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The Undergraduate Assembly is the elected, representative branch of student government at Penn, charged with improving life for all students through funding, services, and advocacy.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The UA is a body that serves students on three main tenets: funding, services, and advocacy. A focus for the UA this past year was to be accountable on what we ran on. We wanted to make sure that UA members were plugged into the needs of students and student groups when formulating projects. We also made a big push for doing research into these problems to make them more compelling and make for more effective advocacy when working with administrators.

There has been progress in the past year that is reflective of each of the UA's three tenets:

Funding: This year the UA created the Funding Steering Assembly (FSA), a body that was created to centralize funding resources on campus. The FSA meets regularly to hold tutorials and troubleshoot issues with the Common Funding App, a one-stop online tool for student groups to request funding from multiple funding sources at once.

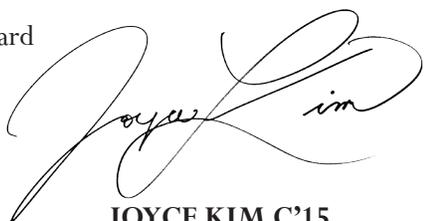
Services: This year the UA launched online ticket sales for our signature airport shuttles so that they are more convenient for students to buy. We also launched the new UA website at www.pennua.org. Finally, with the help of Penn Labs, a student-run organization that is dedicated to building technology for student use and supporting an open-source environment on campus, we launched the Penn Mobile App this year. The Penn Mobile App, is a compilation of different functions, such as a dining information, the Penn Directory, and Penn Transit routes and schedules.

Advocacy: This year was big for us in regards to advocacy. There were many projects that both aligned with the big five issues and other projects that went beyond the scope of those issues. Major accomplishments include the opening of the Spiritual and Religious Life Center (SPARC) by working with Programs in Religious, Interfaith, and Spirituality Matters (PRISM) and the establishment of the Student Financial Services Advisory Board (SFSAB) in partnership with the 5B (Asian Pacific Student Coalition, Lambda Alliance, Latin@ Coalition, UMOJA, and the United Minorities Council).

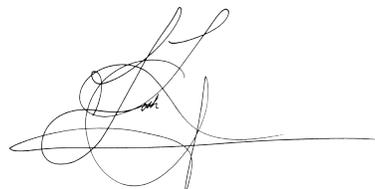
We are excited to present to you the first annual report since 2011. We hope that this report demonstrates our hard work and efforts and that it gives you a better idea of the scope of the UA and how our work affects students everyday. We look forward to continuing to work with you to improve student life at Penn.

Best,

The UA Executive Board



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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

JOYCE KIM C'15

UA President (president@pennua.org)

Last April, Josh and I ran on a platform of advocacy that was based on results, not rhetoric. We also ran on a campaign that focused on five issues that we determined were most relevant to the student body, as well as issues that we had a proven track record with. These five issues were:

1. Mental Wellness

2. Sexual Assault and Violence Education and Prevention

3. Student Voice in Financial Services Process

4. Political and Religious Expression

5. International Student Integration

I am excited to share with you about the progress we have made in all five of these areas. To tackle mental wellness, we worked on a variety of different initiatives. Our mental wellness initiatives include the Wellness Guide (pg. 18), mental wellness support slips (pg. 19), CAPS NSO event (pg. 24), the inclusion of the Penn HELP line on PennCards (pg. 9), and hall visits to CAPS (pg. 10). In regards to sexual assault and violence prevention, we have initiated a bystander intervention program (pg. 18) and have brought in the newly appointed Director of Student Sexual Violence Prevention and Education to UA Steering (pg. 3). For a student voice in financial services process, we have worked with other student groups to establish the inaugural student financial services advisory board (pg. 18). Our projects addressing political and religious expression include political sensitivity in Career Services (pg. 20), open expression in the classroom (pg. 21), and increased religious funding (pg. 25). Finally, our international student integration projects are the language exchange program (pg. 25), international student buddy program (pg. 26), and the international student integration initiative (pg. 25). Despite the work that has been completed on these five key issues, the UA plans on making progress on all of these important issues in the future.

We are a body who is tuned into what the issues that the student body cared about. For example, when following Spring Fling 2014 students called for more communication after the Bureau of Liquor Control and Enforcement's increased presence on campus, the UA formed the Commission on Alcohol Safety and Communication alongside Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, the Department of Public Safety, and the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Initiatives to establish better communication between students and administrators, and work towards a fun, safe, and inclusive fling. To increase transparency and communication, we launched a new UA website (www.pennua.org) in partnership with Penn Labs that has up-to-date information on voting records, minutes, and services. To better inform the students of what we have been up to we have worked with the Daily Pennsylvanian to write columns and have been regularly updating our Facebook page (pg. 6). In coordination with Penn Labs, we have also launched the Penn Mobile App this year (pg. 6).

This has also been an exciting year for Penn Student Government. Whether it's SCUE's quinquennial white paper publishing and the 50th anniversary or Class Boards' 100th Year Hey Day celebration, we are excited to continue working with the five other branches of student government to better Penn.

35 members and 9 associate members have been working on nearly 90 projects to improve student life at the University of Pennsylvania. We look forward to continue to serve you and make a difference with you.

REPRESENTING STUDENT GROUPS

JOSHUA L. CHILCOTE C'15

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The undergraduate experience at Penn is distinguished by the variety and vibrancy of its student groups. The UA is dedicated to supporting student groups and facilitating communication and collaboration between them in an effort to build a more cohesive, integrated, and supportive network of campus communities. We do this through a number of committees. Highlighted here, are the University Council Undergraduate Student Delegation and, the upper house of the UA, UA Steering.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

This year's under- and/or mis-represented student group seatholders were:

Asian Pacific Student Coalition (Mithin Thomas), Assembly of International Students (Alexandre Kleis), College Republicans (Jennifer Knesbach), Lambda Alliance (Roderick Cook), Latino Coalition (Javier Garcia Tafoya), Muslim Students Association (Habeeb Suara), Penn Consortium of Undergraduate Women (Megan Yan), Student Sustainability Association at Penn (Michael Shostek), UMOJA (Christina Hardison)

These nine delegates join the delegate from the United Minorities Coalition (Yessenia Gutierrez) and six UA delegates who represent the UA Presidency, UA Vice Presidency, UA Speakership, and the four undergraduate schools (UA representatives are listed on page 29). Over the past year, the student delegation has become more active than ever, meeting for preparations the night before meetings and coordinating with each other using shared electronic documents. The UA also continues to work with the Nominations and Elections Committee to promote more student awareness of and involvement in University Council.

UA STEERING

UA Steering is a broadly deliberative assembly of the leaders of all the major undergraduate coalitions and policy groups at Penn, including 40 full time groups, and one special observer group (see page 30 for the full list). Almost all Penn undergraduates are members of at least one Steering group or one of its constituent groups. UA Steering helps to steer the agenda of the UA by suggesting projects and issues that may affect any or all involved constituencies as well as work alongside UA members to advance particular projects; in this way, it is the UA's "Upper House."

UA Steering meets biweekly to discuss campus-wide issues and to connect member groups to upper administration for input. This body hosts administrators, including Provost Vincent Price, Vice Provost for Faculty Anita Allen, the Co-Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Task Force on Student Psychological Health and Welfare (Rebecca Bushnell, Anthony Rostain, and Joann Mitchell, respectively), newly appointed Director of Student Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Jessica Mertz, Director of Residential Services John Eckman, and Deputy Athletic Director Alanna Shanahan. Discussions ranged from athletics and bystander intervention to college house services and university mental health recommendations. In the coming weeks, Steering will continue to meet with administrators ranging from Dean of Admissions Eric Furda and Executive Vice President Craig Carnaroli.

In the past year, UA Steering has also worked on internal reforms. These have included bringing back more meetings of UA Steering for group discussion as well as attendance reform. Over the past years, UA Steering has begun implementing an attendance policy. As part of this, Vice Presidents will now have attendance taken during each UA Steering meeting. If a group does not send a representative to more than half of the meetings planned for a semester, the group will be considered "probationary," where they can easily re-apply, but will no longer be counted for quorum.

INSTITUTIONAL REPORT

ANDREW J. ROBERTSON C '16

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With an almost entirely new body this year, the UA has been able to radically improve the way that we work together, which has both increased commitment to the body's progress and fueled our drive toward delivering substantial student advocacy.

Increasing Efficiency Through Strategy

We had a two-day educational retreat at the Greenfield Intercultural Center, in which guest speakers and UA alumni stressed the importance of strategy and communication in order to become successful members of Penn Student Government. We have adopted a more extensive research process in our project work and have utilized the committee structure to strategize and overcome various institutional roadblocks, all with the greater intent of improving student life and the Penn experience. Beyond the previously established committee structure, we have also created working groups and subcommittees to address more specific projects in a more in-depth capacity; which has allowed us to make much more hasty progress in certain areas such as managing our relationship with related organizations, releasing the UA Wellness Guide, piloting a dorm hall CAPS visit in Fall 2015, as well as several other accomplishments.

Increasing Efficiency Through Cohesiveness

Perhaps most notably, consistent and well-attended internal events have developed an unprecedented level of both social and professional cohesiveness and have changed the UA into an organization that all of its members are proud to be part of and have made all members committed to the UA's advocacy. Through the initiative of Marc Petrine C'17, Robyn Saad C'16 and Andrew J. Robertson, we have developed a system of UA 'Familias,' which are mentorship-based social groups that engage in both UA and non-UA activities together. The increased social and professional cohesiveness is incredibly palpable when viewed from both an internal and external perspective, and has resulted in an a drastic improvement in the effectiveness and authenticity of our internal communications and has thus improved our project work overall.

Changes to UA Bylaws:

TRANSITION MEETING BYLAW AMENDMENT

Authored by Andrew J. Robertson

This bylaw amendment, which gives the outgoing Executive Board time during the election of the new Executive to discuss the duties of their positions during the spring Transition Meeting, gives future UAs the knowledge to make more informed decisions on their leadership, as well as creates a more fluid transition between UA leadership. A more informed incumbent UA will now have the necessary tools to ask more substantive questions of exec candidates and make more confident decisions in selecting the leaders that will, with the President and Vice-President, guide all UA activity.

UA ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYLAW AMENDMENT

Authored by Andrew J. Robertson, Joshua L. Chilcote, and Will Smith (C'14)

Associate Members (AMs) are unelected UA members who cannot vote, are appointed by the Speaker, and are vital to certain areas of UA project work. This amendment provides a more transparent appointment process, so that the executive and general body can be both part of and aware of the Speaker's appointment process. Aside from requiring that the Speaker announce the appointment or removal of any associate member to the general body, this bylaw does not actually change anything but merely puts in writing the existing process to lay the groundwork for any future improvements.

FUNDING STUDENT GROUPS

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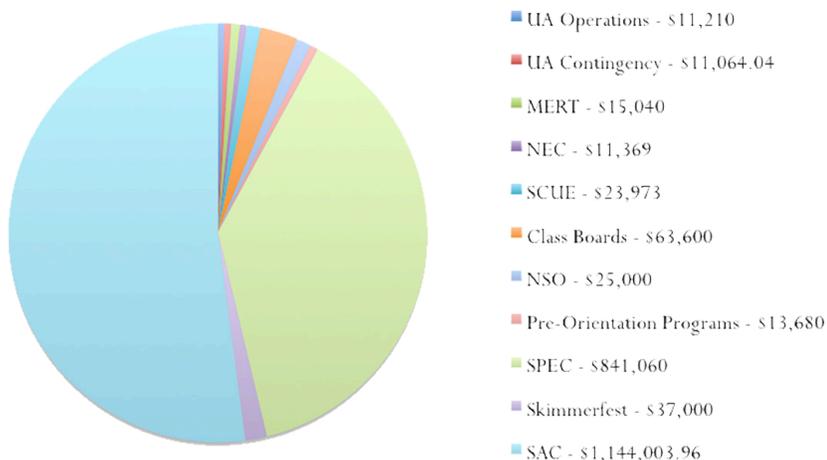
FUNDING STEERING ASSEMBLY FORMATION

The Budget Committee has formed the Funding Steering Assembly (FSA) this year. The FSA is a steering group that brings together all the funding sources available on campus, both on the Common Funding Application (CFA) and not on the CFA. The discussion focus this year was on making improvements to the CFA and creating a funding calendar cycle system. The improvements to the CFA are detailed below. The funding calendar cycle system is meant to create a conscious flow among funding sources on the CFA and to make that information available to student groups. This allows student groups to know how far in advance they have to apply to be able to present to all pertinent funding sources in a scheduled manner.

COMMON FUNDING APPLICATION IMPROVEMENTS

Through feedback from the Funding Steering Assembly, the functionality of the Common Funding Application (CFA) has been greatly improved. The improvements made were focused on giving the funding sources a greater ability to edit their profiles and on making the overall experience better. The final list of improvements include: improving sharing capabilities, allowing funders to update their own profiles (including descriptions, eligibility questions, and extra questions), creating a stricter eligibility software, adding a totals section, creating an admin account for the UA Treasurer to ease basic changes, making the default list view collapse, making the applications list as pages for faster loading, adding an application date to applications, creating a system for Application Status (Submitted, In Progress, Funded, Over), partial locking of application to allow editing after submission, and adding content to the homepage to help student groups use the CFA.

UA ALLOCATION FUNDING BREAKDOWN FOR 2014-2015 ACADEMIC YEAR



CONTINGENCY REQUESTS

MERT Equipment - \$1,950

AED replacement.

Penn Chinese Theater - \$898

Speaker event with famed Director Jiang Wen.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Week (APAHW) 2014: Revolution - \$1,923

A week-long celebration of Asian Pacific American heritage that hopes to provoke and inspires students to step out of familiar grounds.

SCUE White Paper 50th Anniversary - \$5,145

SCUE's White Paper is a publication written every five years that espouses SCUE's most visionary ideas about how to improve Penn academics.

PROVIDING SERVICES

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COMMUNICATIONS

Director: **ROBYN SAAD C'16** (saadr@sas.upenn.edu)

Throughout 2014, UA Communications has made an effort to increase our social media presence on Facebook and Twitter under the guidance of Communication Director, Robyn Saad. Our Twitter follower count has grown to 924 since we opened the account. Posts include retweets from the DP, updates regarding UA services, University-wide announcements and live-tweeting of important events. For Facebook, likes have increased by 600% since 2013. Starting with approximately 200 likes for the Spring semester, the previous Comm Director, Jane Meyer increased likes to around 600. Due to our increased post volume, personalized posts, pictures and social media contest, this semester saw a 100% increase in likes from 600 to approximately 1200. The social media contest greatly helped with this feat. Thanks to local donors including Metro Bakery, Sitar, Gia and Lil Pop Shop, we were able to give out 15 prizes to new likers of our page. In addition to social media, the Comm Team continues to forge strong relationships with editors of the Daily Pennsylvanian in order to enhance the messages that reach our student body. Also, the Team sends daily updates to the body with relevant articles to make sure that everyone is in the know regarding what is happening on campus.

LEGAL SERVICES

Coordinator: **RAY CLARK C'17** (clarkray@sas.upenn.edu)

Legal services is a service provided by the Undergraduate Assembly to offer legal consultation to undergraduate and graduate students. It is funded by GAPSA and carried out by the Legal Services Coordinator, who is appointed by the UA Executive. There have been 36 requests for Legal Services since January 1st, 2014. This year, the site was updated to have the legal services description explicitly mention graduate students and offered the service to them over the summer.

AIRPORT SHUTTLES

Coordinators: **DAVID CAHN W'18** (cahnda@wharton.upenn.edu), **JACK CAHN W'18** (cahnja@wharton.upenn.edu), **JUSTIN HOPKINS C'18** (justh@sas.upenn.edu)

During this UA session, Airport Shuttles have grown in ticket sales and revenue. This Fall, after moving online, a total of 518 tickets were sold for Thanksgiving Shuttles. Last year, 479 tickets were sold during the same time period. This growth in ticket sales came despite changes in weather that forced many students to cancel their tickets last-minute. In light of the weather, all refund requests were granted. The shuttles coordinators believe that their decision to move sales online will allow shuttles to be more sustainable into the future and allow the UA to reach a wider demographic of students. The UA body voted to cancel Winter Shuttles in 2014, due to questions of the body's ability to finance and support the shuttles.

PENN LABS

Directors: **DHRUV MAHESHWARI W'15, E'15** (dhruvm@wharton.upenn.edu), **CLARA WU E'15** (scwu@seas.upenn.edu)

Penn Labs had another great year of development! The biggest achievement of the year was the creation of the Penn Mobile App. After months of discussion and research by the UA, Penn Labs tackled some administrative issues to create a great first university-wide app for students. The app contains dining information, the Penn Directory, course search, Penn Transit information, news sources, and emergency numbers. Penn Labs is planning on adding new features to the app and enhancing the current user experience to make the app a must-have for every Penn student. In addition, the Common Funding Application was updated and finished to make getting funding easier for student groups, a new beautiful UA website was created, and work was done to fix up past projects such as Penn Course Review and Penn Book Bazaar.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ERIC TEPPER C'17

Academic Affairs Committee Director

(academics@pennua.org)

The primary focus of the Academic Affairs Committee is to improve academic policy on behalf of the student body. In addition to larger academic policy issues, the committee addresses related issues such as libraries and technologies. A few of the main agenda items for this year were to improve mental health and break down barriers that inhibit students' abilities to fulfill requirements. The UA hopes to give students the ability to make more educated academic decisions by ensuring that syllabi are posted on Penn InTouch, as well as to make sure that credit or requirement fulfillments do not change once class begins, as outlined in the Full Faith in Credit Resolution. We have also worked diligently toward simplifying the entire uncoordinated dual degree process and have worked with the Nursing School to create a fairer system for fulfilling clinical requirements.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

UNCOORDINATED DUAL DEGREES

TUNMISE FAWOLE C'17 (*fawoleo@sas.upenn.edu*),
ANDREW GEGIOS W'17, C'17 (*secretary@pennua.org*)

The aim of this project is to reduce the requirements for uncoordinated dual degrees between undergraduate schools. Tunmise and Andrew met with Penn Dual Degree Society, a group of uncoordinated dual degrees students, to better understand their concerns. They have also looked into the most common uncoordinated dual degrees and compared them to coordinated dual degrees to see if there are common requirements that can be reduced. Tunmise and Andrew also met with Dr. Scott Romeika, Director of Academic Affairs and Advising of Wharton, to study whether the Wharton side of uncoordinated dual degrees can be reduced. The review will take a number of months and more data is needed about uncoordinated dual degree and the UA will continue to follow up as information is provided.

SYLLABUS ACCESS FOR STUDENTS

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When searching for classes, students would like to gain a better understanding of classes offered. Encouraging faculty to upload syllabi to Penn InTouch will allow students to make more educated choices. Nathaniel Rome met with Rick Dunn from the College office about encouraging professors to upload syllabi. He has reached out to departments and faculty about doing so. Additionally Mr. Dunn and the Penn InTouch/Student Record System committee are looking into the possibility of putting a reminder to faculty on Courses InTouch, the faculty version of Penn InTouch. This reminder will be similar to the alert messages written in red that students see.

FULL FAITH IN CREDIT RESOLUTION

ERICTEPPER C'17 (*academics@pennua.org*),
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During the past term, students enrolled in MED589, “Mindfulness and Meditation,” a course offered through the School of Medicine, were told that their course would no longer be for credit from the office of the College of Arts & Sciences. They were told this with only a few days to go in the add period of the fall semester. Previously, this course has been offered for credit by the College, and, this semester, was still offered as a full, one (1) credit bearing course in the Wharton School as well as the School of Nursing. This issue was brought up at University Council, after which students in the course met with Vice Provost for Education, Andrew Binns. The College Office has not changed their opinion on the issue. This Resolution is to pressure the College of Arts & Sciences, as well as other schools, to, in the future, not cause such stress to students, as these students were pushed out of their class after several weeks of attendance, during the beginning of many midterms as well as at a point when adding a new course for credit is often hard to do in terms of catching up with missed material.

NURSING COMPLIANCE DEADLINE

LEAH QUINN N'16 (*qleah@nursing.upenn.edu*)

In the nursing school, students must complete a series of requirements in order to be compliant to practice in a clinical setting. The deadline for compliance is during the summer, and if a student does not meet the deadline there is a significant fine. Leah surveyed the undergraduate nursing students to gauge their concerns and suggestions regarding compliance. With those survey results, Leah met with Dr. Christina Clark and Brooke Natalie Blough about addressing the deadline and fee. Clark is considering a new compliance deadline earlier than the current and reducing the fine by potentially \$100. Leah and Blough are working together to simplify the compliance process information and improve communication with the students, including incoming freshmen.

RESEARCH PRE-ORIENTATION PROGRAM

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The hope is to create a pre-orientation program that is focused on research in order to give students more contact with research opportunities. A discussion paper was presented to the UA, but no program materialized.

ROTC CREDIT IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ANDREW GEGIOS C '17, W '17 (*secretary@pennua.org*)

ROTC students approached the UA last semester for help with having ROTC courses count in the College. Currently their ROTC requirements fulfill at least some requirement in the three other undergraduate schools. After review of the syllabi for the relevant courses as well as College requirements, it is, unfortunately, clear that their request cannot be granted at this time. A few years ago, the College Dean corroborated this view and there has not been a change since then, and there is no need for the UA to look into any further changes. See ROTC Minor.

PASS/FAIL GRADES FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

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This project is attempting to assess peer institutions implementation of “pass/fail” grading for freshmen in their first semester in college. Pass/fail in this context also includes covered grades, high pass/low pass, and other grading systems different than the A through D and F system. Along with research from peer institutions, we have looked into the feasibility of expanding pass/fail grading at Penn to reduce academic stress, either in terms of full first semester or allowing requirements to be pass/fail. Several school’s dean’s advisory boards have been contacted and asked for feedback. Main concerns include professors concerns for not having grades as well as requirements for majors and graduate school that may become harder to regulate under a pass/fail system. Additionally, there is no clear evidence that pass/fail serves to reduce stress and this project was unable to find any more strong evidence supporting this. This is an ongoing project still in the exploration stage.

CANVAS ANALYTICS

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It came to the attention of the UA that instructors were able to see “clicks” by students on Canvas. For example, they

would be able to see when a student downloaded a document or if they accessed notes etc. Students may not know that instructors can view their clicks, which can be concerning. Jacob Henner and Daniel Kahana met with Molly Bonnard, the Courseware Services Manager for more transparency. They discussed the functionality that allows instructors to view student activity on Canvas. Notice will now be given to students that instructors can view what students do. The hope is that the analytics will not negatively impact students and if activity were to be graded, students should be informed of such at the beginning of the semester.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS ON PENNCARDS

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With the creation of the Penn HELP line the UA believes that important numbers should be easily accessible to students and the administration is on board. Starting in April, relevant numbers such as DPS and HELP line will be printed on all PennCards.

ANONYMOUS CAPS VISITS

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In various forums, students have raised privacy concerns regarding CAPS, which have dissuaded these students from utilizing the available services. In an effort to eliminate barriers to therapy, the UA is currently investigating the possibility of anonymous CAPS visits for Penn students. While outside providers do offer such services, CAPS has resisted, and its leadership has alluded to legal and ethical barriers. Discussions with numerous external providers have not corroborated these legal or ethical barriers. Research is ongoing.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES SECTOR REQUIREMENT

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Cultural Diversity in the United States is a College sector requirement started by the UA. Some students expressed concern that some of the classes that are currently included within the requirement do not meet the original goal of Cultural Diversity in the U.S. The current project consists of a working group that meets weekly to go over the syllabi of classes within this sector to see if the class fulfills the goals. The working group is also addressing how to best apply the goal of the requirement to classes and will have findings in

the near future. The group has been meeting with Dr. Eric Schneider, Assistant Dean and Associate Director for Academic Affairs, about how to implement the working group's findings and apply it to classes.

ISAB ACADEMIC ISSUES

LUKAS VACEK E '17, W '17 (*vacek@seas.upenn.edu*)

The International Student Advisory Board has expressed that some international students do not completely understand the Penn academic integrity policy. This project aims to better coordinate education about academic integrity to international students. ISAB was put in touch with the Honor Council who are working on a similar project for all students, which includes modules involving academic integrity.

PENN INTEGRATES KNOWLEDGE EXPANSION

LUKAS VACEK W '17, E '17 (*vacek@seas.upenn.edu*)

Penn Integrates Knowledge was an initiative started as part of Penn Compact 2020 in order to further expand the "One University Policy." The UA commends what Integrates Knowledge has been able to achieve thus far, but asks for a continued expansion. This project aims to gain a better understanding of Integrates Knowledge and how students can become more involved and experience aspects of the university that are not part of their home school.

EXTENDED LEAVE POLICY DISCREPANCIES AND COMMUNICATION

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The policy for when students miss class or must take a leave as a result of medical or family issues is not clearly stated in each school. This is separate from leave of absence (which are currently being discussed on campus for mental health issues), but is more due to prolonged sickness or death in families that can result in large numbers of days missed, and potential grades of an "incomplete." Each undergraduate school's academic advising office has been contacted in the hopes to create a clearer, uniform policy. In the College, if a student has more than one incomplete by a certain date, they are required to then take a leave of absence for at least a semester. This policy is not always clearly communicated to students and the UA encourages creating a clearer communication policy as well. Preliminary meetings with the school's advising departments have been set up.

ENGINEERING ADVISING HOURS AT CAREER SERVICES

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Walk in hours for students of SEAS is only one hour per day. This project looks to expand the amount of walk-in hours available or better understand why there is only one hour available in comparison to other undergraduate schools.

FREE PRINTING/PRINTING ALLOCATION

JACK CAHN W '18 (*cahnja@wharton.upenn.edu*)

Many College and Nursing students would like to have subsidized printing as Wharton and Engineering do. After a discussion paper with the UA about the best steps moving forward, as well as consulting former UA members who have worked on this project as well as the archives, we have decided to move forward with a survey about whether there is still interest in this printing if students understand that the cost of the printing will be reallocated from somewhere else in their tuition. Survey results have been analyzed. Currently, Jack is looking into whether an outside service would be able to cover printing costs by displaying advertisements on the printed pages.

HALL VISITS TO CAPS

JACK CAHN W '18 (*cahnja@wharton.upenn.edu*)

Many students do not know the location of Counseling And Psychological Services (CAPS) or feel uncomfortable going to the CAPS offices. Working with Residential Services and CAPS, this project will explore options to have freshmen residential halls visit CAPS, specifically during New Student Orientation (NSO) after normal CAPS hours to get students acquainted with the space from the beginning of their Penn experience. A meeting with relevant administrators has been set up.

NURSING ADVISING

NATHANIEL ROME C '18 (*nrome@sas.upenn.edu*)

A Nursing student expressed a concern that her Nursing advisor was off campus and would not be able to meet with this student. Nathaniel met with Christina Clark in order to determine if this was the case and the best way to address the student's concern. Dr. Clark reviewed all advisors and said she did not find one that was not available on campus. Following review of general satisfaction for Nursing advising, Nathaniel is now looking into how to address this specific case and ensure that this does not happen in the future.

INTERNATIONAL ADD/DROP DEADLINE

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International students were concerned that if they took less than 4 classes a semester they would be considered part-time students and would lose their student visa status. This limits students ability to shop during the add/drop period, a luxury that other students enjoy, as well as presents a barrier for students who, in their first semester, struggle with transitioning and cannot drop a class if they do not perform well in their first semester. Bill Ding met with Rudy Altimirano, Director of ISSS, who said that international students can speak to his office if this issue comes up and can work to find a solution on a case by case basis.

EXPANDING PHYSICAL WORLD REQUIREMENT OFFERINGS

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The offerings from the Physical World Sector are limited and often considered more difficult to a significant portion of the student population. The UA is looking to for ways to expand this requirement. Dylan and Menelaos have been in discussions with Dr. Kent Peterman, and he has been very helpful in helping the UA to add more classes that fulfill the requirement.

VETERANS CENTER

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Penn Veterans Association is interested in creating a Penn Veterans Center to address the unique needs of veterans on campus. Nathaniel met with Tim Kolb, the co-president of Penn Veterans Association, and later with Hikaru Kozuma from VPUL to discuss the prospects of a veterans center. Nathaniel, Tim, and Kozuma will continue to research peer institutions, communicate with relevant administrators, and assess the viability of a Penn Veterans Center.

LOST AND FOUND

DYLAN ADELMAN C'18, W'18 (*dylana@wharton.upenn.edu*)

We plan to create an online, centralized lost and found for the university that will allow both building managers and students to upload "found" items, and allow students to see which items have been "lost." This solves the issue of multiple uncoordinated and offline lost and founds that are run by each building on campus. We have reached out to multiple building managers to gather information on the feasibility of

this project, but are still in the preliminary stages. Dylan is working with a Houston Hall staff member on setting up a lost and found website or finding a way a lost and found can function.

ROTC MINOR

ERIC TEPPER C'17 (*academics@pennua.org*)

Currently Penn ROTC students in the College do not receive credit for ROTC courses that they take as part of their ROTC program. The three other undergraduate schools give credit for ROTC classes. The UA understands that the College will not grant credit or allow requirements to be fulfilled (see ROTC CREDIT IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES), but would like to work on a system that provides ROTC students with a way to be recognized academically for their studies. The idea of this project is to create a sort of ROTC minor, potentially Military Science, and include ROTC courses as well as other College courses. The project is still in the initial planning stages and will look into different options. Faculty support will be important for this project and is currently being sought.

CAPS LIAISONS

ERIC TEPPER C'17 (*academics@pennua.org*)

The UA would like to see a system similar to academic advisors (pre-major and school contacts) set up for students with CAPS. Ideally, the project was set up to have each student assigned a CAPS contact that is visible on his or her Penn InTouch page so the individual can easily contact the CAPS staffperson. This staff person would not be a direct therapist, but would be someone who could explain CAPS to their assigned students if they reached out with questions. This idea was brought up to Dr. Bill Alexander, who discussed that it would not be feasible from CAPS' perspective. Some issues may be staffing as well as contacting an individual who may not be able to answer swiftly if there is an emergency whereas calling a general CAPS number would be able to accomplish that. Eric Tepper also met with Karu Kozuma about the project who is looking into the feasibility and assessing other ideas. The UA sees value in putting a face to CAPS and a specific contact, but understands that, while ideal, this project may not be practical. However, other ideas are being discussed with accomplish the goals set out in the project within the means of CAPS.

DINING, SUSTAINABILITY, AND FACILITIES

KAT MCKAY C'17

Dining, Sustainability, and Facilities Committee Director (dsf@pennua.org)

The Dining, Sustainability and Facilities Committee, or “DSF,” has one of the widest purviews of any UA Committee. Responsible for enhancing the Penn dining experience, advocating for students who want to make Penn more eco-friendly, and finding creative and inspiring ways to make Penn facilities more accessible to students, DSF committee members have a lot on their plates. In order to generate the most effective change for students, DSF collaborates and liaises with a host of other groups and administrative boards, including the Dining Advisory Board, the Student Sustainability Association at Penn, the UC Committee on Facilities, Penn Transit, Penn Residential Services, among others. The committee’s projects this year include rerouting Penn Transit’s bus routes, installing water bottle refilling stations around campus, and creating a comprehensive online room-request system.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

PENN TRANSIT REROUTE PROJECT

KAT MCKAY C'17 (*dsf@pennua.org*), **LEAH QUINN N'16** (*qleah@nursing.upenn.edu*), **MGMT 104 TEAM OF AMELIA MORABITO, ALLY DEL CANAL, LAUREN ZAKARIAN-COGSWELL, MARTIN RUFO, MATHEUS PEREIRA, AND DANIEL YELLIN**

The UA is working to increase the appeal and usefulness of PennTransit's services. Kat McKay met with Barbara Lea-Kruger, Director of External Relations for Business Services, Matt Brown, Director of PennTransit, and Brian Manthe, Associate Director of Parking Services, to propose rerouting PennBus East so that it would stop at Trader Joe's at 2121 Market St and at 30th Street Station. They originally resisted making any changes to the existing route. Leah Quinn researched the alternative options Penn students have to access 30th Street Station, including the LUCY loop. The Management 104 team of Amelia Morabito, Ally Del Canal, Lauren Zakarian-Cogswell, Martin Rufo, Matheus Pereira, and Daniel Yellin independently distributed a survey to around 1000 undergraduates that assessed peoples' perception and use of PennTransit's services. Using the data pulled from that survey and from the MGMT team's other research initiatives, Leah Quinn met with Business Services and PennTransit again to reestablish this project as a priority. Business Services still has not committed to adding either stop to the Penn Bus routes, but the project does have support from Amy Gutmann, Executive Vice President Craig Carnoli, and the University Council on Facilities. PennTransit is also looking to increase marketing and publicity of both their LUCY loop and their own buses. They want to improve their online resources, including their website and a mobile application. The UA is researching whether or not there is student demand for access to 30th Street Station on weekends. We are also considering restarting the PennTransit Advisory Board.

WATER BOTTLE REFILLING STATIONS

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Alex George is working with PEG to spearhead the instillation of water bottle refilling stations around campus in both academic and residential buildings. PEG is conducting re-

search on which type of stations best meet Penn's needs. This is part of their larger work to reduce plastic water bottle use at Penn. DSF provided input to John Eckman regarding the best locations for the stations within the Quad. SSAP helped facilitate connections between different stakeholders, including the Environmental Sciences Undergraduate Advisory Board. As of November 2014, Residential Services was planning to install a pilot station in the Rodin house first floor landing. PEG and the UA are also in contact with Doug Berger of Business Services to determine the amount of plastic water bottles that Penn sells at its retail dining establishments. This project is still in progress.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

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The Residential Services Advisory Board (RSAB) is a board formed by the UA and other student groups as a partnership between Residential Services and students in order to further improve residential life for students. RSAB has tackled issues such as extending the amount of time for lockout keys, water bottle refill stations, and adding more student appropriate channels for Penn's cable network. It addresses other residential issues that arise such as facilities and housing arrangements.

TAKE YOUR PICK DINING PLAN

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In an effort to increase the quantity of dining plans offered to students, we proposed a dining plan that offered more flexibility between dining dollar amounts and meal swipe quantities. After over a semester of working with Bon Appetit and Business Services to flesh out details and advocate on the necessity of more flexible options, we were able to launch the Take Your Pick Dining Plan, which began in the fall of 2014. This plan single-handedly increased possible meal combinations by almost double the amount than was previously offered. This was an enormous accomplishment for the UA, as its positive feedback from students to Penn Dining has definitely served as an improvement in options and student life.

NUTRITION FACTS IN DINING HALLS

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Last spring, Kat McKay and Andrew Robertson worked with Bon Appetit to display nutrition facts in Penn-owned dining facilities. The UA collaborated with the Dining Advisory Board (DAB). Ultimately progress was made in the all-you-can-eat cafes, which now display placards of nutrition facts for standard items like fruit, cereal, bread and pastries. SushiDo started labeling calorie count on its products as well. Overall, the UA would like to see more comprehensive nutrition information and is working to make sure these details are included in the Penn Mobile App, which is being developed currently.

COLLEGE HOUSE CAFÉ CLOSINGS

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When the University announced in early September that the College House Cafés would be closed indefinitely, DSF decided to determine why that happened and what students should expect from the cafés in the future. Michelle Xu and Justin Hopkins met with Marty Redman, executive director of College Houses and Academic Services (CHAS) to go over the issues at play, including the impact the closures had on students with café work-study positions. The main reason why the cafés were closed was lack of proper licensing. Ideally, they will reopen in the beginning of spring 2015 semester but this is not likely to happen because of the amount of steps necessary to certify the cafés. According to Mr. Redman, the work-study students who had expected to work in the cafés were notified with enough time to find other jobs, although this responsibility fell to the individual House Deans. Some of the cafés serve free coffee to house residents occasionally, but otherwise have remained closed since the start of the year.

FOOD WEEK

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The UA communications team helped market Bon Appetit's annual Food Week, which took place the week of October 20th. Kat McKay and Michael Shostek, co-chair of SSAP, gave Nicole Tocco of Bon Appetit input on how to structure the week's events.

GREEN WEEK

KAT MCKAY C'17 (*dsf@pennua.org*), **ROBYN SAAD C'16** (*communications@pennua.org*), **STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY ASSOCIATION AT PENN**

The UA communications team helped market SSAP's fall semester Green Week, which took place the week of October 21st. Kat McKay, the UA's SSAP liaison, worked with SSAP groups to structure programming.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2.0

DANTE MIELE-ELION C'17 (*midant@sas.upenn.edu*)

The University's second Climate Action Plan (CAP 2.0) was released on September 21st. UA Representative Dante Miele-Elion attended the launch event, which focused on the results of the initial CAP since its publication in 2009 and outlined the initiatives included in CAP 2.0. [Topics covered included overall progress in sustainability at Penn, rainwater collection on green roofs and Penn parks, ground source heat pumps, the Century Bond Program (which updates existing buildings to cut carbon emissions), the Bon Appetit farm-to-fork program, the Green Office and Green Labs program, Eco-Reps, and the Green Campus partnership, the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, the Vagelos Program in Environmental Research, and the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy.] Since the release of CAP 1.0, Penn has recycled 26% of its waste and reduced carbon emissions by 18%. CAP 2.0 will focus on expanding into the health system and Penn-owned real estate.

LOCKOUT KEY LOAN PERIOD EXTENSION

ROBYN SAAD C'16 (*communications@pennua.org*)

Robyn Saad is working with Director of Residential Services John Eckman and the Residential Services Advisory Board (RSAB) to extend the college house lockout loan key period beyond the current one-hour limit. RSAB members considered implementing a six-hour loan period, but no final decision has been reached. This initiative is still in progress, but as of January 2015 John Eckman confirmed that Residential Services was developing new lockout key software that would include a longer loan period.

DINING ADVISORY BOARD

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On September 21st, the UA ratified the constitution of the Dining Advisory Board, or DAB. Andrew Robertson proposed the constitution which has now more than doubled the board's membership and has created a more fluid and

sustainable transition process and leadership structure. Justin Hopkins is the UA's representative and Vice-Chair on DAB. This semester DAB discussed food labeling in Bon Appetit facilities, meal plan guest swipes, waste audits, and the new Penn Craves food truck managed by Bon Appetit.

DINING HALL DRINKING CUP SIZE

MICHELLE XU C'18 (*michx@sas.upenn.edu*)

Michelle Xu conducted research on the impact that the dining hall plastic cup size has on the environment and student preferences. She met with Pam Lampitt of Business Services to go over buying larger cups for the all-you-can-eat cafés. Lampitt said that replacing the current cups would potentially necessitate replacement of trays and washing machines that are used to clean silverware in the dining halls. Because any sustainability benefits gained would come at too great of a cost, this project will not be completed. The dining hall at Kings Court/English House started offering larger cups in January 2015 independently.

MEAL PLAN LATE NIGHT DINING EXPANSION

JUSTIN HOPKINS C'18 (*justh@sas.upenn.edu*)

Justin Hopkins met with Business Services to discuss increasing meal plan late-night dining options. The Dining Advisory Board considered using Bon Appetit's new food truck for late night dining, but this was shot down because of the Philadelphia city permits required to station the truck on the sidewalks, which are public property. DSF also proposed extending the hours of either McClelland Dining Hall or the café in Houston Hall, but this is not possible due to union agreements. This project is still in progress.

EXTERNAL FOOD VENDOR RECRUITMENT

KAI WANG E'18, W'18 (*wangkj@seas.upenn.edu*)

The UA wanted more information about how restaurants and vendors are selected to occupy the real estate on or close to Penn's campus. Kai Wang discussed this initiative with Ed Datz, Executive Director of Real Estate at Facilities and Real Estate Services (FRES), who said that all retail spaces are currently occupied and it will take a couple years for contracts to expire. Any changes with food trucks would have to go through the Philadelphia Streets Department. Mr. Datz also stated that FRES has a commitment to support entrepreneurs and small businesses and favors these over major chains. With respect to gathering student input on restaurants, FRES currently polls focus groups of about 50 students every five years and within the past few years has had a major survey in which around 1600 people responded.

Kai is working to determine if the UA can have input on the selection of food vendors in Penn buildings that are currently under construction, like the Political Science building. This project is still in progress.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ON FACILITIES

KAT MCKAY C'17 (*dsf@pennua.org*)

The University Council on Facilities is working on initiatives related to rerouting Penn Transit bus loops, increasing availability of space for meetings and conferences, building security, improving bike safety, and connecting the campus to the south bank. Kat serves as the undergraduate representative on this body and provides student feedback on the committee's initiatives.

COMPREHENSIVE ONLINE STUDY SPACE LIST

DANTE MIELE-EILON C'17 (*midant@sas.upenn.edu*)

Dante Miele-Eilon is working to revive a past UA project—compiling a comprehensive list of study spaces online so that students can more easily access and reserve group spaces around campus. He met with Katie Bonner of the Office of Student Affairs to evaluate the status of the project. He also met with UA Secretary Andrew Gegios to go over the technological logistics of this. Dante has been in contact with various administrators and building managers across campus. The UA may ask Penn Labs to work on this project next semester.

CONDOM VENDING MACHINES

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Linda Sun has been working with the Residential Services Advisory Board to add condom vending machines to the College Houses. As of now, Student Health Services partners with the House offices to provide condoms available to residents on a "just ask" basis. However, the utilization of this resource may not be as effective when the house offices are closed and in cases where students are uncomfortable asking house staff. RSAB is working to determine where condom machines should be located.

STUDENT HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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Leah Quinn sits on the Student Health Advisory Board as the UA liaison. SHAB meets every other Friday at SHS. The board is currently working on an external and internal project. The internal project, which Leah is managing, is to update the SHS website with staff bios and photos. The external project is a partnership with the Year of Health to distribute

sleep aides and tips in an effort to promote the initiative to establish designated ‘nap stations’ around campus.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

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Linda Sun is the UA’s representative on the Residential Services Advisory Board. RSAB projects are confidential until completion, but so far this semester they have worked with the UA on our initiatives including water bottle refilling stations, condom vending machines, and lockout key loan period extension.

PENN CARD SWIPE POLICY

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Towards the beginning of the school year, one of Joyce’s hallmates from freshman year (Ryan Vesey) brought it to our attention that there was a new PennCard policy where if you forget to bring your PennCard more than 5 times, you get charged a fine. We heard student backlash so this caught charged to the DSF committee. When we met with John Eckman in September Joyce advocated for 10 times. Stouffer House Council also advocated for an increase for the amount of times before a fine is charged. Danielle followed up with an e-mail and this policy was changed.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

JANE MEYER C'16

Social Justice Committee Director (justice@pennua.org)

The Social Justice Committee (SJ) is focused on social justice, advocacy, and community service projects both on and off Penn's campus. We partner with resource centers like Civic House and the Netter Center for Community Partnerships. We also work with student groups and administrative boards such as Civic House Associates Coalition (CHAC) the Division of Public Safety (DPS), and the University Committee on Open Expression. In past years, SJ projects have included College Day, where students in West Philadelphia come to Penn's campus to become exposed to Penn and what it has to offer, the translation of admissions material into foreign languages, and the removal of tennis court fees at Penn Park. This year we hope to address sexual assault and awareness training on Penn's campus, awareness about wellness resources on campus, and open expression in classrooms.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

THE WELLNESS GUIDE

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As part of a campus-wide push to help students live a balanced life at Penn, the UA Student Life Committee, Social Justice Committee, and Penn Undergraduate Health Coalition decided to create a resource guide. The guide seeks to connect students to places at Penn where they can find support ranging from professional services to religious centers and cultural houses. There is a comprehensive booklet along with a one page guide which will be released to students at a launch event at the beginning of next semester.

STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

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In December 2013, members of the 5B met with administrators from Student Financial and Registration Services (SFRS) to speak of various issues that students were facing regarding financial aid. One of the outcomes of the meeting was to establish a student financial services advisory board to facilitate more effective communications between students and administrators at SFRS. Since then, the UA has worked with the 5B, AIS, NEC, and PRISM to draft a constitution for the advisory board. A kick-off event for the board was also held in November 14th and the constitution for the formal establishment of the board was passed by the UA on

December 7th, 2014. The board is set to start meeting in January 2015.

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION

TRAVIS SHINGLEDECKER C'17 (*travissh@sas.upenn.edu*), **JANE MEYER C'16** (*justice@pennua.org*)

The Undergraduate Assembly is passionate about developing a sexual assault intervention and support workshop. In collaboration with ASAP, One in Four, the Penn Women's Center, and Jessica Mertz, the Director of Student Sexual Violence Prevention and Education, the UA is helping to take existing resources on campus to create a peer-led bystander intervention workshop. The collaborators envision that this workshop will reach a larger audience and will be more comprehensive by including content regarding sexual violence perpetrated against LGBTQ and male students. A student advisory board consisting of representatives from various groups will meet periodically in order to provide their insight on the development of the program. This workshop will be supplemented by an online interface that will consolidate information about the resources available on campus. The UA and its partners intend to pilot the workshop in the 2015 Fall Semester.

SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE CENTER AT PENN (SPARC)

ABE SUTTON C'14, W'14 (UA ALUMNUS), JOSHUA L. CHILCOTE C'15 (*vp@pennua.org*), **MIA GARRUCIO C'14 (PRISM), JULIE BEREZ C'14 (PRISM), PROGRAMS IN RELIGION, INTERFAITH, AND SPIRITUALITY MATTERS (PRISM)**

Through discussions with VPUL, the Chaplain's Office was relocated to the second floor of Houston Hall, into an area formerly known as the "Baby Arch." The suite was vacated when the Arch Building went back online and cultural centers, formerly located in the suite, moved back into the Arch Building. This space will now serve as a prayer space, religious group meeting rooms, and office space for the Office of the Chaplain.

COLLEGE DAY

SOLA PARK C'18 (*solap@sas.upenn.edu*), **RAY CLARK C'17** (*clarkray@sas.upenn.edu*), **JANE MEYER C'16** (*justice@pennua.org*), **LINDSEY HIGGINS C'16 (KITE AND KEY OATS)**

College Day was an initiative co-sponsored by the UA, Kite and Key's Opportunity and Access Team, the Office of Government and Community Affairs, the Office of Admissions, and the United Minorities Council to bring in 33 eighth-grade students from the Lea School in West Philadelphia to Penn's campus. The Office of Government and Community Affairs initiated College Day in 2004 to provide resources and opportunities to Philadelphia youth. The day provided the students a first-hand exposure to college life both academically, with a mock Management 100 class, and socially, with an interactive dance performance from City Step. The purpose of this event was to excite the students about college so that they will become motivated to strive for an undergraduate education. The new goal of this project is to implement lasting relationships with the Office of Government and Community Affairs so that College Day can be a recurring event. Moving forward, we will continue to preserve our relationship with the students and administrators at Penn and the Lea School to form a grounded plan for future years.

PENN NEWMAN CENTER BOOKS FOR BARS

JANE MEYER C'16 (*justice@pennua.org*), **JAMES FANGMEYER W'15 (PENN NEWMAN CENTER)**

In the spring of 2014, the President of the Newman Center James Fangmeyer approached the UA to seek assistance with a philanthropic initiative called Books for Bars in which Penn students would donate gently used books that would then be given to incarcerated individuals in the Philadelphia area. When the UA reached out to Penn Moves to see if it was possible to coordinate move out efforts and this initiative, they were told it was too late to implement the Books for Bars program on an official level. This spring, the Social Justice Committee will work to coordinate this initiative earlier so that all houses will have book collection boxes during the move out period.

MENTAL WELLNESS SUPPORT SLIPS

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The support slips project began this summer as an attempt to include peers in the mental health wellness process. Ideally the slips would be made available at the front desks of college houses as well as online. They will prompt peers to provide a description of a concern they have about a friend's mental wellness, its priority level, the sender's Penn ID, and an evaluation of how recurring the problem is. A discussion paper was presented to the UA; after meeting with CAPS, the UA received confirmation that the project fulfills an unmet need but needs to address concerns over security and privacy. Having addressed these issues, the UA met with CHAS administrators to present the updated proposal. After this discussion, it was decided that a different route should be taken to solve this issue.

FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

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Last year the UA produced a discussion paper on the possibility of implementing a food recovery program. After the UA's advocacy work and research, they presented a 40-page paper to relevant administrators within Penn Business Services, Penn Dining, and Penn Green Campus Partnership. Penn agreed to implement such a program. The pilot program for the Food Recovery program is in place. It is piloting in 1920 Commons. Penn has partnered with Philabundance and the Salvation Army Coalition. Students trained in food sanitation are volunteering for this initiative. They are also looking into foil tins to reduce costs for this program.

RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL LGBT STUDENTS

MICHAEL KARAM C'17 (*karamm@sas.upenn.edu*), **SAHIR DOSHI C'15 (QSA)**

There is currently no group on campus for international queer students that provides formal support and mentoring or planned social activities. After reaching out to some student leaders who have shown interest in this project in the past, the UA found out that there is a group currently in formation that will be geared towards fulfilling these needs. From an administrative standpoint though, there is a lack of information from the LGBT Center in regards to international LGBT students and what resources are available to those who go home to a non-queer friendly environment or choose to study abroad in such an environment. The UA is reaching out to the director of the LGBT Center to see what

can be done on this front.

TYPHOON YOLANDA RELIEF

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The UA worked with the Penn Philippine Association to support efforts for typhoon relief in the Philippines and promoted events like the PPA Typhoon Ice Skating event. We also attended and supported hurricane relief event sponsored by Student Intervention Services, Penn Philippine Association, and Pan-Asian American Community House .

BIKE SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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We worked with University Bike Collective and Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia representative Susan Dannenberg to discuss project initiatives (including bike rack placement and focus on Chestnut Street infrastructure) and oversaw University-led review of revised bike safety proposals regarding information awareness, signage, and a Philadelphia city proposal to introduce sidewalk notifications on Penn's perimeter. In conjunction with Student Health Services, Business Services, DPS, and the University Bike Collective, the UA Bike Safety and Infrastructure Committee is investigating the ways to integrate the "Share the Road" campaign with NSO events and student affiliates such as the Eco-Reps.

CAREER SERVICES: POLITICAL SENSITIVITY

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A member of College Republicans came to the UA after someone in career services made an insensitive joke regarding their political leanings. Will, Abe, and Gabe met with the student to discuss the best way to handle situation. They decided to meet with Katie Bonner and work with Karu to make sure that this does not happen in the future. We are considering political sensitivity training for staff.

NON-WORK STUDY JOBS ON CAMPUS

SEBASTIAN NEGRON-REICHARD C'16 W'16 (*seban@wharton.upenn.edu*)

This project sought to expand non-work study opportunities for students. There have been several administrative-level talks to increase work opportunities for international students. We have worked with Audrey Woods (Manager, Penn Student Agencies) to discuss the work-study/non work-study jobs issue and to learn how Penn Student Agencies combines a model of both types of employment.

ADMISSION AND MINORITY OUTREACH

SEBASTIAN NEGRON-REICHARD C'16, W'16 (*seban@wharton.upenn.edu*)

We have worked with Monica Schechter and Reggie Stewart, from Kite & Key, to figure out how to better outreach to minority students at Penn. Similar programming happens in Kite & Key, where the coordinator of High School Outreach would train students on how to contact their schools and set up meetings and provide them with information and brochures; however, our connection stopped there. The UA worked with Kite & Key to change the program so that there is more follow-up of minority high school students.

MEAL SWIPE DONATION PLAN

ANGELA RICE W'15 (*spt@pennua.org*), **RACHEL ZURIER C'14 (CHAC)**

There is an existing meal-swipe donation partnership at the University of Pennsylvania, between the food service provider Bon Appetit and the student-run organization More Than Pennies. In the current system, More Than Pennies holds two meal swipe "drives" per semester, during which they sit outside dining halls collecting PennCard numbers and email addresses. Penn students can sign up to donate a "meal" from their meal plan in order to feed those less fortunate. After the drive, MTP takes these PennCard numbers to Amy Howe and she converts them to a monetary amount, which in turn goes towards sending a van full of Bon Appetit chefs and MTP volunteers to a local soup kitchen once a month. This project looked at expanding the program and institutionalizing to make it more sustainable.

THE PHILADELPHIA EDUCATION CRISIS: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE PANEL

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In collaboration with Civic House Associates Coalition

(CHAC), Penn Political Coalition (PoCo), Penn Education Society (PES), and Penn Political Review (PPR), we had a successful panel featuring Rand Quinn, Associate Professor at the Penn Graduate School of Education, Lia Howard, Lecturer at Penn's Political Science Department, and Elaine Simon, Director of the Penn Urban Studies Department. We had a turnout of about 40 students. We were excited to have this collaboration with many student groups come to life based on a hot-button issue that is so close to Penn.

INTERCULTURAL CIVIC TRAINING INSTITUTE

JOYCE KIM C'15 (*president@pennua.org*)

Over the course of a year, the UA worked with Nora Blumenstein and Megan Foreman from Civic House, along with Laura Flippin and Valerie de Cruz from the Greenfield Intercultural Center (GIC) to create a program for students at Penn who intend to volunteer in West Philadelphia that will teach them to become more culturally competent. The workshop also involved Nina Harris, who used to work at Penn's Women Center. The pilot program had 17 attendants and there are plans to institutionalize this training.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (MERT) FUNDING

AIDAN MCCONNELL C'16 (*aidanm@sas.upenn.edu*)

In conjunction with MERT, the UA Budget Committee, and Fox Leadership, the UA worked on ways to secure long-term funding for MERT operations outside yearly lump-sum stipends. This need was brought up to a meeting with the Vice Provost of University Life who created a pilot yearly fund for MERT.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURING RESPONSIBILITY

AIDAN MCCONNELL C'16 (*aidanm@sas.upenn.edu*)

The Committee on Manufacturing Responsibility (CMR) discussed and passed a resolution affirming Penn's commitment to worker safety by requiring Penn apparel licensees to sign The Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh. The resolution directly impacts four licensees and places Penn as the first Ivy League institution to emphasize the Accord as a requisite in its business operations with apparel manufacturers (<http://www.upenn.edu/pennnews/news/penn-require-licensees-apparel-sign-safety-accord>). The CMR is set to discuss garment worker unionization policies and treatment standards as a follow-up to the now-accepted resolution.

AFFIRMATIVE RE(ACTION) PANEL

JOYCE KIM C'15 (*president@pennua.org*), **DENZEL CUMMINGS C'15 (UMOJA)**, **KATHERINE MATEO C'15 (LATIN@ COALITION)**, **KEN SCHINDLER C'15 (NATIVES AT PENN)**

Worked with the Office of the Provost to present Affirmative (Re)Action, a panel discussion on the impact of affirmative action by the individuals who are deemed to benefit from it on November 12, 2014 in the Houston Hall of Flags. Speakers included: Moderator: Joyce Kim C'15, Anita L. Allen, Vice Provost for Faculty and Professor of Law and Philosophy, "The Ethical Case for Affirmative Action," Denzel Cummings C'15, "From Valedictorian to Undervalued," Katherine Mateo C'15, "It Must Have Been a Breeze for You to Get In," Ken Schindler C'16, "Affirmative Action Just Makes Sense" and Tobias Wolff, Professor of Law, "Affirmative Action as a Language of Resistance." Co-sponsors of this event included: Undergraduate Assembly, Asian Pacific Student Coalition, Lambda Alliance, Latin@ Coalition, United Minorities Council, UMOJA, Race Dialogue Project, Penn Consortium of Undergraduate Women, Penn Democrats, College Republicans, Class Boards 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, Penn Initiative for Minority Mental Health Check One, Natives At Penn, Penn Undergraduate Health Coalition, CAPS Advisory Board, SAE, Penn Theta, and Penn NAACP.

OPEN EXPRESSION IN THE CLASSROOM

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Working with Professor Stephanos Bibas from the Penn Law School, who is the Chair of the Committee on Open Expression, this project is concerned with making the classroom a space where students can freely express themselves. The ultimate end goal is to have a question in course evaluations that say something along the lines of "Have you ever felt unsafe/ unable to express yourself freely within this course." This would then be on Penn Course Review and then professors would be held accountable based on their score.

STUDENT LIFE

DANIEL KAHANA C'17

Student Life Committee Director (studentlife@pennua.org)

The Student Life (SL) Committee of the Penn Undergraduate Assembly places a large emphasis on how to most effectively improve the student experience for undergraduates on a more direct and tangible level. Student Life primarily focuses on what students are concerned with on a daily basis, including implementing projects on student health & safety and campus engagement. Collaborations with Class Board, the Red & Blue Crew, and a variety of other organizations also allow for improvements in school spirit and bring forth additional project opportunities for members. The committee members are responsible for being reactive to current student life issues (i.e. requests for condom dispensers in college houses) while also having the capacity of being more proactive in finding ways to improve the current state of the students' experience.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

PENN UNDERGRADUATE HEALTH COALITION (PUHC)

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As a response to the formerly disjointed network of health related organizations on campus, and the growing information gap between the administration and the student body Julie Bittar formed the Penn Undergraduate Health Coalition. The purpose of this organization is to foster collaboration among health related student organizations at the University of Pennsylvania; to promote meaningful and engaging health discourse and advocacy at the University; to support and enhance the programming of its constituent member groups; and to represent the needs of its member groups to the University community and administration. The Penn Undergraduate Health Coalition was officially launched on November 7, 2013, has thus far recognized over twenty constituent organizations as members, and just joined UA Steering. Looking ahead, this organization will set and meet yearly goals that pertain to improving health education, awareness and advocacy for health related issues both on and off campus.

PAC GROUP PERFORMANCES AT BASKETBALL HALFTIMES

DANIEL KAHANA C'17 (*studentlife@pennua.org*)

Over the past month we have been in correspondence with Deputy Director of Athletics, Alanna Shanahan and their Media & Marketing Director Joshua Craggs to set up a way for PAC groups to perform at basketball halftimes. The goal was to create both a new stage and audience for groups to perform on and to increase attendance at the basketball games, as performers will be marketing their halftime performances and will get their friends to attend. PAC was onboard, so we created a sign-up system which was distributed to PAC groups where they could list their preferred dates. The requests have been and still are forwarded to Athletics, who have been contacting the groups directly for confirmation. At the end of the season, PAC and Athletics will coordinate between each other without the UA's assistance.

COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL SAFETY AND COMMUNICATION

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Following a 2014 Spring Fling that had many communication flaws between students and the administration, a discussion paper by Daniel Kahana and Marley Coyne was presented at a UA GBM. Issues discussed included the fact that Greek and other student leaders were not informed on how the BLCE would be involved, and that stricter measures put in place led students to turn to other drugs, drink excessively in secluded locations, and go off campus to places where MERT was not accessible. As a result, the Commission on Alcohol Safety and Communication was formed, comprising of the UA Student Life Director (Daniel Kahana) and UA Speaker (Andrew Robertson), as well as Charles Wetherbee from IFC, Laura Park and Jordyn Feingold from Panhel, Noelle Melartin from AOD and Gary Williams from DPS. They will continue meeting through Spring Fling 2015 in order to establish better communication between students and administrators, and work towards a fun, safe, and inclusive fling.

YOGA PROJECT

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As part of the committee's focus on mental health, the idea of yoga as a mental health initiative came up after realizing that classes were not free at Pottruck and nothing could be done about it. By collaborating with Penn Athletics, SHS, and Pottruck, a 3-hour yoga session open to all students has been organized for a Saturday in January as part of the mental health month. It will take place in the Palestra, with instructors and mats provided by Pottruck. The goal will be for a chance to destress, and for students to take part in an activity where they feel part of the greater Penn community - which goes along with the school spirit focus we are emphasizing in the committee.

CREATING A CENTRAL COLLEGE HOUSE WEBSITE

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Currently there is no central College House calendar that shows a list of college house events that are open to all Penn students living on campus. Creating this calendar would not only increase student awareness of programming open to them but would also facilitate inter-house friendships and interactions, especially among freshmen who have not yet had the opportunity to meet many other students. To create more of an incentive to attend events at other college houses, Emily has proposed a passport-points system where students can swipe their PennCards at every event to track how many events they attend. The students with the most points at the end of the semester would win a prize. This data will also provide the houses with information on which events are most popular and will help to identify students by college house so if a fee is required for students outside of the host college house, this can be easily facilitated. We are currently working with College Houses & Academic Services to discover the feasibility of creating this calendar and programming a points system.

WORKING WITH HANGIFY

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Hangify is a website-soon-to-be-app created by Penn students. The basis of the app is to provide a forum for students to view all events open to them not only on Penn's campus available through specific student groups and college-wide events, but also in the greater Philly region. We are working with Hangify to think of new ideas and forums for the application, and this collaboration should continue on through Hangify's release. This project, along with the central College House calendar, will provide opportunities for students to take the utmost advantage of all the programming offered to them.

FOOD TRUCK WEBSITE

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Food trucks are a popular option among Penn students and there is no doubt that a significant number of the student population visits food trucks on a regular basis. However, there is no efficient way for students to get information about a food truck's location, timings, and menu other than physically going to a truck. The Student Life Committee came up with the idea of developing an online database that centralizes the information of all food trucks on/near our campus. We subsequently contacted the owners

of pennfoodtrucks.com, an existing website that provides information about food trucks around campus. The problem with this existing database is that it is outdated as the owners graduated four years ago and that it doesn't include the menus, which is an essential piece of information. The owners have agreed to transfer control of the website to the UA so that we can eventually update/add data and start maintaining the website. This was a better idea than making our own new website because it's less of a hassle and a number of people are already familiar with this existing URL. The committee members are in the current process of gathering data and making a master database. They hope to upload this and officially start running the site by late December.

GOPENN IMPROVEMENTS

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GoPenn is currently the only online site that attempts to list the diverse student groups and organizations that are on Penn's campus. While the site does include a large amount of information for some student groups, others are lacking and inadequate. In some respects, the site also seems to be clunky and not user friendly. This year, the Undergraduate Assembly attempted to improve the GoPenn site's layout and increase its intuitive framework so that more students and prospective students use it to explore the large amount of group activity we have on this campus. The process to improve GoPenn and create a more intuitive platform for basic information about student groups on campus is still ongoing.

CAPS NSO EVENT

MARC PETRINE C'17 (*petrine@sas.upenn.edu*)

As part of an effort to make every Penn student more aware of the resources that are available to them in regards to mental health, the Undergraduate Assembly has been working with Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and New Student Orientation (NSO) to create a new NSO event that will introduce new students to the resources that they have at CAPS as well as staff that work there during their first few days at Penn. While the details have not been finalized, the project is promising and will hopefully include other student organizations and campus resources besides CAPS in its final form. The UA believes an event like this will create a welcoming atmosphere for students who are uncomfortable with the idea of seeking help with their mental health. By bringing the resources to the new freshmen and presenting those resources to them in a friendly atmosphere with staff and upper classmen around, we believe freshmen will carry a better attitude about mental health through the

rest of their time at Penn. Moving forward, we will be working with the staff at CAPS and NSO to create an event that will be as welcoming and informative as possible.

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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Learning new languages is difficult and often students look for conversation partners to practice a new language with. Likewise, many international students who are undergraduates or are studying in the English Language Program want to practice their English with native speakers. Combining native speakers with language learners allows for a "language exchange" that benefits both participants. We are working with the English Language Program to expand its current Conversation Partners program to reach new students.

INCREASED RELIGIOUS FUNDING

JOSHUA L. CHILCOTE C'15 (*vp@pennua.org*), **SHIRA PAPIR C'15 (PRISM)**

The Committee on Diversity and Equity during the 2013-2014 school year discussed how faith groups get no funding outside of a funding source established by PRISM called the Faith Fund. This fund covers more than 42 groups but only has \$10,000. In the past year we received requests that amounted to \$65,000 for our \$10,000 fund. One of the recommendations that the Committee on Diversity and Equity made was to "increase the yearly allocation to the Faith Fund from \$10,000 to \$40,000 to ensure that the diversity of faith communities on campus ... is adequately supported." Following this recommendation PRISM members presented a detailed proposal and letter to Provost Price to request increased funding for religious life on campus.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT

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For increased international student integration the UA has been working with AIS to think about potential ways in which international students could best integrate within Penn. In September 2014, a report was produced that suggests several ways for integration including having an advisor for international students, increasing funding for AIS, establishing an international center, and extending Interna-

tional Student Orientation as well as the investigation of the lower graduation rates of international students according to the 2014 self-study and reaccreditation report (73.9% graduation rate in 2009). Based on follow-up from the report, there has been a restructuring of the International Student Advisory Board, an online portal for international student life (<https://global.upenn.edu/iss/beyond-immigration>), a new program assistant for international students, and concentrated efforts towards expanding ISO.

SPORTS EVENTS COMMITTEE

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It has come to the UA's attention that there is a discontent from the Department of Penn Athletics regarding the student's attendance and engagement with athletics events, including but not limited to all the games hosted on campus. After some discussion, we have noticed that generally, Penn has never had a very athletic culture. We have noticed by talking to some students and generally looking at the statistics of student's involvement on campus, that Penn students are more attracted to leadership positions and/or opportunities. Therefore, the Student Life Committee has been working closely with several organizations on campus in order to create a new student government group on campus that mainly focuses on promoting an athletic culture by planning sporting events, within and outside of the university. There currently exists no student government group that works with something similar, and we think adding sports would be good and favorable to the student body, because it would make it something social, which not only gets more people interested in sports, but also will help in increasing attendance to games and other athletic activities.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BUDDY PROGRAM

DANIEL KAHANA C'17 (*studentlife@pennua.org*), **NATALIE HERNANDEZ C'17** (*nhern@sas.upenn.edu*)

We have been working on finding ways to better integrate international students from the very beginning of their time at Penn. The idea is to pair incoming international students with a domestic student before arriving on campus to ensure that international students branch out from their international group and learn about Americanisms. It would also enhance their integration. On the other hand, domestic students will have the opportunity to learn about another student's culture and ensure that they make a friend outside the typical friend group they usually pertain to. The goal is to have this program in place for the incoming class of 2019, and for this to be an institutionalized program - not just stu-

dent-run. We have spoken with ISSS, Admissions and AIS and all parties are on board.

STUDENT EVENT SPACE WEST OF 38TH STREET

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There is a perceived lack of student event space west of 38th Street, an area where about 80% of the Penn student population lives. After a small amount of research two areas have been selected to be reviewed in the hopes of converting them to more viable student spaces. The two locations are the parking garage at 38th and Spruce Streets and the Rotunda. The garage can be used for multiple purposes, as a lot during the day and converted to an event space in the evening. The Rotunda is a historic building in dire needs of repair and with proper funding it may be possible to accomplish that. Katie Bonner-Hanlon received initial approval from Mr. Evans at Risk Management to continue pursuing the project. A proposal was sent out in the beginning of December 2013 in the hopes to meet with the proper individuals by the end of that semester or beginning of next to discuss where to go from there.

HOUSING EQUIPMENT PROJECT

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The initial project idea was to approach the deans of the college houses and encourage them to increase their equipment inventory available to residents such as sports equipment, electronics and air mattresses. They came to the conclusion that the best way to move forward would be to write a proposal with our suggestions for the newly-formed Residential Services Advisory Board (RSAB) to be discussed at their first meeting in January. The suggestions made in the proposal are the following: To propose a system where college houses share items between each other either within precincts or amongst all houses. Further down the road, and in accordance with the suggestion made above, to create depots in each precinct to store and share equipment, such as yoga mats and sporting equipment. We recommended sending a survey to students to assess interest in varying forms of durable equipment. Requesting that each college house have an accessible, published inventory (possibly even centralized for all college houses). To recommend that fees due to damaged and unreturned equipment be distributed to the college house in question or, in the future, precincts.

LGBT GREEK LIFE PROJECT

JORDAN HOLMES C'15 (*holmesjo@sas.upenn.edu*)

The UA has been working on an initiative to open up a dialogue between the LGBT and Greek communities. Members from the Multicultural Greek Council, Panhellenic Council President Jessica Stokes, and past Interfraternity Council President Andrew Turell all sat down with members of the Lambda Alliance board – including Chair Dawn Androphy – to discuss the existing barriers between the two communities. Stemming from that meeting is the collaboration between Lambda Alliance and the Panhellenic Council to include sensitivity training in the Rho Gamma's training in an effort to make sure everyone who rushes a sorority feels comfortable and safe throughout the process. With the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs' support, the ultimate goal of this project is to create a group of concerned Greeks from all three branches that would take on a myriad of objectives. The group would serve any number of needs: from being a support network for Greek LGBT members to having the organization's members be leaders for LGBT issues within their own houses. Ideally, the organization would form with a constitution, general body meeting, and initiatives to tackle.

ALCOHOL SYMPOSIUM

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The UA partnered up with the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs to host an Alcohol Symposium on Penn's campus from February 21-22, 2014. Joined by the chairs of PanHel and IFC, there was a rigorous planning process of the conference with the UA full force behind it's fruition. It resulted in the UA forming a planning committee and recruiting hosts for the conference. The Symposium brought students from across the Ivy League to the conference, discussing topics ranging from off-campus party culture to registered on-campus events.

PRE-NSO FRESHMEN ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

CHRISTIAN CORTES W'15 (*chcortes@wharton.upenn.edu*)

The UA formed a pilot program in which admitted early decision students will receive an email with a list of extracurricular interest categories for them to select from; they will then be contacted by a group within that interest category. The target organizations (many of which sit on UA Steering or fall within UA Steering groups' constituencies) were

determined and contacted by the end of the spring semester. We will send an email out by January after the students are admitted and have conversations started within a week. This is essentially a buddy system between ED students and current students according to their interests. We plan to test this with ED students to measure success and gauge whether or not this will be a viable program to open up to Regular Decision students as well to ultimately increase Penn's yield, one of the core missions of the Admissions Office. Other ideas on the table include online forums and webinars that freshmen can engage with interactively prior to arriving on campus (almost like live online preceptorials). These ideas are being discussed and will be addressed moving forward.

INTERNATIONAL MENTORSHIP AND INTERNSHIP PROJECT

JULIO ARIAS CASTILLO W'14, C'14 (UA ALUMNUS)

Julio met with Mr. Noel Pérez Benitez, C'03 and Co-President of the Penn Alumni Club of Mexico, and was informed that he could help Penn undergraduates obtain internships in Mexico, connecting them to the Penn Alumni Network in the country. He spoke to Shannon Kelly, Associate Director of Career Services, to spearhead an initiative to direct students to alumni leaders like Mr. Pérez Benítez. Another goal was to potentially create a program in which Penn alumni could guide/mentor international students (especially those who do not attend American schools) before the college application process—in 9th or 10th grade. This will allow them to have a roadmap of what to do to increase their chances of getting admitted into Penn.

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