Constituency Update

1. UA Transitions Newly Elected Executive Board

It has been an honor working with the University Council and its constituent groups the past year. The relationships we have established, coupled with the work we have accomplished, assures us that our new leadership will take it even further this next year. Please join us in welcoming:

- President: Tyler Ernst (president@pennua.org)
- Vice President: Faye Cheng (vp@pennua.org)
- Speaker: Cynthia Ip (speaker@pennua.org)
- Treasurer: Jake Shuster (treasurer@pennua.org)
- Secretary: Will Smith (secretary@pennua.org)

2. New Mailing Options

The UA is proud to announce that Business Services is releasing a new services as a result of our lobbying. The first is designed to meet the needs of students who are leaving the country for the summer months. Starting this summer, mail services will accept and hold all postal mail at no charge for students traveling internationally. Secondly, beginning in the 2011-2012 academic year, mail services will now hold packages for off-campus residents. This includes those living in Greek housing. Packages will be held for these students during the spring and fall semesters, including during breaks. Students will sign up through a simple online form and pay a small fee for each package held. Summer and off-campus housing have been a perennial concern for many students. As such, we are very excited to announce these offerings and we are thankful that Business Services has taken our concerns so seriously.

3. Dining Plan Restructuring

Based off of student feedback from the UA and from independent student focus groups, there will be a major restructuring of dining plans this coming academic year. Plans will be reduced and more customizable, with incremental additions also available. These changes affect both freshmen and upperclassmen and are a great step forward in improving the dining experience at Penn.
4. Response to the Abreu DP Column on Racism

In light of the recent article concerning racism at Penn (“Racism taints the University” - 19 April 2011), the UA has helped organize student support for the United Minorities Council's and the Race Dialogue Project's response (“Speak across the difference” - 21 April 2011), which calls for a globalized view of the issue, an expansion of what it means to be an ally, and an open and sustained dialogue across campus communities to ensure that everyone feels welcome at Penn. Students across campus also organized a silent protest against racism, which was a powerful statement against the incident and its wider implications in the university community. We will work tirelessly to speak out against injustice, provide more safe spaces, and to make certain that the positive messages and work of our vibrant cultural organizations and resource centers reach all Penn students at all times.

Visit [www.pennua.org](http://www.pennua.org) for more detailed descriptions of all our projects and contacts for student leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

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