Constituency Update

1. UA Creates Textbook Marketplace, Penn Book Bazaar

The UA launched Penn Book Bazaar (pennua.org/textbook) less than a month ago and has seen tremendous usage; over 1,000 books have now been posted!

   1) COMPETITIVE PRICES: buy at market rates and avoid middleman costs
   2) ENVIRONMENT: reuse books and cut shipping-generated greenhouse gases
   3) CONVENIENCE: You don't have to pay for shipping or wait two weeks for a book to come in the mail
   4) SAFETY: trade with fellow students and inspect a book before paying

2. UA Renovating Basement of Commons with Business Services and VPUL

A combined effort with the help of Doug Berger, the UA is collaborating with many administrative entities to secure the basement of the 1920 Commons dining hall for studying and student lounge space. More updates to come.

3. UA Helps with Idea Innovation: PennApps

Held through the computer science student organization, the Dining Philosophers, Penn’s first ever hack-a-thon occurred 9/17-9/19. The result was multiple applications designed to improve student life, including a central clearinghouse for sublet opportunities on campus as well as an app that prints directly to SEAS printers.

4. Establishing a Rape Crisis Center in West Philadelphia

   • We are glad to hear of the news that a new stand-alone crisis center is scheduled to open near Episcopal Hospital.
   • However, we are still exploring the possibility of working to create a stand-alone center in West Philadelphia.
   • Initial discussions with Penn Consortium of Undergraduate Women, Assault and Sexual Abuse Prevention, and One in Four have been productive thus far.
   • We welcome comments and suggestions as we move forward with this project.
5. **Sponsoring an All-School Service Event, a River Clean-Up**

Headed by the Provost’s Office and Civic House Associates Coalition, hundreds of students (including the Provost and his office) from 19 student groups (in addition to individual sign ups) cleaned up rivers throughout last week to collect two tons of trash.

Competitions included collecting the weirdest piece of trash (a telephone, retainer, and dollar bill won) and guessing the weight of the trash.

6. **2010-2011 UA Leadership**

Executive Board is as follows:

- President: Matt Amalfitano (C ’11), president@pennua.org
- Vice-President: Mark Pan (C ’11), vp@pennua.org
- Speaker: G.J. Melendez-Torres (W/N ’11), speaker@pennua.org
- Treasurer: Ryan Houston (W ’11), treasurer@pennua.org
- Secretary: Cynthia Ip (SEAS ’12), secretary@pennua.org

Committee Directors:

- **Academic Affairs**, Faye Cheng (W ’12), academics@pennua.org
- **Housing, Sustainability, and Facilities**, Amanda Young (SAS ’12), hsf@pennua.org
- **Civic and Philadelphia Engagement**, Jake Shuster (SAS ’13), civic@pennua.org
  - **Student Life**, Tyler Ernst (SEAS/SAS ’12), studentlife@pennua.org

Other Important Positions:

- Communications Director: Chris Cruz (SAS ’13), communications@pennua.org
- Legal Services Coord.: Andrew Staniforth (SEAS ’13) astaniforth@gmail.com

Please reach out to president@pennua.org if you have an announcement relevant to undergraduates you would like to send to the student body.

I also strongly encourage you to check out our website (pennua.org). Not only will you find detailed descriptions of our projects, past and present, but many useful contact details for student leaders right across the undergraduate community.

Respectfully submitted,

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