



APSA Executive Council Meeting  
January 4th 2021 at 12:00  
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1. Call to order (12:00)
2. Roll call (2 min): Garrett, Megan, Navjot, Ayush, Anthony, Eliana, Leah, Jackie, Jared
  - a. Regrets:
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)
  - a. Lottery Placement for 1st Year Class - Leah (2 min)

**Motion:** To approve the agenda  
**First:** Navjot **Second:** Garrett. **Motion carries**
4. Review last meeting's minutes (1 min)

**Motion:** To approve the previous two council meeting minutes  
**First:** Ayush **Second:** Garrett. **Motion carries**

New Business:

5. New Year Welcome/Open Discussion - Anthony (15 min)
  - a. Anthony - I wanted to have an open discussion around what people have planned for the upcoming semester and how we're feeling. I felt like the break was very short and I know there was a lot going on to plan for the new semester but I hope you were able to find some time for yourself. Before I open up the floor, I have one thing I wanted to bring up. I believe most of you know Tobi from the class of 2022, but for those who don't, Tobi is a black student in our class and I believe she is from Nigeria. Her and I had some ongoing discussions throughout the past semester. We worked together this summer at a community pharmacy and we developed a friendship there. She reached out to me in September, expressing some concerns around racial underrepresentation within pharmacy. She also had some concerns with the Race Against Racism, she applauded our efforts but said that it didn't seem to get to the root of the issue. We had a very long phone conversation in September and I forwarded that information to Ravina. Her and Ravina have had some ongoing discussions and she now sits on the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee within the faculty. She is also starting the Black Pharmacy Students Association. When the concerns were brought forward in September, Tobi reached out to other black students in the program to see if they felt the same way, which they did. These students were meeting on a bi-weekly basis and then came up with the idea of let's make this official so they've applied for student group status through student group services and are just waiting for the official approval. Once they get official approval, I want to invite Tobi to a General Council meeting to discuss how this came about, what they have in mind, and how APSA and the BPSA can collaborate moving forward.
  - b. Ayush - Typically for student groups they are APSA affiliated but just confirming this is separate?
  - c. Anthony - Yes this is separate.
  - d. Ayush - What will happen with their funding if they need it?
  - e. Anthony - I'm not really sure that has been thought through yet, I know Ravina is aware that this is happening but I'm not sure if they've discussed this. We had spoken in September and hadn't really talked in a couple months so I followed up with her in late November and she brought that to my attention. It was pretty incredible that they were able to navigate that process on their own and they didn't come to us for help so that was a really good thing. I'm looking forward to finding out how we can collaborate and continue that relationship once they get official approval.



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- f. Navjot - I think that sounds good. I look forward to hearing from Tobi and seeing what they want to see happen and trying to see where we can collaborate and make those things happen because I do think underrepresentation is very prominent and it is a good thing to start conversations about.
- g. Anthony - She spoke to the fact that she recognizes APSA as a student's association and the BPSA it is really going to be difficult to change the admission process and how the faculty views the applicants but getting those issues out there, making the faculty aware of it I think will help down the line. I know Ken Cor, Ravina, and Ellen were on board with it and they're working behind the scenes, as well as with the EDI committee.
- h. CAPSI Winter Update - Ayush (5 min)
  - 1. Ayush - I've had a few students reach out to me asking about what is happening with PDW, it would have been this week but due to COVID that didn't happen. There are going to be webinars released throughout the winter semester and due to the fact that we have students in 5 different time zones most of them will be pre-recorded. They will have a variety of topics, there will be one from Medisca about compounding in January, they have a few presentations about environmental aspects such as if nature is stressed out, how that impacts our mental and physical health, medication ecotoxicity, and how to have carbon neutral pharmacies, etc. so that is all coming up. Next, the Race Against Racism had the first part of the race that was more focused on raising funds for charity and in the back half we are focusing on educating students and how they can work with vulnerable populations in pharmacies, we have four speakers scheduled right now. I'm also waiting to hear back from Daniel Martino because I don't want to overstep something to do with Mint Communities after I read something about it in Monica's term report because we were planning on doing something similar. There is an app called SkiptheDepot where they will pick up bottles from your house and we were going to use it to fundraise for a charity in Edmonton this time. This last point kind of relates to PAM but one of the things we are doing to make pharmacies comfortable spaces is we are going to send out allyship pins in the PAM packages. I'm hoping ACP will sponsor this because their goal is to protect the public. PAM is already starting to get filled up and I'm looking to get a few more presentations for students. Some things I have thought of include getting a dietician in to talk about how to eat healthy on a budget and then Joey Ton also usually presents during PAM. We will probably do a Faculty Appreciation Day somewhere within PAM. I'll be getting the script started this week and the goal is to launch the video and project by March 1st to March 15th. Finally, about 275 students filled out the form for PAM packages and I will be sending some to faculty that signed up as well and some RxA board members and a few extra just in case so we will be making about 300 of them. I also have the PAM buttons on here if you have any comments about them that you want to share.
  - 2. Anthony - I agree with the concerns brought up in the group chat about some of the buttons last night. The Imposter thing, I know APSA has had trouble with copyright issues before so I can see that being a potential issue. The "I didn't forget, I'm just slow" I also don't love because it doesn't look great for the profession. I also don't really understand number 5.
  - 3. Ayush - Right now number 5 doesn't have any votes so it's a non-issue. I sent them all to the PAM committee to vote on but I think RxA has the official final say because they are sponsoring them.



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6. Mint Cup Sponsorship Update - Leah (1 min)
  - a. Leah - I have a few things I wanted to bring up, When we talked last time I let you know I was going to have a meeting with Kit because I wasn't sure what I was going to do with the sponsorship. We're fine to carry the sponsorship forward instead of just spending it on something to spend it. So instead of me using \$1,000 this year for something he said it is okay if we save it and then the next VP social would have \$2,000 to work with next year. I think that would be the route I would go down because I honestly don't think that I would spend it or find ways to spend it usefully. I think it would be nice to push it forward and save it for when we can have bigger in-person events again but I wanted to see if you had any ideas of where we could spend it?
  - b. Anthony - I can't think of anything off the top of my head but Jackie might have something in mind where we could use it to fill in a gap somewhere but for him to carry it over is pretty nice.
  - c. Jackie - There's nothing that I really need it for but if it gets carried over that is fine too.
  - d. Ayush - The only concern that I have with it carrying over is if the next VP social doesn't want to carry on with the Mint Cup initiative. I think it's great that he's offered that but keep it in the back of your mind and let your next VP social know during your transition.
  - e. Leah - I don't know if it is based on the premise that the Mint Cup is carried forward anyways but that is a good point to consider.
7. Social January - Leah (2 min)
  - a. Leah - I wanted to give you all a little update on Social January and what that is going to look like. January is going to be a packed month, I know the wellness committee has a few initiatives, grad committee has a few things that are going to be announced but I came up with social January idea because this is the last opportunity for students to earn points for the MVP for the Mint Cup because that prize is given out in February. The Mint Cup will still continue until the end of the year. First off, we're going to do music bingo in the first week and then for the next two weeks I'm planning a virtual scavenger hunt/photo participation challenge where people will upload photos for that challenge into Google doc with their team and there will be a total of 7 challenges. In the last week of January we are going to do a Sitcom Trivia night with IPSD. Marzena had contacted me in the fall semester asking about doing a trivia together but since I already had one planned for Movember we moved it to the end of January.
8. Blue and Gold 2020/21? - Leah (2 min)
  - a. Leah - Blue and Gold isn't going to happen in person this year but we're still hoping to do it virtually. I've been in contact with Anthony and Jackie and they've been in contact with the faculty about getting funding. They'd mentioned that they were looking at potentially funding us for a guest speaker or musician but after talking to some of the student's I've heard that absolutely nobody wants to hear another speaker at Blue and Gold, student's are tired of speakers after sitting through lectures all day. I wanted to bring up the idea to you all that I was looking into one of the improv comedy groups that are in Edmonton, has anyone ever been to Rapid?
  - b. Anthony - I have and it was amazing.
  - c. Leah - Their website right now says that they are doing things online and that they can "hack" your zoom session or give a bogus presentation or something like that. I was thinking Blue and Gold could still be an awards ceremony and we could do an Oscars theme and let the improv group run with that. Their website says they are open to themes but before I send any emails I wanted to bring this up to see what you all think.
  - d. Megan - I think it's a great idea.



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- e. Ayush - I would see if you can get the faculty to cover it and make it free for students because I think that would increase turnout. I don't think students will want to pay for a Blue and Gold that is online.
  - f. Anthony - I was never under the impression we would charge for an online event and the hope was to get the faculty to sponsor it.
  - g. Leah - I think this would be something we could try to get covered over our original idea of game subscriptions. Going forward, I will send an email to them explaining the event, what we are doing, and see if I can get a price quote that I will forward to Anthony and Jackie to bring to discussion with the faculty.
  - h. Ayush - It might not be a bad idea to reach out to RxA because they might have a contact and discount rate and might be able to help us out.
  - i. Leah - Jackie do you have any concerns about this?
  - j. Jackie - This sounds like exactly what the faculty is wanting so I don't really foresee any problems with it.
  - k. Leah - I would still keep it March 26th for this year. Moving on to Blue and Gold 2022, we still have this booking at the Grand Imperial that the deposit is paid for and we're going to have to push that for a second time. I just wanted to ask, does anyone have anything in mind that they know about for March 11th, 2022?
  - l. Ayush - The only thing I can think of is that February is a heavy month so if the awards committee is adjudicating a lot of awards in February it would be nice to be pushed to a later date but I don't know of any PAM things that far in advance.
  - m. Leah - I think back to when we had Blue and Gold in our first year and it was at the very beginning of March and we tried to push it back a bit last year but this is the date that I have been offered but I will email back and see if they have anything a little later in March.
  - n. Anthony - In our first year we had a midterm on the Monday and Blue and Gold was the Saturday and I think we still had a good turnout. The only thing I could see is the second midterm for toxicology for the third years if they decide to continue with the toxicology course but I don't think that would affect third year turnout a ton.
  - o. Navjot - I also think it would be nice to give the awards committee a little more time if possible.
9. Sponsorship Update - Jared (5 min)
- a. [Supporting Document](#)
  - b. Jared - Over the winter break here I did a couple quick things, I got in touch with Ayush, Leah, and Eliana to get the giftcards out to them. I updated the sponsorship package with the help of Garrett, Rachel, and Angel, mainly for ACP and RxA because they wanted an updated finalized copy now that we know everything is online. Some of the things we changed are we completely redid the blurb for PAM with it being online and included lunch and learns, how it was going to run, the PAM packages and the PAM video. We added in the Blue and Gold is going to be virtual and provided an update that sponsors can still present the award at Blue and Gold if that is okay with you Leah? . I changed some of the pricing and some of the things we were promoting so we did 20min lunch and learns to keep students more engaged instead of a full hour. I talked to ACP about this and they said they are on board with shorter lunch and learns if it means more students are engaged. I have a meeting with ACP about sponsorship for PAM that Ayush is joining me for in mid January and we will go from there/
  - c. Anthony - This looks really refined, polished, and sharp. To do a second sponsorship package for winter is going above and beyond the role and I appreciate that and I appreciate everyone who helped out with it.



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- d. Leah - I have no concerns about sponsors presenting their awards and think it is a nice touch. I think in the past APSA council members have presented them but it might be more meaningful for both the sponsor and the recipient.
- e. Jared - My only concern is that the comedy group needs to be professional and stay to a schedule if we go this way.
- f. Leah - As we get the details worked out we can make a little schedule so things run smoothly.

10. Additions to the Agenda

- a. Lottery Placement for the 1st Year Class - Leah (2 min)
  1. Leah - I was in contact with my mentee this last weekend and he was asking questions about community placements. It sounds like they didn't get access to a spreadsheet from the class of 2023. I contact John and he is going to get on it ASAP and try to get it ready for them because ARM opens this week. I know we've been doing the excel sheet as a courtesy thing right now but is it possible for us to integrate it into the class rep positions? I think it is really helpful for students because it is their best source of information with students who had those placements prior.
  2. Navjot - I did talk to all the class reps about this early last semester and I think it is something that I know was added into the transition package and I think the only thing I was a little iffy on was our cohort creating one because I wasn't sure since some individuals when on community placements instead of hospital. I told John that if they wanted one from the third years I'm not sure how helpful that would have been. I can also bring this up again to make sure that it gets added across all transition packages.
  3. Ayush - Have we thought about doing it for the 4th year's doing one for our class? I'm sure people would appreciate it but I know Colleen is very busy.
  4. Navot - I can get in touch with Colleen and see if that would be possible.
  5. Anthony - That is a good idea and a good point to bring up. I hope everyone would be as transparent and on the ball as you Navjot so I think having it specifically in the transition package would be helpful.

11. Adjournment (12:38)

- a. First: Leah Second: Ayush