051@psu.edu)), **Amanda Klovekorn** ([alk5617@psu.edu](mailto:alk5617@psu.edu)),
  - Big thanks to everyone who donated! Would anyone like to go to with us to Lion's Pantry with us tomorrow (tuesday 3/28) to drop off the donations? We'll be going around 3pm!
  - Also we reached out to Lion's Pantry to see how else we can help and are awaiting a reply!
  - we have the remainder of the dinner supplies from the retreat and would like to host a dinner for ARHS sometime soon
  - reaching out to places for a fundraiser, but a lot are occurring in the coming weeks. We will keep you updated!

- **Student Wellness - Hannah Yost** ([hby5050@psu.edu](mailto:hby5050@psu.edu))
  - Next SHAB meeting is April 17th
  - Hand sanitizers in the residence halls
- **Sustainability - Tucker Antico** ([tja5251@psu.edu](mailto:tja5251@psu.edu)), **Nick Mahon** ([nam5557@psu.edu](mailto:nam5557@psu.edu))
  - Water Bottles and stickers

#### Executive Officer Reports

- **President - Nick Ottinger** ([nso5024@psu.edu](mailto:nso5024@psu.edu))
  - Working on transitioning
  - Schedule for final guests of the week:
    - April 3rd- Terry Ford from the BugPac campaign
    - April 10th- Doug Goodstein from the Sustainability Institute
    - April 17th- Andy Mcdade from OCM
- **Vice President - Kyle Shuey** ([krs5584@psu.edu](mailto:krs5584@psu.edu))
  - Announcements
- **Director of Advocacy - John McGlynn** ([jvm5752@psu.edu](mailto:jvm5752@psu.edu))
  - Nothing to report
  - Leigh: have we heard back about the smoking letter?
  - John: not yet
- **Director of Programming - Laura Daly** ([lvd5265@psu.edu](mailto:lvd5265@psu.edu))
  - Thank you to everyone who attended the retreat this weekend!
  - Working on planning Star Wars Under the Stars with Blue and White Society and Bingo Night with NRHH on April 21st
  - I am sorry I could not be here tonight, I have a math test at 6 :(
  - Quarter zip money (\$15) at forum break
- **Director of Outreach - OPEN**
- **Director of Records - Leigh Bernetich** ([leb5437@psu.edu](mailto:leb5437@psu.edu))
  - Please keep submitting agendas on time (64%)
- **Director of Finance - Sangeeth Varadaraj** ([skv5072@psu.edu](mailto:skv5072@psu.edu))
  - Account Balance: \$37,054.86
  - Last Week-Money passed for budget requests: \$3154.00
  - Submitted ARHS Stickers Reimbursement for 114.59
  - Submitted Lamda Theta Alpha Budget Request for \$343.00
  - Submitted WHRA Budget Request for \$2000.00
  - Submitted Association of Women Geoscientists for \$1500.00

#### Forum Break 7:30 - 7:40

#### Open Discussion

- Kay's Presentation
  - Brian: why did you choose  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$
  - Kay: to keep it the same as previous language
  - NickM: is this the first reading
  - NickO: yes, but if changes are made the next time it would come up would be the first reading again
  - Rob: defining a recommendation is in bullet point A
- Recruitment Chair
  - NickO: no major changes were made, does not require a vote. If there is nothing else that needs to be changed it will go in as a AdHoc position for next year
  - Rob: is a standing committee different from an Ad Hoc
  - NickO: yes, but in this case, it would not matter
  - NickM: is it in the constitution
  - NickO: yes, but it is in it's own section.
  - NickM: is it appointed?
  - NickO: can go either way
  - NickM: because it is AdHoc i feel that it should be appointed

- Kayla: you still vote
- Matt: appointed because it requires some type of experience
- Hannah: is the THON chair appointed or elected? Because if it is appointed i think that it should be.
- Laura: outside people are encouraged to apply for an appointed position
- Rob: when i was on exec two years, Student Wellness was appointed
- Amanda: i feel that PR could do the recruitment
- NickO: despite what people think, it is an extremely important part of this organization and takes up a lot of time
- Amanda: but what PR would do is vital to recruitment
- NickM: a lot of things overlap
- NickO: PR would handle social media, recruitment would work solely on gaining members
- Laura: i was PR before, and i think that recruitment should go with PR
- Cameron: is there a way that it can make it a two factor
- NickO: that is what this is
- Kayla: there are already too many chairs
- Kay: i understand that there is some overlap between PR and Recruitment and i do not think the events and the stuff with East would make sense under PR. i think this is a really important chair for us to have
- John: PR's job is to coordinate with every chair
- Amanda: that makes it sounds like PR and Recruitment cant work without each other. Which is primarily the promotion of ARHS
- NickO: it's like saying you have a difference between marketing and sales
- Rob: my understanding of PR is to build a relationship with the public, which then turns into recruitment
- John: we want to avoid the "this could happen" we want to have PR work by extension to recruit people
- Rob: laura, how much of your time was making posters (20mins) i think that people have enough time to recruit at the same time
- Kay: the reason we created this was because we don't have enough people in ARHS. whatever we have isn't working and this is an AdHoc position
- Hannah: recruitment is a problem, if it is under PR it will not be as important as it is. We don't want to have nothing, an AdHoc to see how it goes
- Laura: i just think requirment fits under PR nicely
- Cameron: i feel that we should just get rid of PR which is 10x more important
- Amanda: what we are doing now isn't working, but the reason why it isn't working is because we don't have a PR chair
- Kayla: while this would be an AdHoc, it can be an AdHoc of PR, we could put PR under recruitment instead of recruitment under PR
- John: if we are interested in simplify the amount of chairs we have would complicate it
- Kayla: what is the difference between them then
- NickO: the primary and secondary goals
- John: make it PR & Recruitment
- Rob: we are not able to fill chairs now, i don't think it complicated to combine chairs
- John and kayla: same thing, miscommunication
- Amanda: combining the roles
- John: the issue that we are not able to fill a Recruitment Chair is the same as not filling a PR chair
- Laura: it would be different to fill one instead of two
- John: it is still a divided work effort, i think it is critical to have a person dedicated
- Kayla: i don't see where the hierarchy comes in
- NickO: the issue i see is that Casino Night is not a recruitment event. The recruitment chair would be responsible to plan events to solely recruit
- Brian: everyone thinks that PR is in charge of every event, but their not. Their job is to advertise it not organize it. I don't like 4.11.3

- Laura: there is not much to the responsibility to PR
- Kay: i feel it doesn't make sense to do it that way because that is not what PR does. This is different than PR because it has that programming aspect
- Laura: we are asking for it to be PR & Recruitment
- Kay: i don't think the same type of person that would work in PR be the same person as Recruitment
- David: my position is that the council should have as many position as possible. I think they should stay different. This conversation lasted way longer than it had to because we are AdHocing it anyway
- John: The past PR chairs have never made efforts for recruitment
- NickM: i don't think it is fair to condense chairs because we don't have the people to fill it. IE: Sustainability. Do we not want this position because we don't have people to fill them or people not doing their job
- Amanda: is creating a new position that needs to be filled by the current members solve the problem. As for EHRA, i don't think that should fall under one chair
- Brian: PR is a back-end thing, where they don't have to be good with people. 4.11.3 is confusing
- NickO: the point is not to be like "hey you're president"
- Rob: \*reading constitution\*, i interpret that as recruitment
- John: having a chair that is not up for interpretation
- Rob: then expand that, instead of making a new chair
- NickM: was it appointed or elected
- NickO: if we move forward with it will be appointed
- Informal vote for in favor of having a separate chair: 11
- No i want to see this as PR: 5
- NickO: we will proceed to making this an AdHoc position
- North Budget request
  - Brian: looks good
- APAC Budget request
  - Cameron: suggest we table it
- Kayla about waiting for doing interviews until we have more exec
  - John: What if you tie?
  - Kayla: that is the reason why i am asking
  - NickM: how is that going to work?
  - Laura: we will talk until we agree
  - Kayla: if we cannot make a decision, we say that a decision has not been made
  - Brendan: you two were voted in with confidence of council, i think you two should be trusted with the process
  - Cameron: appoint one more person, too make it easier, prioritize certain chairs
  - Laura: if that is ok with you guys
  - Kayla: a concern is no transition period
  - Kay: this is because of NCC with the time constraint. It would make sense to wait till next week and do interviews that weekend, and do this weekend on NCC
  - Rob: did you think about appointed a neutral 3rd party
  - NickO: recommendation: anyone on the exec board now, you can have that acting member until we resign then that cannot be done
  - NickM: leave the position open until, and not interview people
  - NickO: yes they can do that, there is nothing that says you can't hold off on interviews
  - Kayla: we didn't want to do this and have the two of us make the decision. We wanted your opinion
  - Informal vote
    - Totally comfortable with this: 10
    - I don't like this: 1
    - Abstain: 2
  - NickM: What would happen if I ran and Laura abstained

- Kayla: i would hold off
- David: I motion that we stay in new business

#### Old Business

#### New Business

- Rob moves to table APAC
  - Jess seconded
  - Rob moves to vote by unanimous consent
    - Brendan seconded
    - Passes
- Cameron moves to pass \$1,650 for NHAS
  - Kayla seconded
  - Rob moves to vote by unanimous consent
    - Brendan seconded
    - passes

#### Informal Discussion

Hannah: come support diversity and your fellow ARHSies

Kayla: we are going to have applications for exec due by this Friday

Rob motions to adjourn the meeting

Kayla seconds

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

#### Budget Requests:

#### **Organization: North Housing Association of Students**

Contact: Megan Mercurio, mem6323@psu.edu

- ASA Account Number
  - 231
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - Monetary
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - NHAS Spring Fair, April 9th 2017, 12PM-3PM, North Quad
- Describe The Event
  - We are hosting our annual Spring Fair. This year we will be having a variety of fun activities and food for students to enjoy. Among them include a mechanical bull, an obstacle course, a caricature, a photo booth, free NHAS shirts to tie die, and fun carnival themed food such as popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones.
- History of Event
  - NHAS has been hosting an end of the year fair for many years as a way to thank our students for their participation in our club's events throughout the year, as well as provide one last time for students to come together and have a fun alternative to going out.
- How will this event benefit on campus students?
  - It will benefit students for it gives them a fun alternative to going out. We want to provide students a way to have fun and de-stress before finals week as well as create new memories with their friends.
- Have you applied for UPAC Funding?
  - Yes, \$4,450
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?

- o \$1,650
- How will this funding be used?
  - o This funding will be used to help cover parts of the remaining expenses such as the free t-shirts we are giving out to students, the food and their machines, and a tent that is required for use of the photo booth.
- Would you be willing to advertise ARHS as a sponsor?
  - o Yes

**Organization: Asian Pacific American Caucus (APAC)**

Contact: Kristen Arielle Collantes, kcollantes95@gmail.com

- ASA Account Number
  - o 608
- What Kind of Support are you looking for?
  - o Monetary, Audio equipment and rented space
- Name of Event, Event Date/Time/Location
  - o Asian Spotlight, April 12th, 7pm at Heritage Hall located in the HUB
- Describe The Event
  - o 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
  - o 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?
  - o 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?
  - o Yes, No confirmation at this time.
- How much financial assistance are you requesting from ARHS?
  - o \$500+
- How will this funding be used?
  - o 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?
  - o Yes