



Assembly of Student Representatives

University Park Undergraduate Association

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302 HUB

Meeting called by: **Mark Cannon** Type of meeting: **General Meeting**

Secretary: **Vicki Marone**

Attendees: **President Graham Spanier**

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AGENDA ITEMS

Topic	Presenter	Time (min.)
1. Call to Order and Opening Roll Call Cannon: called to order at 8:09		
2. Adoption of the Agenda Cannon: objections? Sam: I think the special presentation should be 30 minutes long. Cannon: objections? None.		
3. Adoption of the past General Meeting Minutes (9-23-09) Cannon: objections? None.		
4. Open Student Forum Cannon: any students here? None.		
5. Report by the President Gavin: Want to update you guys; to begin with, we have legislation about medical amnesty policy. It's a resolution about our opinion about what we believe should be the path about medical amnesty at UP. This is the official document of UPUA, and will allow Chris Smith to effectively advocate on a direct plan for moving forward. Chris has been working on this, and we're at a place where we feel we need to have definitive conversations about implementing. About legal services, that position is now posted through human resources and is now public. People have begun to apply, so I'm excited to get that under way, that's something we've spent a lot of time on, and it's getting more exciting, myself and Sam Miller will finish out the other two reps from UPUA, we'll do that within the next week. I had a meeting yesterday about highlands loop, had a conversation and made a power point and went over the history of the loop, some successes and failures, some current problems, and some suggestions about how we can actually implement this route. . It was a good first meeting to have and opened lines of dialogue. On Monday I'm meeting with Tom Fontaine, and on Oct 6 th we have the big meeting with everyone involved. The reasoning to have these meetings ahead of time is to give them the information so at the meeting with everyone we can really get it decided. Our deadline to get this going is November 1 st . This Friday will be first meeting that Damon Sims has called for various students including myself. I feel this is a great way to network with other organizations. Over the past year UPUA has progressed a great deal, and with that comes questions from other presidents, so it's a good avenue to address our successes. I think that'll be a successful model. Also we have our two freshman reps coming to the floor tonight, Steering interviewed them, there was a lot of qualified candidates and it was tough to pick. These two really shined, and we're glad to have them join this organization. They're top stock and we're happy to have them. We have President Spanier here today. He has been more than willing to accept invitations to speak to student government, so we're really pleased to have him come out here, we appreciate his time. That's it for my report, any questions?	Gavin Keirans	10
6. Special Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Penn State Office of the President Spanier: Good evening, tanks for inviting me, it's a pleasure to be here. How many of you are new? A few. Well I want to say how impressed I've been in the recent history with the functioning on UPUA with student gov't on this campus, I think a lot of positive things are happening, you have great leadership and a wonderful level of cooperation with University administration. I think its great that you had 100 people competing for two positions for freshman reps who are here tonight. That says something about level of interest in student government at Penn state. I know you have a long agenda tonight, so I'll be respectful of your time limits, so I'll open it up to any questions that you might have. SO jump in. Boyer: Thanks for coming. I spoke to the director of housing yesterday regarding plan to convert Simmons dinning room, and he said one of impetuses behind it was to get students out of supplemental housing. Going forward does university have long-range plans for the university, so what's the plan going forward? Spanier: We have tremendous demand for students wanting to be in residence halls, and we'll never be able to meet all demand, but we'd like to provide some additional spaces. There was a wonderful conversion in McElwaine and that's an example of what can 	Graham Spanier President, PSU	20

happen. North halls we've done too. Every time you renovate a new residence halls, every time you renovate a new residence hall you take one off line, and in the renovation we but more bathrooms and suites and you give up some space, and so we're trying to recoup that space by making the conversion in Simmons. It's nice to have so many places to eat, and we still have a lot of places to eat and so there will be healthy eating options throughout the campus, but the residence hall folks have studied it very carefully, and they think that on balance that space can be better used by converting it to rooms.

Vickery: In light of the situation with Joe Dado, and Penn state ranked 1 part school, what is Penn state doing to combat that reputation?

Spanier: I think you know that party school ranking is really meaningless except from a PR standpoint, it doesn't reflect reality, because Penn state students voted. So I don't put too much credence in that. But nevertheless the underlying issue you refer too is very real and serious. The greatest problem at this university in my opinion is the excessive consumption of alcohol. That is a major problem at every college in this country, so I'm not sure it's any worse here than at other schools, but all we have an opportunity to deal with is Penn state. It's always been high on our priority list, and this recent death draws our attention to it in a very profound way. I just met with women in a sorority and we talked about his, and they acknowledge that this is problem. There are a lot of things we can do, the university is providing alternative programming, and so it doesn't all have to be focused on alcohol. But alcohol now is the main focus of so many social events, it's become so primary at so many events, and lot of people can't handle it. For those students who drop out, its probably a fact in that situation, it results in a lot of student having academic problems, class attendance on Fridays is often down because students were out drinking on Thursday. It's become the culture in many apartments and frats. Sexual assaults, over 90% of those involve alcohol. Most of the crime in State college has an alcohol component- disorderly conduct, vandalism, and sexual assaults. I see the hospital emergency room reports, we see what the blood alcohol levels are, we see what problems the students came in with in addition to the alcohol. We see DUIs. I could spend the whole evening talking about the consequences from this culture of alcohol. There isn't any easy solution, but I'd welcome student government taking an interest in this, and help do something about it.

Ragland: The past two weeks, my committee has looked for ways to touch on environmental issues on campus. The past two weeks the Sierra club has run a campaign, and we were curious big this was in collaboration with OPP or something completely different. So should we go with OPP or sierra club?

Spanier: The sierra club is an independent nations organization, but Penn state is one of leading partners of the EPA, we're a pretty green campus, we only build green buildings. We're engaged in dozens of initiatives to help the environment. So, we have a group within our physical plant who's job is to focus on environmental improvements, and they would be very interested in meeting with student gov't folks and working in collaboration with you. We don't have direct collaboration with sierra club; they are promoting moving away from coal recently I think. And that's something that we have plans to do. We've already been involved with that, but it's an expensive multi year project.

Loewner: given the different legislation all throughout Pennsylvania, I was wondering I you could give your perspective of Penn state's relations with local and state legislators.

Spanier: we have very good relationship with the government of Pennsylvania, so our relationships are good, but that doesn't change the fact that Pennsylvania is without a budget, and as of midnight tonight we'll have ticked off another budget without a budget. And in another month we'll have to pay our bills without state appropriation, and we are at the moment I would estimate about between 115 and 120 million in the red. That's the amount of money that we should have received from the state in our three monthly allocations, plus 25 million that is in the rears from financial aid. And that money hasn't arrived so we have paid that money for students. We're confident that we will get it when state passes budget, but they haven't yet, and that's money that we've been advancing on behalf of the state, and there's a cost to that. It's not a good situation, but we're coping as well as any organization can cope, and as well as any entity in the state can cope. There are a lot of communities and other organizations that have been affected.

Bello: In residence halls, students get to vote on campus, but recently there have been people advertising with disturbing graphics, what can the university do about that.

Spanier: well in our country we believe in free speech and freedom of expression. And the same is true in the university, so really any group can come here and engage in free speech. And showing graphic images qualifies as speech that should be protected. The constitution of our country guarantees this right subject to only certain regulations; you can regulate time, place, and manner. So we can regulate the time and place and manner that people can engage in free speech, so there are some regulations that are legitimate, but a lot of free speech, different people find objectionable and we just have to allow it to occur. When things happen on campus, my mail is most testy when there has been something on campus that somebody objects to, and they write me and they want me to stop it. They usually start out "I believe in free speech, but". That's what I always say in mail. And I have to write them back and say I'm sorry, but this is our law. So if it's protected in our

country it needs to be protected here also.

Dove: Following that up, I think Bello was talking about the abortion protestors. Does Penn state have any knowledge of when these groups come, or do they just come and we find out later?

Spanier: most of the time we don't know, people just show up and do their thing, but sometimes we know. In that case I got a letter from their lawyers saying they were coming, and I think that group made other requests, so they let us know. But sometimes we're not told ahead of time. Other times we know because how many groups can be on the steps of old main at once, so we have a reservation system for the steps of old Main to do their thing.

Bish: how do you feel about the boroughs new approach of cutting down on parties with their new ordinance of fines and other solutions?

Spanier: to tell you the truth I don't really know what that's all about. I don't object to the fact that they're concerned, and I have gotten letters from people in the community who are unhappy with the level of noise and things that happen on their lawns. So I know it's an issue, and the borough, they're just trying to find some ways to deal with it, but I'm not sure of the particulars.

Boggs: I have a question for Colleen, is it three people to don't live in the residence?

Smith: it's three individuals combined.

Wallace: I had the pleasure of seeing you rap a couple years ago, and being the programming chair I was wondering if you were still in the rap game?

Spanier: if it fits with my schedule I'd consider coming out.

Wallace: also, being the programming chair I sit on Steering, which had the responsibility of interviewing candidates, and they seemed to think that the biggest problem facing Penn state was ftcap and the transition to college, so I was wondering if you had plans to remapping those programs

Spanier: I would really like to know what suggestions that those people had because we do review ftcap every year. And every year we tweak it to try to improve it and sometimes it's good to take a fresh look at it, so if we had some specific feedback it would be taken seriously. So feel free to e-mail me, and it would be very useful feedback.

Wallace: I think one of the biggest concerns, was that people moved in on Saturday and classes started Monday, so I think they were looking for more time to get acclimated to the campus.

Spanier: Well we've had more and more new freshman moving in on Friday, some still come on Saturday and that's all right, and then classes now start on Monday. So yeah for some students that are a shorter period of time, but that's not just ftcap because that's over the summer, so you're really talking about summer orientation but also the new student transition. Yeah both of those are things that are working on every year, and we're definitely open to feedback on that. Well I think I've used up all my time, so thank you for having me here.

7. Old Business (none)

8. New Business (none)

o Confirmation of Freshman Representative – TJ Bard

Cannon: Lets move to confirm TJ Bard.

Bard: Hi everyone, I'm a major in poly sci and econ. I'd like to thank the steering committee and also the assembly for giving me the opportunity to be here. I come from southern PA, I've always been involved in government, I was first student to be elected to school board in high school, I was able to see myself make a different to students and their lives and I was hoping to extend that in college. So I research UPUA when I got here and got the feeling that this was right for me, I begin pursuing this position early, and I hope tonight you give me the opportunity to improve the lives of freshman and give back to students at Penn state. Some of my ideas and initiatives is to get the name of UPUA out there. It's not an organization that is thrown in people's faces, because people really don't know how to contact anyone in UPUA or their representative. SO I hope that if I am chosen, all freshmen are able to put a face to the name of UPUA, and make everyone aware of what UPUA does and so that everyone knows they can come to be. Other ideas are that I hope to improve borough relations because I'm very passionate about that. I saw when sitting on the school board how important those relationships are. As well as I'm currently the youngest remax agent in the world, and I see a big problem with tenant landlord relationships, there's a lot of questions there, a lot of things freshman don't understand, so I hope that's maybe something I can work towards helping for students. Thank you again for this opportunity.

Vickery: are you familiar with committees here?

Bard: yes I've been to a few meetings, and done some research.

Vickery: so what committee would you sit on?

Bard: I'd like to participate in student affairs, and academic affairs. That's something again that I would figure out once I get on assembly if I get that opportunity.

Colleen
Smith
Sam
Loewner

Holmes: how would you go about improving freshman relations?

Bard: my initial plan is just to put myself out here. I can't represent a constituency that doesn't know I exist, so I'll just put my name out there, out my name and face out there, I think its important that the freshman know who I am.

Bish: can you elaborate on the remax thing

Bard: I went to real estate school when I was 16, I just did it on a whim, when I was 16 I went to real estate school, I took my exam a week after I turned 18, and once I became an agent I continued working.

Bello: So if I want to do a movie night for freshman, and here I want o get as many freshman as possible, how can you help me?

Bard: I know a big thing for freshman reps is facebook. When we did the ftcap process there's a group on facebook for the freshman class, so I would go to that initially to put the word out here. I know east hall, posters around the different dorms and common area is something that can context a lot of students. Hopefully I can figure out a different systems for communication.

Mance: what would you say was your biggest accomplishment that you did with your hometown school board?

Bard: my biggest accomplishment was college prep for students. I come forma small town, the percentage of students who go to college is 10-20% so they don't focus a lot of college prep, I was hit with the SAT wall senior year, like I didn't know a ton of stuff about the application process, so as a result I was put on the wait list here at Penn state because my application that was delayed, and that affected a lot of my senior class, so I proposed a lot of stuff like college educational nights for students and families. I was the first member of my family to even go to college, so it was new to my family as well as my community. SO I was able to put that night tighter so that families could learn about the college process. SO I was proud of that.

DEBATE:

HOLMES: I've met TJ a few times, I've talked to him for 15 minutes both times, and I think his experiences and accomplishments speak for themselves, but he also is amazing and I fully support him

Ragland: yeah, like at steering he was extremely humble, he didn't mention that remax thing at steering. I just think a natural aspect of hi that he was very humble, so I definitely support him.

Smith: I think it is extremely impressive that he was first student to sit on high school board, and I think he would be a great asset on my committee, so I fully support him.

Dove: motion to end debate. Second.

Cannon: objections? None.

VOTE BY ROLE: passes 28-0-0.

○ **Confirmation of Freshman Representative – Marissa Wilson**

Wilson: I am from central New Jersey and I'm a poly sci major. I do have leadership in the past; I was senior class president and junior class president. I'm also a girl scout. I went to Kenya and donated school supplies last summer. I'm open to any questions you guys have for me.

Lombard: what did you do for your project for gold award?

Wilson: I collected school supplies around my town and brought them to Kenya.

Vickery: what committee do you see yourself sitting on?

Wilson: Well I did list my first as governmental issue as my priority, I'd like to reach more down to the people and get the borough involved, because I'd like it to be a broader program.

Bello: you went to Kenya and you gave parcels to little kids, what do you think about those children?

Wilson: they were probably the most grateful and appreciative people I've met in the world, they were also the most personable people in the world, and my grandfather was a translator for us. The appreciation they had for me was so fulfilling for me.

Holmes: student life and diversity committee will be holding a forum in east halls tomorrow, can you get people involved?

Wilson: well I have about 3 friends, but I'm not afraid to reach out, so I would have no problem going to every floor knocking on doors, I know that my RA gets the most success right before we leave and go somewhere, so that's what I would do.

Wallace: could you talk about some initiatives that you'd like to see happen?

Wilson: I'd like to broaden our perspective, and work with more PR idea with it, and go to the freshman and set up some info meetings and more informal meetings with the freshman, it'll be easy if we go out to them it'll be better.

Bello: what is your take on underage drinking and how do you interact in an environment where this occurs?

Wilson: I have 3 friends, so I have limited weekend plans, but I have been around it and it is a tough situation and you do see that more underage's are the ones that get out of control, and I do try to talk to my friends about it because people are going to do what they're going to do.

Perugini: what do you think the most important quality for a rep to have is?

Wilson: I think personability because if you aren't able to be approached then people can't come to you with their ideas. So I'd be able to reach out to people and let them contact me.

Dove: do you have any specific initiatives to reach down to students?

Wilson: I've been thinking about making some sort of meeting with the freshman, where it's open to all freshman because here it's a limited amount of people that come. So I'd like to get a council going just for freshman.

DEBATE:

Boggs: I know Marissa from Liberal arts undergrad council, within the first meeting she approached me about joining in our THON activates and she was eager to get involved right from the get go, I think that says a lot about her, so I obviously support her.

Loewner: my opinion of Marissa came from her interview in steering, I think one think I was to impress upon her is that in my opinion she had the strongest interview out of all the candidates. In addition I think she has a good level of experience and interest that will bring a lot to UPUA.

Dove: I disagree with Sam, I don't think she had the strongest interview in steering. I think she has a lot of potential I think. She's just a freshman, so she has potential. I think as far as the candidates we have, she was definitely in my top three, I think as far as the ones we have I think she's a good candidate, and I do support her now.

Wallace: This might turn into steering, Sam and I agreed at steering, but to agree with Sam, I think she had one of the strongest interviews, I'll put her in my top two, being at two, I think everybody thought that she did a great job, and thought that she would be great in this role as a representative. I support her.

Lombard: motion to end debate. Seconded.

VOTE BY ROLE: passes 28-0-0

Gavin: swears in the two new representatives.

○ **Policy #7 – Off-Campus Office Guidelines**

Smith: this was recommitted to my committee, and me made a lot of changes, I think this document is a lot stronger and lot more clear than the previous one. So hopefully you've had some time to look over it and we added the at large reps to member access, they were also instead of just the 10 off campus reps holding office hours there, it's now 10 out of the 16 at large and off campus reps. We added a section to committee chairs, we had the dept. of media charge a lot more specific, we added an office oversight section and office conduct section. Any questions?

Debate:

Boyer: to follow up, we took this back and tweaked it a bit and added onto it. I think it is lot more specific than before. The biggest difference is that we compromised to the off campus reps have office hour down there.

Gavin: I'm pleased to see the improvement made to this document. With the second installment I think this a much better version.

Loewner: I agree with Gavin that I think this is much better. It's definitely really strong, and says what it needs to say with one exception. I'm going to move to amend page 3 line 8, I move to add "the director of media will work with upua webmaster to create the upua off campus student center website within one month" . Seconded.

Cannon: objections? None.

Bish: much better document Colleen. Looks good.

Boyer: motion to end debate. Second.

Vote by role: passes 30-0-0

○ **Resolution #10 – Fall Academic Council Conference**

Loewner: This is pretty simple, it's the allocation of funding to sponsor the academic council conference, which we hold once a semester for leaders of the individual student councils. There's discussion points that allows academic affairs to grow and the council to grow also. It's a worthwhile expenditure. I'll have one amendment of make later, but we had some concerns with the caterer, some things have to change. With that I'll take questions. None.

DEBATE:

Bish: This is for Sam, can you explain having a delegate sponsor the legislation?

Sam: for anyone who doesn't know, it's made up of representatives and delegates from each college, having a delegate only sponsoring this, but having a delegate as sort of an acknowledgement is worthwhile, but it can be amended if you want. It's just to ackowldge that she helped write this piece.

Usnick: Stacy worked really hard on this, so I put her name one. And the people on there were the people at the meeting that day.

Sam: I'm going to move to amend line 35, which 475 figures should be 575 and the 660 figures should be 760. Seconded.

Cannon: objections? None.
Boggs: motion to end debate. Seconded.
Vote. Passes 30-0-0.

Ragland: motion to add resolution 11. Institution of medical amnesty policy. Seconded.
Ragland: this is a document acknowledging from the assembly standpoint what the medical amnesty policy is. We know there's underage drinking on campus, but at the same time you don't want people not asking for help if they need it. It's charging the executive from an assembly standpoint to continue pursuing this.

Smith: it's basically just charging the executive of university service to continue working with the various officials involved so that over a certain amount of time this could be put in place. It needs an amendment to the judicial affairs policy, so the resolution is kind of two fold

Ragland: this has been proven effective at Upenn and Cornell. This is proven to be successful. I guess we'll take questions

Dove: what is the need for expediency passing this tonight?

Ragland: in terms of ccsg, we wanted to get it done with hem, and recognizing that we have different constituencies, we still need collaboration. They've been working on this since last spring, so this isn't new, all it does from assembly standpoint is acknowledge that exec is looking into this.

Smith: this is more an office charge of the executive, it's not necessarily that this is what we need to do in this amount of time, and it's really just charging the executive.

Vickery: it makes it clear that in the state and borough get to take the class, but if they get caught on campus, do they get to take that class.

Smith: I would encourage you to make an amendment during discussion to add that and make it clear.

Dove: I looked at this in steering, but it's saying that the Penn state judicial policy should be changed. Right now I feel like it's very poor, so how would you feel if it didn't get to come on the floor tonight?

Ragland: I think either way they'll be talks about medical amnesty, but really this isn't a policy, so in terms of expediency, I don't think it would change anything if we didn't pass it tonight.

Dove: I object to bringing this to the floor. Seconded. I understand the need for timeliness, but I understand there's been a lot of work on this, but this seems like a big document and a big deal, I think this needs to go through committee and steering formally.

Ragland: I agree with Dustin, but just because this is a lot of words, it looks complex, but it's really just explaining everything one by one, like I said I don't think it would change if we did it through committee, because this isn't a policy or anything.

Lombard: I think we're all on the same page on this, it's really getting our words on paper, so delaying it a week won't make it any better, so I think getting it done and putting our name on it asap is good.

Smith: I would like to yield the floor to director of university services

Chris Smith: I would be taking this charge from you all, so I would request that you push this though as fast as possible, because right now I'm lacking the backing of the assembly, so while much of the policy couldn't change if you sent it back to committee, it would just prolong the process of me meeting with people that need to be met with. I'm waiting for you right now.

Loewner: I like the recommended course of action for this. I guess I'm not sure we're all on the same page for bringing it to the floor, so I'll agree with Dustin, I think that maybe if we take a minutes to read the nature of the situation, I think that's probably where people are having reservations because it makes some assumptions that aren't backed up and brings up some stuff that's not related, so I would ask people to read that section.

Ragland: I'll yield the floor to Josh Crawford from ccsg

Crawford: from a ccsg standpoint, this is moving fast because when I go to a meeting, we want to present this as a student body initiative, and essentially nothing from this piece of legislation doesn't change anything, it just gives the support of the students to Chris Smith and I. SO that's why its moving so fast.

Pellicciotta: to what extent is something considered an amendment and can happen post adoption, so if a sentence was reworded, can it happen after it passes?

Cannon: it would need more legislation

Dove: one part that's confusing is the revision of Penn state judicial affairs section. That part, if that's what we recommend what we do, everyone needs to look at that, that's the sticking point for me, I think we need to look at that area and see what we want Penn state administration to change.

Loewner: I'll disagree with that, just because I think that as far as recommended course of action, I think that when we put something in there, when we word something like that, things usually steer in a direction that we have there. Because of that, I think that it has been evaluated by two committees, it's almost gone through two committees and hasn't come thru steering, but it's been through two committees, and it's been hashed out by a

director, so in terms of recommended terms of action I think that's been reviewed pretty strongly.

Ragland: also, speaking from a student life perspective, last Sunday we had diversity round table, and a lot of organizations were more so sold on that this is something that needs to be done. And if this does pass, then we can extend our hand to other organization that want to latch on to this project. My biggest fear is losing momentum on this. If there's a genuine excitement about it when I think we should run with it. Especially with our campus safety initiative, this would be another millstone.

Vickery: I'm not in favor of bringing this to the floor because I can see a disconnect between what's being proposed to judicial affairs because there's not mention of the class, and then there's another part about the class in the borough section. Here needs to be some coordination between judicial affairs, the borough, and the UP police. The report has to come to one place, so no one's being charged in two different places. We should be sure this is clear.

Holmes: maybe we could yield a little, but I've been around this a lot, and everything that I've heard is that everyone is asking about why do we need this, so that's why I think we need to get this rolling. I think we need to show them that we have confidence in this, so I'm all for this.

Mance: one of reasons I have reservations is because hopefully I'm not alone in the fact that I have a lack of understanding about what this judicial affairs policy looks like right now, and I think it might benefit if we could do some research on that.

Dove: If we're going to bring this to the floor by 2/3, why can't we bring budget to the floor by 2/3. It's not proper procedure to do this by 2/3.

Lochman: The current policy with judicial affairs, currently the person caught with an underage on or off campus, the most likely outcome is that they have to take a class and they get a mark on their record but that can be taken away.

Smith: I'd like to bring it back and remind everyone that bringing this to the floor tonight, doesn't mean that this word and word change is going to happen tomorrow, we do not have the authority to change the borough code tonight and the judicial policy, all this is doing is charging the executive, the legislation provides a guidelines and defines what the director of university services will be looking into, this is just laying out the proposed plan as it is now. So I urge you not to focus on the specifics, but more to remember that in order to be a legitimate person in these meeting, they need us backing them.

Boyer: motion to end debate.

Dove: I object. I agree with everything Colleen is saying, my only point is that we should not be bringing this to the floor by 2/3 tonight, it's not how to organization should be run. We should bring it to the floor next week after it goes through committee. I think it would be against out legitimacy as an organization.

Cannon: any other objections? So we have to vote by show of hands to bring this to the floor. It needs 2/3. 19 in favor, 8 opposed, 2 abstain. Passes it's on the floor.

Lombard: I was wondering, right now, if I was to take someone to the hospital, would I be on any records?

Chris Smith: in terms of that, if you're taking someone to the hospital, you're completely fine as if any sober person brought any person in need of medical attention. Then you're fine. But if one person brings another underager, and to my knowledge, they would both go through some UHS class, but I think you can do the calling as much as you want, typically right now, officers usually look the other way for the person who made the call, all we would institute is a class. As for the person being called for, I think they would go on some sort of record so that repeat offenses can be recorded.

Lochman: What it is now. If you receive an underage it's on your record forever unless it's expunged. As for Penn state judiciary, it stays on record for 7 years after you graduate.

Boyer: on page 2, section 4, what happens if someone doesn't have their ID on them and refuse to give their name. what would happen?

Josh: a good Samaritan policy covers a person two stay with a person in need until emergency services arrive.

Byrne: I think this good Samaritan policy is assuming that these two people are existing in a bubble, in reality they're probably at a party with a lot of other people. What's going to happen to all the other people there?

Smith: the policy would cover the "good Samaritan" who sought out help. It wouldn't cover anyone else at the party, or involved.

Byrne: my point being, if I'm at a party and my friend needs help, then..

Chris Smith: The idea here is to promote students looking out for other students. So unfortunately if there's a bunch of other students at the party, your first thought should be to take care of your friend, not to look out for all the other people at the party.

Boggs: what are the implications for non Penn state students?

Smith: out intention now is to look out for Penn state students, it's not under our jurisdiction to cover students from other places. Just Penn staters.

Mance: what is the difference between a Penn state students and non Penn state student in the eyes of the county.

Smith: as the UPUA, we can only look after the constituents that elected us in. I agree that it shouldn't be an issue, because we really only represent the university park student body, and that's who we have to look out for.

Dove: on page 2, how close is this to the ccsd document?

Smith: what I've seen is that the only similarity in the documents is the planned revision to the judiciary policy.

Goldsmith: I regards to non Penn state students, what if you see someone who's not conscious but they are not a Penn state student, what would happen to you if you called.

Chris Smith: when I've spoken to state college, they want to have the same policy as UP, so they're policy is that once they start enforcing it, they won't just be looking for Penn state students to give this to, so if it goes into effect in state college, everyone in state college will be granted this.

Olsen: that then extends it to 11 and 12 and underagers of all kinds, and you may encounter some parental resistance.

Chris Smith: my intent is to get it done for students of University Park. But informally state college borough has said they might do that, and its up to them.

Crawford: the policy that you see in terms of medical amnesty, actually has no bearing on non-Penn state students anyways because they're not under judicial affairs at Penn state, so that shouldn't be an issue for non Penn state students anyways.

DEBATE:

Gavin: I think it's important to remember that we're no longer debating whether it should have been brought to the floor at all, but at the same time it's not on the floor, and we have the best interest of the student body at heart, so looking at this it should be pushed forward and look out for our constituencies. I think they're might be some small changes that need to happen, but I think we have a pretty quality document and I'm glad to see this result.

Pellicciotta: Motion to amend basically the whole nature of the situation. ... long revision of section.

Cannon: objections? None.

Bello: motion to amend line 21 on page 1 from "ill from the use of alcohol" to "ill from the abuse of alcohol". Objections? None. Passes.

Gavin: as far as these statistics, can you explain where you got those sources?

Pellicciotta: It's a research paper published in the international journal of drug policy in 2006. I do have the citation. The citations are: O'Malley, P. M., & Johnston, L. D. (2002). Epidemiology of alcohol and other drug use among American college students. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol*, (Suppl. 14), 23-39.

²Safety first: A medical amnesty approach to alcohol poisoning at a U.S. university

Deborah K. Lewis, Timothy C. Marchell International Journal of Drug Policy - July 2006 (Vol. 17, Issue 4, Pages 329-338, DOI: 10.1016/j.drugpo.2006.02.007)

Byrne: about that study, what was the number one reason ..?

Pellicciotta: the number one reason was I wasn't sure if person was sick or not.

Loewner: I like the amendment for the nature of the situation section. This will be a huge benefit for students, so it's got my support.

Boyer: I don't want to sound like a stick in the mud, but I think this policy is well intentioned, but I think it would be better to work on preventing underage abuse of alcohol, instead of giving people ways to get out of trouble.

Loewner: I disagree with rep Boyer, but I disagree with the idea that we can contribute in my opinion to throwing a lot of money at a problem that really cannot have a solution. I think this is a step in the right direction, abuse of alcohol is a huge problem everywhere, but I think that this is probably going to save lives in the long run.

Ragland: I agree with representative Loewner, and we can see that students are discouraged are to call the cops in the current situation, so we need to do something.

Dove: in a perfect world, that would be the ideal solution, but we all go to Penn state, and I think the intention of this document is good and fair, so I think that I need to support this.

Bello: It would be nice to prevent students from abusing alcohol. But this is Penn state, as soon as I leave here, I'm a RA in a residence hall and alcohol is a huge issue there. I would be very happy if someone abused alcohol, got sick, and got medical attention right away. I would be very unhappy if someone was scared to get medical attention and got hurt. So I think this is an important document.

Pellicciotta: I feel as if we're trying to do this with these set goals in mind, I think we need to draw attention to organizing in our goals; I just wanted to throw that out there.

Smith: Can you clarify, do you mean student organizations? Or what.

Pellicciotta: in other places, their medical amnesty include organization amnesty, so if a group on campus is holding a party, that organization will be prosecuted if someone at the party gets called, and I think we should discuss that.

Loewner: I don't think that's something we need to discuss with this, just because in the borough we see persecution for individuals and that's what we're trying to address here, I think the legal implications for organization would be much more severe than more individuals.

Smith: motion to end debate. Second.

Smith: move to bring resolution 13 to the floor.

Gavin: we went to the big 10-student government conference before the budget was passed and I payed for this out of pocket, but now that the budget is passed, this is basically asking that I be reimbursed for this. This is just recouping what was spent on the association of big 10-student conference.

Cannon: objection to bringing it to the floor? None. Questions? None.

DEBATE:

Loewner: I move to amend line 10 to read "requesting reimbursement for the asset of big 10 schools expenditures". Second. Objections? None. I further move to amend to strike line 3. Seconded. Objections? None. I move to amend line 8 to strike academic affairs committee and include assembly of representatives. Seconded. Objections? None.

Mance: I enjoyed going on this conference, but in the future I think we need to more closely look at the necessity of putting forth such an expense to go to this conference.

Dove: I don't like that it says up to \$2000

Cannon: we've already budgeted well more than that for this issue, so the money is set aside.

Vote on ending debate: passes. Debate ended.

Move to vote by role. Passes 23-3-0

Smith: I would like to bring resolution 12 to the floor by 2/3. Today GA committee held local elections awareness day in the HUB and this is reimbursement for that.

Cannon: objections? None. On the floor. Any questions for Colleen? None.

DEBATE:

Smith: I move to amend line 27 to read \$118.93, it was just a math error. Objections? none.

Mance: I just wanted to say I think this was a great event, so good job Colleen.

Dove: motion to end debate. Second.

VOTE: passes 26-0-0.

9. Liaison Reports

o **GSA –**

Olson: nothing new, just that grad school day is Oct 13th from 2-4.

o **ARHS –**

Goldsmith: Race against racism is this Saturday. Christian will have a table there for UPUA.

Perugini: where does the money go for race against racism

Goldsmith: to other diversity events on campus

Perugini: you said all money goes for future diversity events..?

Goldsmith: it goes into diversity account of ARHS.

Joann Olson
Genifer
Goldsmith
DJ Ryan

10 total

o **CCSG –**

Ryan: I don't have a whole lot, congrats on passing the medical amnesty legislation. Our first council weekend is this weekend. We start 8pm Friday night. We officially begin at 9 am Saturday.

Cannon: our two reps to CCSG are Josh Miller and Nathan Andrews.

10. Report by the Association Directors and Staff

o **Chief of Staff**

o **Treasurer**

o **Media**

o **Assembly Affairs**

o **LGBTQ Affairs**

o **UPUA Legal Affairs**

o **External Affairs**

o **Internal Affairs**

o **Encampment**

o **Greek Life**

Sheroff: Matt wanted to introduce his report. If you have questions feel free to ask.

Loewner: just to save an e-mail to Matt, do you know if that UPUA history thing will be a recurring statement on chief of staff reports? Yes.

Cannon: Sam you said an at large rep is needed, will you explain?

Miller: I need an at large rep to fill a seat on a textbook committee.

Matt Smith
Justin
Weiner
Christopher
Nock
Samantha
Miller
Yvette
Lerma
(TBA)
Chris Smith
Matt
Sheroff
Greg
Tallman
Chris

10 total



11. Committee Reports

o Steering

Cannon: we selected two freshman reps, all the other applicants that were not picked were sent the e-mail on the third page of chief of staff report. It's going to be a great opportunity for many of the freshman here on campus. We are still looking to fill an at large position and an off campus position. The at large position will not have an interview this Sunday; so let anyone you know about it. We don't have a staff assistant anymore because the word study fell through.

Dove: when did we decide that we are doing interviews on Sunday?

Cannon: the application process ends Friday. So I decided Sunday.

o Internal Development

Dove: We had a small meeting yesterday, we talked about our goals for the next couple weeks, and one of the odd things we talked about is a succession plan for the executive board. It's something that we should have. I started process for reviewing the elections code.

o Programming

Mike Smith: our meeting tonight, we discussed that we're meeting with SPA on Friday to discuss the fall festival. And we found out the BJC is a possible venue for the festival.

Cannon: can you tell our committee that we would like a written report?

o Facilities

Mance: we're working on the HUB advisory board committee. Still monitoring the thing with the V bus. Also, please e-mail me opinions you have on closing of Simmons dining halls.

o Academic Affairs

Loewner: The main difference from last week is that at our meeting we had a discussion about important of PRS transmitters and how university can adjust how we can use those.

o Governmental Affairs

Smith: I would like to thank my committee for helping with our event. As of right now we registered over 70 people for the elections and we have until October 5th. Also, on the back, there is an overview of what we've been talking about the past few weeks about the Rock View land issue. I think we'll be moving on that issue in the next few weeks.

Loewner: Sorry for interjecting, but academic affairs is going to hold an info session on this on Oct 8th at 8pm.

o Diversity Campus Life

Ragland: last Sunday we had diversity round table, tomorrow we have to kick off for student life forum. Before UPUA assembly I spoke before SAAB, and they are really excited that we want to play a role in their world so we're looking at collaboration with non revenue sports.

10 total



- Mark
- Cannon
- Dustin
- Dove
- Michael
- Wallace
- Nick Mance
- Sam
- Loewner
- Colleen
- Smith
- Christian
- Ragland

12. Comments for the Good of the Order

Ragland: is anyone interest in playing flag football against ccs. Let's do that.

Nock: I'd like to thank rep Smith, Loewner and Ragland for sending me their information for media kit. The other committee chairs, bios and headshots soon please.

Miller: I ran into director of Penn state grass roots network, they are having an ice cream social on Saturday at Hintz alumni center, he wants a head count so if your interested email me.

Chris Smith: I'd like to thank you guys for medical amnesty legislation.

Lombard: congrats to TJ and Marissa, welcome to the team, I hope you join in with our THON efforts.

Dove: I hope you guys consider ID as well, because we need members.

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13. Closing Roll Call and Adjournment

Cannon: adjourned at 10:42

- Vicki
- Marone

OTHER INFORMATION

Advisor:

Mary Edgington, Sr. Director for Union and Student Activities