

**April 22, 2009**  
**8:00 pm**  
**302 HUB**

Meeting called by: Mark Cannon Type of meeting: General Meeting  
Secretary: Vicki Marone  
AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order and Opening Roll Call Vicki Marone

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Mark Cannon - objections?

Benjy: I'd like to add appointment to chief of staff to new business? Second

Cannon: added.

Dove: I'd like to strike policy 3 from agenda and recommit to ID committee. second

Cannon: objections? None. Stricken. Agenda adopted.

3. Adoption of the past General Meeting Minutes (4-8-09)

Cannon: objections? None. adopted

4. Adoption of the past General Meeting Minutes (4-15-09)

Cannon: objections? None. adopted

5. Open Student Forum

Fisher: I'm running for state college borough council, wanted to come out and introduce myself and talk about upcoming primary. I'm running unopposed as a republican. I'm a student my main goal is to increase student representation. Borough council is the group that makes all the rules in state college. The borough consists of 70% students, but right now the council consists of 0% students. I'm looking to get one of three open spots. Council created in 1972, there has been number of student unfriendly policies. One is that more than three unrelated people cannot live together in one house. Now they're trying to get an alcohol tax passed. We don't need that type of taxation on our students. Like I said wanted to come out and introduce myself, I'd be willing to take any questions. There's going to be a good amount of opportunities for collaboration between borough council and UPUA. Questions?

Mance: I think it's great you're running. What would you do to try to be more student friends?

Fisher: I think that right now we've got a situation here, I understand that right now part of the three unrelated rule is that a certain % of housing in specific area can't be student housing or something like that, obviously I'd like to get rid of that. As far as turning houses into rentals, would be to reduce restriction on amount of rentals that can exist in any specific part of town. As far as getting zoning I would obviously advocate for that. That's part of borough planning commission I think.

Bish: thanks for coming out, did you grow up in state college?

Fisher: no I grew up outside of Philly. I'm here for 6 years getting a BA and masters. So I would be here for the duration of my term.

Andrews: what relation do you think upua should have will borough council?

Fisher: obviously we need more collaboration than we have now. I'd like to get as much info as possible from you guys as far as how you would like to see that input taking place. Pretty heavily involved because you have this organization here representation of most of the students at Penn state, and student making up good portion of the borough, Arguably the largest constituency in State College.

Lersch: of the current borough initiatives, are there any you're in favor of?

Fisher: for example the Rotellis application to get live entertainment, I would be in favor of that. Certainly things like that I'm in favor of. We also need to recognize that there needs to be change from the ground up. We also have to look at new ideas not just current policies.

Cannon: thank you, that's all the time we have. Anyone else?

William Vanson: I'm the other student running; I grew up in state college. I'm a freshman and term is 4 years so I'll be here for the 4 years. Right now borough looks at students as a nuisance, and we need to increase communication between the students and the council. You guys are the one having the majority of these ordinances levied against you so you really need a voice on borough council. I'll be the best option to negotiate between permanent borough residents and the student body. Students won't vote in the municipal race so we need to show them that the borough council is really affecting their lives and they should really be involved in it. I've met with a lot of borough leaders and so far I've gotten a positive response to my

campaign and encouraging students to run. Borough residents aren't the biggest fans of students, but we bring the majority of the economy here. Questions?

Dove: are you running as a dem or rep and how can we vote for you?

William: I am a democrat like majority of students who registered here next fall. You can vote for me thru absentee ballots because elections are on May 19<sup>th</sup>. I'll be handing those out at the HUB

Lersch: You mentioned that the students really drive the economy in state college but the borough itself is suffering due to the current economic crisis, how do you suppose to support borough and help the students and residents

William: The borough has to look at the west end zoning project, there an old industrial park that's been there for a long time, we need to look at re development in the borough. That's what we're looking at to solve a lot of budget issues. But the borough can't take the brunt of the resources being used by students. We students use resources and don't pay for them

Smith: How do you feel about increasing safety in the borough especially in regard to girls and women?

William: my mom's a clinical social worker and she deals with a lot of those cases. I've worked with the detective in state college, and we need to advocate community education programs. One of the things a judge here has been working on is a community awareness class that al incoming freshman would have to take, explaining the resources available to them and how they can actively participate in community.

Cannon: that's all the time we have. Any others? none

## 6. Report by the President

Gavin Keirans – I want to give you some updates. A lot of headway was made meeting with the police and fire chief. Hopefully we'll be able to get a proposal by the end of the academic year and have some sort of policy up in the fall about the medical amnesty. I've been pleasantly surprised by the reaction of official I've talked to. We feel like Highlands loop can move along very quickly, the idea is to get it up during the fall semester, hopefully by the beginning of fall. Tonight you will hear from secretary to be full time this year, I'm confident she can do another great job this year. I've picked Matt Smith for chief of staff; I was pleased that after election I was able to get such a top notch individual to lead our executive board. I'm hoping to get the strongest exec board possible. If there's anyone you feel would be a good exec candidate in mind, then just talk to me and let me know. I'd like to hear from all of you because there's a lot to be done and it's important to have a strong executive for this organization. On thur, fri, and Saturday, the alumni council I will sit on. Next year I will be an executive board member. That's a chance to work with them. That's it for now.

Cannon: questions? None

## 7. Special Presentations

### o Creation of the Highland Loop

Andrew Karasik – I will be talking to you guys about a down town loop; to get people from campus to down town and from down town to back on campus. If you've ever ridden blue loop from east halls, it takes a long time. They really don't serve the residence hall areas. This is a loop to connect the most populated areas. It has been named the highlands loop because that area downtown is called the highlands. The main reason for going for this loop service is first and foremost safety. Instead of having students wander back at 3:30 in the morning, we'd much rather have them safety on a bus being transported back and forth. We've received some fairly good response from the borough because it will keep those students out of their flowerbeds and yards, etc. I will show you what our proposal is, what we'll do about costs etc. What we're talking about right now is a semester trial, this coming fall hopefully. I've met with the head of psu transportation. Next Monday we'll have a meeting with her and a rep from CATA and we'll discuss how to implement this trial for next year. We're hoping to divert one blue loop and one white loop for this test. We don't know how much they'll like this idea because they don't want to touch the loops so this may be a separate service that upua and other organizations will be providing. We're talking about 10 stops; they may need to be fixed basically what we're actually proposing is two busses running down this loop. The first and biggest change to how we'll run this loop service is that rather than have it serve the east halls area next to Wagner, it will serve the computer building, on the corner of Bigler and Curtin. This is because of the current congestion that has been encountered with the east halls areas on weekends, with the white loop now having to change the way that people board, we feel it would be better and it would provide a faster loop to do it this way. We'll begin down here at computer building, go down Bigler and make a right on Pollock, second stop will be Pollock road over by the Pollock halls bus stop, this will service south and Pollock halls students, we also have handicap students living on this campus, and those students rather than having to use cata would be much better serviced by this loop, moving on we'd head down to white

building, this would service Atherton and Simmons and other side of south, from there we'll go down to Garner, beyond downtown down to Fairmont, and make a right on Fairmont, there will be a stop at corner of Garner and Fairmont, the issue with those is that we'll need to petition the borough to allow a stop there and we may have to install some lighting and other stuff, from there we're move to Fairmont and Locust, that will be another stop and then make a right on Pugh and stop at Pugh and Foster, the entire route itself is 16 minutes, so with two busses it'd be 8 minutes of service. From there we'd do College and Allen stop, then Deike building stop, and then Visual Arts building stop. As I said with two busses we're talking about an 8 minute loop, it would take 8 minutes to get from East Halls to East Halls would be 8 minutes, this significantly cuts down the time it takes the students to get around. We want students to be in a safe location as quickly as possible. Depending on where we go with this, if Cata says we'll need to fund it by ourselves, it will be \$55 per hour per bus, we're talking about 6.5 hours from 9pm to 3:30 pm or only 3.5 hours for fall semester on trial basis. That would be the safety factor getting people from off campus back on campus. The cheapest option is one bus at 3.5 hours and that would be around 9K. This is not only up to paying for this is a group of organizations. PSU transportation says that they cannot contribute any money for this project. The most expensive is 2 busses for 6/5 hours is 32K for the semester. Most likely we won't go for that right away because we want to measure ridership in the trial program. Cata has a way of keeping track. From there we could decide whether this was a good investment. So that's what I would suggest the cheapest option at 9K so that we can decide how valuable this program is. Are there any questions? The biggest issue here is safety. This has been called Greek Loop that was never my goal. I just want to make sure that students can get around safely.

Jess: about moving the route from Beaver to Fairmont, to me it seems that it will appear to cater to a smaller group of students, be more dangerous, cost more setting up additional stops, and maybe creating more problems for the Greek community. Could you talk about that?

Andrew: let me just explain that the white loop and blue loop will not be affected, those services will still exist, this is meant to supplement not replace. I see that you say that this could appear to cater to one community. In addition there are a lot of residences and borough members who are in favor of this project. We know we'll have to add lighting we have considered that. We decided on these roads by providing most minimal impact to community and traffic as a whole. I personally think it will create a lot less problem in those areas, by getting our students out of those areas quicker in the evening rather than have them disturbing the peace.

Galadanchi: why is safety the main issue? I've been downtown late at night a lot and it doesn't seem that unsafe.

Andrew: well it is really only 16 minutes. Safety is the main issue because residents have given complaints about property destruction etc. This will also make people want to go home before 3:30

Lersch: Groups that will be funding this will they be legally responsible for the service?

Andrew: I'm not sure but I will bring that to Teresa Davis, currently I know that I loops have 2 million spent by PSU transportation to provide the loops free of charge. I don't know if we would be liable no.

Dove: motion to extend time by 5 minutes. Second.

Creany: You didn't answer Bish's second question. What is cost of 24-hour blue and white loop? And what is time frame of 3.5 hour loop.

Andrew: the 3.5 hour loop would be 12 to 3:30. The 24-hour loop service, extending the blue and white loops with most likely the same loops. If we pay for it then we can change the loop's route. We're looking at 45K per year. When Cata service stops at 230 we would need to fill in to provide busses between 230 and 530 and 7 depending on the day.

Bonnewell: Did you take into consideration parking on Fairmont; usually I can never park on that street.

Andrew: we can look into rezoning, only one side of the street would need to be rezoned. Obviously the bus stops would be zoned as bus stops, we would need to change that with the borough. That's something we're taking to transportation services and to Cata.

Dove: I was wondering if you could talk about problem to putting bus stops where people don't gather and having those areas have more people being loud in those places

Andrew: our goal is to confine the noise to specific areas that can be monitored and we can know where our students are. The Garner and Fairmont stop has a frat on that corner, so noise might already be an issue there. At Locust and Fairmont that area is not residence. We chose those stops strategically such that we would be providing those areas for students to stand that would not impact our community members down south.

Galadanchi: what is the impact on the environment?

Andrew: we're fortunate to have what be only one of only public transportation systems in country that uses natural gas busses. They pollute much less than normal busses. There are also students that drive back and forth to campus from downtown, and we can reduce that. I can say that the environment was not my first priority

Andrews: what the exact sources of the funding?

Andrew: the exact numbers have yet to be discussed and exact breakdown. Upua would be covering some of this thru its budget net year, ifc might be covering some of it. It could become a standing allocation from upac. We have considered that as an entity of student affairs of have transportation go for upac funding.

8. Old Business (none)

9. New Business (none)

-Confirmation of secretary:

Hi guys, my name is Vicki Marone – sophomore math and EBF – found out about UPUA from Benjy through SHC Student Council – Liked being involved and working with Annie and learning about student government

Mike Wallace: “How many words can you type in a minute?”

Marone: I'm not sure!

Cannon: ok we'll go to a vote: by roll. Marone passed 36-0-0.

Matt Smith: I believe I would be an asset to the organization because I have great management skills. I believe that you guys need an exec member that can help. Every asset that you bring the assembly is in your favor. I hope that you have a lot of great questions with me and that I can reintroduce with me by being elected by you. This position as I see it is to not act without the best interest of assembly at heart. I'm trying to join now the exec board; upua is near and dear to my heart

Loewner: I've seen you work well in assembly, can you detail more how you see the executive role if you were still in legislative

Matt: exec board job is to execute job of the assembly. Therefore it is a role that needs to be much better fulfilled. Because upua is still a growing organization there's still a lot of room to improve, I'd be less focused on presenting legislation and working on day-to-day affairs. I would be working more on an operation component and to make sure that assembly's ideas will be seen through. That's what I want to bring to table

Cannon- do you see the exec board as being self-sustaining from year to year?

Matt: it is all about doing what the assembly wants but with the values and cultural values added by the president. I will be an agent of change thru how I am directed. The directors are a team with the staff and report to the chief exec not to myself. The point is to act as a role model. and to make sure that the assistance that I'm bringing will be permeated through the exec board and hopefully will be self sustaining.  
Cannon: ok we're open for debate.

Dove: no one is more qualified than Matt Smith for this role. I feel that he would be perfect for this position.

Loewner: I've known matt for a lot longer than we've both been in upua, and he was very effective in the assembly, he's got my support and I hope he has yours.

Gavin: I think that for those of you returning from last year, Mike Anderson was qualified but we didn't see results we wanted. Exec last year wasn't as functional. By adding Matt Smith I think we'll be elevated to the next level. The directors didn't really have that much of a role last year, we didn't have the proper chief of staff. After elections I understood what a great leader he was and how he could enhance the upua, he will help me be a better president. Having someone qualified to deal with day-to-day tasks I now have someone I can send out and resolve those issues.

Galadanchi: I personally know him, all I can say is that he's down to earth and smart awesome guy.

Colleen: we would hold a primary election awareness event to take place at HUB serve as awareness opportunity for student. And allow to them fill out absentee request forms. We're focusing on committee races and borough council election primaries. Legislation I asked for funding for the event to give our free pretzels and free coffee for the event. Hopefully it will be a successful event and more students will want to participate in elections.

Mance: the scorecards for each candidate, can you describe those?

Colleen: on Monday I e-mail out a list of 4 questions to each candidate and pretty much the 4 questions pertained to how they as prospective position would affect the student body. They state who they are, their background, and the answers to these four questions and if there were elected how they would impact the student body. So that students can have a quick gauge of who the best candidate is.

Blake Bonnewell: I don't see why this assembly would spend money on event for selection when student body won't be here. It seems like we should spend a lot more money on promoting a lot more money in the fall instead of something most people won't care about

Dove: I respectfully disagree, these candidates are being elected for state college and we live here so we should care. They will affect the way we live our lives and how they represent us.

Jess: he said what I would say; we have to pick the candidates for each party

Andrews: I believe that this is incredibly important, if students don't vote, then we'll be in position that students representation doesn't exist on borough council. Currently there are three nominations for democrat and republicans.

Boyer: I think you're absolutely right that most students don't care, but part of the reason for this event is to make them care. We do live here 9 months of other year. So I think \$250 is well worth the cost of informing them. We're not endorsing any candidate

Mance: I want to say that there is a lack of awareness towards the amount of opportunity towards student representation. Even right here in state college, I think such events as having students running for these positions and record turnout for recent presidential elections. I think we have a chance to finally get some momentum going, and I think \$250 is well worth it and least we can do to do our part to improve about student voting.

Lersch: the gov't affairs committee did a spectacular job getting this together, this is very important, people are very passionate about this it will raise awareness and make sure that even after the primaries whoever wins those people will now be paying attention so that when they campaign they will have students in their mind too, they will also care about the student vote, keep that in mind, it will help us in November election as well.

Cannon: further debate?

Benjy: motion to end debate. Second.

Cannon: motion passes 36-1-0. Any objections to adding new ARHS rep to new business? None.

Genifer Goldsmith: Hi. Monday I was elected the rep from ARHS, so technically that means I'm the liaison for you guys. I'm really interested in becoming the communications chair, which is my position on ARHS. I came to one of your meetings a few weeks ago, I was interested in what you guys talked about, so that intrigued me to get this position. My feeling is that I'm a student here and so by being part of ARHS and also upua it would benefit me in that way, and it would benefit arhs by reporting that to them. Questions?

Wallace: what's your view on the UPUA? do you like UPUA?

Gen: last time was my first time being here. The way I see it is to help students, so I don't really have a stance, but as people I'm a fan of all of you.

Wallace: will you be attending Wallypalooza on apr 30?

Gen: actually it sounds pretty interesting to me and I'm free so sure why not.

DEBATE:

Bonnewell: I'm on a homecoming committee with Gen, she's very responsible and committed so we should approve her

Galandchi: I used to be in arhs with her, she's efficient and very nice so I think having her on here will be a good thing.

Ragland: she forgot to mention that she was elected as co chair of diversity for arhs, I think she's a good

pick.

Cannon: approved 36 -0 2

Cannon: I motion to make a special meeting next Wednesday at 8. We'll need a 2/3 vote. Second. Any objections to having this meeting?

Wallace: I add provision that it's a dress-down day and people help put up stage either before or after meeting.

Cannon: yes there will not be a dress code for meeting. But will not be a requirement to help during that time. Also, this meeting will not include liaison, director, or committee reports.

Bish: what's purpose of meeting?

Cannon: the purpose is because we haven't passed a budget policy. We have 140K and nothing to allocate it towards

Bonnewell: why wouldn't be approve the budget if 12 people wouldn't be here

Cannon: no they will be here; they just have a lot of meeting throughout the week

Loewner: Faculty senate meetings will be on Tuesday, reps will be able to be here, there will be no faculty senate on wed. Academic affairs will not have a meeting during that time, we will have to reschedule earlier that week.

Cannon: Motion to end debate. Second. Debate ends. Motion passes 35-0-1. There will be a meeting next week. Any other new business? None.

## 10. Liaison Reports

o GSA –

Joann Olson – I've been trying to come up with something to tell you. I will write approx 450 pages between now and my own graduation. No questions. ☺

o ARHS –

Gen Goldsmith –Monday was last meeting of semester, we elected next chairs. Our transition dinner will be this upcoming Monday.

Galadanchi: are you planning to invite any upua members to dinner?

Gen: yes Mark Cannon will be there.

## 11. Report by the Association Directors and Staff

o Chief of Staff

Matt Smith: on the spot I would say the it's hard to hear on this side of the room, if everyone could speak up that'd be great.

Evet Lerma: Steve Lucas is president, and other organization are having elections this week or next week.

We're having a retreat the weekend before finals.

o Treasurer

o Media

o **Women's Affairs**

o Multicultural Affairs

o Legislative Affairs

o UPUA Legal Affairs

o Off Campus Student Affairs

o Community Service

o Religious Affairs

o Directors Greek Life

## 12. Committee Reports

o Steering

Cannon: pretty much it's all in front of you, nothing came from steering tonight. Res hall room fee didn't go thru steering as we had hoped; Gavin is now looking in to that. Go to Wallypalooza.

- Internal Development

Dove: id's been working hard this week, we're having 3 meetings; about budget policy which is why we're having meeting next Wednesday.

o Programming

Wallace: we're having a social tonight. Here we have a poster, which just got done today, rep Thompson had them done. They're awesome. We're getting 10 posters. And another design is getting 20. We're pretty

much ready for Wallypalooza. But we're on track.

- Facilities

Mance: had a corner pocket subcommittee meeting, I couldn't attend but I will be obtaining the information at that meeting, much was shared will be of interest to next facilities fee board meeting. We had first committee meeting last Friday in upua office. We still need to set up a permanent time. I still want to have one more before need of semester. IM feasibility project meeting is apr 29, it got moved to 10am. Next facilities fee board meeting is the Tuesday during finals weeks.

- o Academic Affairs

Loewner: we've been busy we had our first meeting, we elected officers. We're now working to assign our members to subcommittees. Outside of administrative work, we're exploring registrars' plans for changes to e-lion. First changes will be a usability change of interface. Their big ideas are adding a waitlist watch-list idea. At next meeting we can expect charges to subcommittees and placement of member to the subcommittees, and seeing as our work session meeting next week is impossible I'm trying to think of options. We may combine our meeting with the senate caucus meeting some time before upua meeting next wed.

- o Governmental Affairs

Smith: I'm sorry that I don't have a written report, but thank you for voting thru funding for event Monday. I'll send an email about that over listserv. I'm really excited and I hope it's a success.

- o Diversity Campus Life

Ragland: we had two meetings last week and today, everything is pretty much there, we're contacting lsu student gov't to set up student identity theft program. Tomorrow is second diversity round table forum, we're inviting certain leaders to that. Congrats Chris Nock, who got elected president of black caucus?

### 13. Comments for the Good of the Order

Benjy: for academic council conference for next Tuesday, if you could remind them to respond with their RSVP for the event, that'd be great.

Galadanchi: I would like to talk to all on-campus reps after meeting

Mance: just want to remind everyone to help out as much as possible with Wallypalooza

Loewner: I forget exact date, but for any off campus reps, I just read in newspaper about another commission meeting on west end revitalization project, this is one thing that will affect all off campus reps' constituents, I encourage you to look up dates and we should have some info on that

Cannon: if you have nametag that doesn't have at least one proper committee on it or has problems, please bring it um here and put it on bad nametag sheet. I would also like to introduce Mr. Rodney Huews our student trustee.

Rodney: Sorry I've missed a few meetings, I'd like to make some introductions, if anyone wants to talk about anything, we have board meeting coming up may 14, 15 if anyone wants to discuss any of that I'll stick around after the meeting

Gavin: definitely take Rodney up on that, he's a strong resource, he really engages us and other student orgs and definitely get to know him he's looking out for our interests.

### 14. Closing Roll Call and Adjournment: Vicki Marone

Cannon: meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Advisors: Mary Edgington, Sr. Director for Union and Student Activities

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