



APSA Executive Council Meeting

January 18, 2021 at 15:00

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1. Call to order (15:03)
2. Roll call (2 min): Megan, Anthony, Navjot, Garrett, Ayush, Leah, Jackie, Jared, Eliana
Regrets:
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)
 - a. SU Update - Navjot (2 min)
 - b. PAM Sponsorship - Jared (2 min)
 - c. BPSA - Anthony (2 min)
Motion: To approve the agenda
First: Leah Second: Garrett. Motion carries.
4. Review last meeting's minutes (1 min)
Motion: To approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes
First: Leah Second: Garrett. Motion carries.

New Business:

5. Forwarding Professionalism Situations - Navjot (5 min)
 - a. Navjot - I wanted to quickly go over professionalism concerns and how they get forwarded so we can have a streamlined approach for the rest of the semester. This will be something I'll leave behind for the next VPA. So far, when it comes to professionalism concerns, I've been helping as things come up in terms of wording and the next steps to take; sometimes this is officially and sometimes it's unofficially which is fine, I am happy to help. When things require more official action, where you feel like something is not in your wheelhouse and it falls under my description I'd ask that if it is an email communication that you CC me in that email where the student is let known that this is something that will be forwarded to myself, as the chair of the professionalism committee, instead of just the committee as general statement because I get to make the call with regards to any concerns about whether it is something that goes through the committee or if it's something I deal with on my own. Looping me in gives me an opportunity to touch base with the student as necessary and also lets the other individuals know what's happening. If it is an email communication, let them know that at this point you will be handing it off to Navjot as chair of the professionalism committee and she will be in touch with you in 1-2 days and that no further action is required on their end. Doing this gives me time to gather all the things I need to gather and consult all the things I need to consult and then I can follow-up with the individual. When it comes to anything that is not on an email chain, for example I know we use Facebook quite frequently, I'd recommend using the same description as well, saying that it has been forwarded to Navjot as the chair of the professionalism committee and that she will be in touch with you in 1-2 days and that no further action is required. The whole goal is just to standardized the whole process.
6. RxVigilance/CAPSI National Meetings - Ayush (6 mins)
 - a. Ayush - Rachel and I had meetings on Saturday and Sunday and there are a few things I want to bring forward. CAPSI national is hosting more events that are open to everyone. Since we aren't hosting them they won't go through BearsDen but does anyone have any concerns about adding them to the calendar? The events are webinars about pharmacy and the environment and I just don't want there to be a situation where a councilor looks at the calendar and plans an event for those days if we don't have them on the calendar.
 - b. Megan - I see no issues with us putting them on the calendar since they are approved by



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CAPSI.

- c. Leah - Do you know what dates those are?
- d. Ayush - February 3rd, 8th, and 10th and they are all evening events. The other thing I wanted to ask about is RxVigilance which wants to be a new CAPSI sponsor. Shoppers uses this software and it is integrated into their system but has no connection to Shoppers. It is an information resource and after getting a presentation on it this weekend and using it myself at work I would describe it as if you have your Lexicomp and RxFiles and RxTx in Canadian information. Essentially, they want to do a presentation to the student body about the program and they want us to go to bat for them to the library to ask the library to put this as a resource for students. I think it is a really good resource with everything from drug information, a pediatric dose calculator, an area where you put in the person's height, weight, medical conditions, medications, and it will assess the patient for DRPs. I don't know if it is something that is worthwhile but at least we can ask the faculty, I guess I wanted to bring this forward and see what you all thought and if this is something that I should send them an email about and if you know who the email would be to?
- e. Anthony - We use RxVigilance as well at my Medicine Shop. I don't know if its our place as student's to try to push the faculty or library to get this sponsorship. It is definitely worth an email notifying them but I don't know what it looks like us "going to bat" for them.
- f. Ayush - The way I look at it is the student's got RxFiles taken away from them, so I think that's where APSA's role comes in as this is a resource that students could use while studying or on rotations. For example, Montreal and Laval already have the universities paying for RxVigilance and I do like the sounds of it. I don't think it can hurt to send an email to Janis about it.
- g. Jackie - Do you know how much it costs?
- h. Ayush - I don't really know what the corporate rate is or if they give a faculty discount. From my knowledge what Shoppers and Medicine shop have is the basic RxVigilance and I don't know what they would pitch to the faculty but the advanced version which has RxPhotos which is basically a more refined drug ID tool and more thorough RxVigilance is around \$600 a year per person, but again I don't know what the corporate rates are. I think my position would be to just tell the faculty that this is valuable for students and they can take it from there. If there are no issues with me doing that, I think I will go ahead with it.
- i. Anthony - I don't see any issues and again it i how you would navigate it but I think bringing it to their attention that we know RxFiles had a huge cost increase but it was a valuable resource students used and we've had that taken away so so here is an alternative and that it is something they can investigate. The last thing to mention is that CAPSI did a poll nationally for what there is for Indigenous students at each school, whether that be reserved entry spots, scholarships, bursaries, etc. So just a heads up that Student Services might get an email on this issue that will basically compare Alberta to the other provinces. I have very limited information because it is very unclear and that's part of the issue; if I'm an Indigenous student and I want to look on the faculty website to see what support I have, it is very unclear about what I can access. The letter will come from a soft place, basically asking what do you already have in place and what are you planning to do in the future?
- j. Ayush - CAPSI did a poll nationally for what their is for indigenous students at each school



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7. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. SU Update - Navjot (2 min)
 1. Navjot - I had got back to David and asked him what happened with the joint calls. Unfortunately, the joint call to standardize course workload didn't have enough faculty associations signed on so it didn't move any further. The second joint call that we did not sign had enough support and they were able to push that forward so it will be going to formal discussion at GFC next week on Monday so it will be pushing for the removal of proctoring, workloads, and equitable access to course materials. I know that Dr. Sanghera had asked about this so I will loop around and share the same information with her. If there are any other updates from COFA I will share them as well.
 - b. PAM Sponsorship - Jared (2 min)
 1. Jared - Last week Ayush and I met with ACP to discuss with them about what they were looking to sponsor for PAM this year. A couple things that we discussed were that they seem to be supportive of the inclusivity buttons and definitely saw some value in that. One of the other things that was kind of surprising to us is that they brought up that they would be sponsoring a speaker for this upcoming year. I know Ayush kind of brought it up at the beginning focusing around the role of the pharmacists so I know when we were talking about PAM there's a couple topics but something like burnout is what we are looking at and we will bring that up to them. We also did recommend that for their Lunch and Learn they might want something with Greg Eberhart on virtual care in the pharmacy world, and that seemed like something they were really interested in too. The only other thing to bring up is a meeting with the RxA on Wednesday with Ali to talk about the Amazon gift card idea again and kind of what they were doing in PAM and to see if they are interested in anything. Do any of you have any other sponsorship ideas that we can bring forward to Ali?
 2. Ayush - I forgot to mention that Ali already knows about the PAM prize idea already so if you bring it up it shouldn't be a surprise to him. The other thing I wanted to add was that for Blue and Gold, I know it is an event for students but could we extend the invitation to the RxA board for at least the improv show? I know they've invited us to things in the past and they've been very involved in trying a lot of things this year.
 3. Leah - I think they would already be invited as a sponsor but Jared can confirm that.
 4. Jared - I've already extended the invitation because they are sponsoring a couple of awards, so the sponsor of the awards are going to be invited.
 5. Leah - Don't confirm it as improv comedy or anything yet because we are still in discussions about that and it is not approved yet but whatever the format of Blue and Gold they would be invited.
 6. Anthony - We have a meeting Wednesday to discuss the improv idea with the faculty and see if they will pay a little extra for it.
 - c. BPSA - Anthony (2 min)
 1. Anthony - I know I brought it up at the first exec meeting of the semester that Tobi and some other students were in the process of getting the BPSA officially recognized as a student group and she emailed me on January 11th saying that the BPSA is now approved and is officially recognized. I asked if she would be willing to join us at our general council meeting next Monday the 25th to introduce the BPSA, talk about some initiatives they have planned and how we can collaborate with



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them and she is totally on board for that. I just wanted to let everyone know that I'll be reaching out to her to get an agenda item and any supporting documents and I will pass those along to Megan and we can expect a presentation from them next Monday. BPSA aside, the RxA is planning an advocacy leaders event similar to what they held last year at the Rocky Mountain Ice House. They are planning something virtually and the date set is February 23rd. I don't have all the details yet but I am sure we will get more information as it gets closer to the date.

8. Adjournment
 - a. First: Leah Second: Ayush