



APSA General Council Meeting
November 1, 2021 17:00

1. Call to order (17:00)
2. Roll call (2 min) Marzena, Garrett, Daniel, Rachel, Rokhand, Amandeep, Talia, Tegan, Jasmine, Carolina, Alyssa, Ivy, Diane, John C, Nathan, Molly, Naomi, Jonathan, Zoria, Mahnoor, Saad, Mostafa, Alyna, Raymond
 - a. Regrets: Jared, Ravina, Katie
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

Motion: To approve the agenda
First: John. **Second:** Diane.

New Business:

4. CSHP Zoom Access - Carolina (2 mins)
 - a. Carolina: I was wondering if CSHP can get access to a Zoom account?
 - b. Garrett: I know earlier in the year, we talked to Dr. Cor about using the faculty Zoom account. Some executive members have access to this.
 - c. Amandeep: I emailed Dr. Cor and he set up my own Zoom account under their subscription. If you want, you can reach out to him directly.
 - d. Diane: With PWS, Dr. Cor also set me up. He will set it up for whoever requires it and it takes about 15-20 mins to set up.
5. SAF Pharm Trade Show Revamp - Diane (10 mins)
 - a. Diane: I am trying to revamp the trade show and I am trying to get approval on revamping it and moving it to make it more focused on what we as a SAF-committee want to see. We are more focused on EDI and inclusion this year. So the trade show is a pretty large event and companies come in to showcase their OTC or BTC products. It allows students to reach out and think about pharmacy beyond a hospital and community lens. Usually with this event, we break even with the food, beverages, gift cards and supplies. Perhaps there is budget in APSA to allocate towards revamping the tradeshow. I don't think we will get income from this. Our proposal for the revamp is to allow us to promote EDI, equity, diversity and inclusion. Our format would likely have to be Zoom again but I hope there is more traction due to the type of event. We would like to push it between January and March and potentially collaborate with PAM. I know PDW is happening in January, so I don't really know where to fit this event. Usually, it is at the beginning of January. The purpose of the revamp is to increase awareness of social determinants, which aren't being addressed as much. We want to have a student lens on this and it will increase our collaboration with the EDI committee within the faculty. It will increase student engagement and learning. It will allow us to collaborate with groups such as the BPSA as well. It would involve healthcare professionals to come in to present on different topics and issues in healthcare through a diversity lens and it would be like "speed-dating". That way we can be more aware of these topics and that would hopefully be interesting enough to get people to come. The SAF committee has been super excited about this already. Faculty involvement is potential and maybe I can work with them further to see how they could help me with this event. I am hoping for APSA support for funding and expertise in this type of event. This will help build more avenues and interest for students in pharmacy beyond just community and hospital. In November, we would like to have a Heritage Week. It would be a week to show off our cultures. The whole week could involve the social media account and students could have the potential to be entered for a draw. The purpose is to give perspective to students that students have different cultures and come from different beliefs and take it further to healthcare. It would increase the understanding of difficult cultures and medication approaches for medication taking behaviours, beliefs and



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challenges within the healthcare system. For Heritage Week, we would be asking for gift cards, an APSA instagram takeover and support from our fellow council members. The revamped trade show we would be asking for the same things including collaboration with subcommittees and ideas or space for the event. I am hoping to have it in the evening as well. Does anyone have any questions, comments or concerns?

- b. John: This is more directed to Daniel, but the money normally allocated to the SAF trade show, will that still be allocated, even though we might not be able to break even?
 - c. Daniel: We would need to discuss that since we normally break even for the event. At the next general council meeting we'll have to discuss taking out an amount of money deemed necessary. Meeting with faculty for co-funding would be the best idea.
 - d. John: Diane, will you have to pay the guest speakers? I know with setting up guest speakers, it may cost money to bring them in.
 - e. Diane: I thought about it but I have been hoping that some could volunteer their time since this is a hot topic. I am hoping that the faculty could help with that as well since they wanted to get involved because this is sort of a call to action for EDI. I do have support from Dr. Cor and I will meet with the committee later on as well, but I would need your approval first.
 - f. John: Do you have a rough idea of how much it would cost you, in case I do have to do some fundraising?
 - g. Diane: I think our biggest cost will be giftcards. I am hoping the vendors are passionate enough to come and talk about this. Maybe if any of you know individuals that would be interested.
 - h. Garrett: I do think the faculty would be interested in funding this as they would support this and be excited about it. I don't know if anyone here has been to a trade show but I wouldn't worry about changing the landscape of the trade show since most students don't know what it was before. I think you can definitely start from scratch and make it your own. In terms of having it on Zoom or in person, we have been told that the earliest the university will consider changing event protocols is mid-November. For guest speakers, I would maybe reach out to Bojana, the president of the LGBTQ2+PhSC. I met with her a few weeks ago to discuss a group at the SU that gives presentations, called the Landing. She may have contacts for individuals who may be interested in giving a presentation.
 - i. Diane: Thank you Garrett. As long as we have council's approval for the revamp, I have a meeting with the committee next week so my first step is to plan it out a bit more.
 - j. Carolina: I actually attended the trade show in my first year. It was very industry based so I think this would be very different. CSHP is having their Together Conference over two weekends, January 29-30 and February 5-6, and one of the days of the conference is very EDI focused. If you want more details on that, I can let you know.
 - k. Diane: I really want something to come out of this and I want to bring some more direction to the role. Thank you for everyone's input.
6. Community Education Update - Ivy (10 mins)
- a. Ivy: The presentations that normally happen, I've been struggling to get them set up as they have been denied as I initially planned for in person and online presentations. . . They are only allowing online events if people outside the UofA are involved, especially if they are minors. I got it approved now and at first they mentioned that any students attending the presentation would need to have consent from their parents to attend, but that would be a lot of work to organize and make sure the forms were filled out before the presentation date. I talked to someone on SGS and they have allowed us to waive that requirement. I am planning to release presentation sign up tomorrow. I had kind of delayed this since I was waiting on Ravina to make a decision regarding BASE 2 presentations. Due to difficulty of room bookings, Ravina will make the BASE 2 presentation an optional requirement. The other thing I wanted



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to mention is that I planned to host “Pharm 101 Lunch and Learns” as a new initiative. It would be 2nd, 3rd and 4th years doing summary crash course pharmacy presentations to any HSSA member. Last meeting we mentioned putting a pause on lunch and learns so I wanted to see where we are at. These would be a hybrid model and maybe the first 50 people would be able to come in person and the rest would be able to stream online. I had it planned out but at the moment I put it on pause, but do you think I should hold off until next semester?

- b. Garrett: My personal opinion is that if you want to do the lunch and learns, you are more than welcome to. I would just be aware that you may put in a lot of work for not a lot of reward and attendance. As long as you are aware of that and you think this is something students would want to do, then definitely go ahead with it. I think we wanted people to be aware that they can push off lunch and learns or cancel it if they saw no real reward or attendance at this time.
 - c. Diane: I really like your idea. I think from experience this year, I barely got anyone to show up. It was a little disappointing and it comes from the fact that it was a hybrid model. I think the idea is great and advertising it early would be great. I think lunch might be hard, but you could try to do an evening event.
 - d. Ivy: I think it might be a good idea to do it out of school hours but it would depend on the presentation member. It would be a lot of work for the student since they would have to get their presentation reviewed by a faculty member. Maybe I will think about it some more and maybe consider doing them next semester. Thank you everyone for your feedback.
 - e. Garrett: Thank you for all the work you have been doing and thank you for the update.
7. Check In - Garrett (20 mins)
- Motion: To move into camera**
 - First: Rachel. Second: Diane.
 - Motion: To move out of camera**
 - First: Diane. Second: Rachel.
8. APSA Bear - Diane (2 mins)
- a. Diane: First off, I wanted to say thank you to everyone on council for always supporting me. The person that I wanted to acknowledge this week is John, as he has been very supportive throughout my role and I wanted to appreciate him. I also wanted to acknowledge all the work that everyone does on council.
9. Additions to the Agenda
10. Adjournment (17:51)
- Motion: To adjourn**
 - First: Diane. Second: Jasmine.