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**UPUA Establishes Sexual Health Awareness Day and Passes Six Additional Legislations**

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. – March 15, 2017** – The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) met Wednesday, March 15 at 8 p.m. in 302 HUB.

The meeting began with a special presentation going over information and plans for Capital Day on March 22. Capital Day is an annual event that encourages students to meet with their representatives in Harrisburg, PA. Students can advocate for a broad range of issues that are priorities for the University and its students.

Bill #31-11: “Funding for the 6th Annual Black Women Rock Event” was brought to the floor by At-Large Representative Kyra Rogan. The bill would fund the expenses for the Black Student Union’s 6th Annual Black Women Rock event on March 18, 2017 to the amount of \$2,522.00. The event celebrates the accomplishments, brilliance and contributions of black women at Penn State. The bill passed unanimously.

Representative Nate Pence then brought Resolution #42-11: “Establishment of Sexual Health Awareness Day” to the floor. The resolution would establish a Sexual Health Day which will focus on addressing questions regarding sexuality and sexual health, as well as provide sexual health information to students. The UPUA would partner with University Health Services (UHS) to sponsor a table in the HUB to provide students with information. The bill passed unanimously.

Representative Michael Straw brought Resolution #43-11: “Support for Changing University Administrative Policy 84 (Preferred Name & Gender Identity Policy)” to the floor. The resolution supports changes to AD 84 which would provide a mechanism for students to be referred to by their preferred gender identity, rather than the gender provided on their birth certificate. The resolution passed unanimously.



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Resolution #44-11: “Supporting the Addition of Specific Student Resources to First Year Seminar Courses” was brought to the floor by College of Ag. Sciences Representative Jonathan Stephens. Currently, professors are not required to inform students of any specific resources or learning tools. This resolution supports amendments to the University Faculty Senate Policy that would require the First Year Seminar courses to give information about resources such as CAPS, the Student Disability Resource Center and the Women’s Resource Center. The resolution passed with a vote of 34-1.

Resolution #45-11: “Support for H.R. 1127 - Student Loan Fairness Act” was brought to the floor by At-Large Representative Michael Straw. H.R. 1127 advocates for the federal expansion of loan forgiveness programs and caps on interest rates for federal student loans, as well as the ability to refinance private loans. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #46-11: “Opposition to Proposed Amendments to State College Commercial Incentive District Signature Development Project Requirements” was brought to the floor by At-Large Representative Michael Straw. Currently, there was a proposal submitted to the State College Planning Commission to amend the Signature Development conditional use provisions which would limit the height of some residential buildings in the West End district of downtown. This resolution urges the State College Borough Council to reject the proposed amendment in order to allow further development in the West End district downtown. The resolution passed with a vote of 29-6.

At-Large Representative Shawn Bengali brought Resolution #47-11: “Call to the Pennsylvania General Assembly for Increased Support to Penn State” to the floor. The resolution urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to increase financial support the university in the 2017-2018 general budget. The resolution passed unanimously.

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The University Park Undergraduate Association works to provide students representation at the highest levels of administration and build programs to the benefit of undergraduates at University Park.