



APSA Executive Council Meeting  
March 1st, 2021 at 14:00  
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1. Call to order (14:03)
2. Roll call (2 min): Megan, Jackie, Ayush, Anthony, Navjot, Leah, Garrett, Eliana, Jarred  
Regrets:
3. Additions to the agenda (1 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: Garrett Second: Leah. **Motion carries**

New Business:

5. LGBTQ+ PhSC - Megan (1 min)
  - a. Megan - So this is the online motion that we voted on for club affiliation and I just need to read it out loud so it is in the meeting minutes.  
**Motion:** BIRT APSA Executive Council approves the affiliation of the LGBTQ+ Pharmacy Student Club for the 2020-2021 academic year.  
First: Megan Second: Garrett. All in favor. None opposed. Anthony abstains. **Motion carries.**
6. Update on Pampa Gift Cards - Leah (2 mins)
  - a. Leah - I wanted to give you a bit of an update, I sent out that email last week to the class of 2020, just asking them if anybody had any issues with us excluding them from getting gift cards that they please contact me, and I gave them until February 28th at 11:59PM and that if I didn't hear back from them, I would assume they are in support of this plan. I didn't hear back from any of them which is good for us. I am going to move on with our original plan of buying 15 additional gift cards from Pampa so that we have 41 in total, which I can then forward to the members of Team Black from last year. Is there anything else you want to know about that? If not I'll move on to my next point.
7. B&G Fashion Show Ideas - Leah (2 mins)
  - a. Leah - I've been brainstorming and trying to think of ways that I can spice this event up and make it fun for both students and faculty. I played with the idea of maybe a best dressed like competition, but then I felt like I don't want people voting on each other's appearances, because that might make people feel bad if they don't get many or any votes or that might not feel inclusive to everyone. So instead, I think that I'm going to move forward with something like a B&G fashion show, where anyone can submit a photo of themselves dressed up for the event and then I will randomly draw for prizes that way. It's just kind of a little incentive to get people excited about the event, maybe a bit of a call to what was in the past where everyone would get dressed up and kind of get fancy. What are your thoughts on this?
  - b. Garrett - I think it is a good idea, I was already planning on getting dressed up just to do it and I think with talking to a lot of other people they were also planning on getting dressed up for it so I think that this is a good way to incentivize and reward people for doing that.
  - c. Jared - I was thinking if you wanted to have some fun with it you could do a what not to wear addition, like the video for lab. So like you kind of do a comedic skit and have people posting pictures of like what you shouldn't wear for lab attire, just a funny little thing. I think it'd be



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kind of fun and have little laughs.

- d. Leah - I thought about doing a segment like that earlier that earlier this year and make Zac play along with me because Zac always gets all dressed up for lab so like maybe we could play around with that. People could submit their what not to wear as well so that could be interesting. I like that idea, I'll have to play with that and the best dressed where everybody who submits photos can be up for a prize and then maybe the what not to wear submission could also win a prize as well. I also thought it'd be fun this way to ask the faculty to who is coming if they want to submit a photo as well. I would make sure that everyone is cool with me posting them to APSA Members Corner so everybody can see what everybody has submitted.
  - e. Anthony - That sounds good. I would caution the what not to wear, and just proceed with that with a bit more hesitancy because that kind of segment would focus on unprofessional attire and being unprofessional and we don't want to cross any boundaries if people can't quite distinguish between what's not appropriate for lab or what's still appropriate for pharmacy school vs. what is not appropriate at all. I do think that the best dressed is good and everyone can submit to you personally and there can just be a random draw that way there is no voting. I also think it could be fun to put together some sort of collage to get people to have fun and be creative with it.
  - f. Leah - That is true on the topic of professionalism, maybe instead of a what not to wear, if I really wanted to do that idea I could have people submit two photos as a before and after photo, to enter into the draw. It would be a transformation type thing from your usual COVID attire to all dressed up for blue and gold which could be fun too. Would that be a better take on it?
  - g. Anthony - I think so, from sweat pants and a sweater to a suit or something. Any other comments around that? Or the risk of unprofessional misconduct?
  - h. Jared - I think that would be a good way to go because then it'd be kind of fun to see the transition. It's appropriate, I'm wearing sweats to wearing a suit or a dress or I'm all dressed up and that'd be fun.
  - i. Navjot - I was just going to add that I feel like if there was anything that did come across your submission that you feel it wasn't appropriate, you'd have the discretion to choose not to share it so I think it's fine.
  - j. Leah - Thanks Navjot.
8. B&G Tiktoks - Leah (2 mins)
- a. Leah - I didn't want to do class performances this year because I felt like that would be a headache for everyone involved and would put a lot of pressure on students to try and plan something virtually and I thought it just sounded awful. SO I wasn't going to do that this year but I was trying to play around with what kind of class competition I could do that was low stress and those kinds of things. I'm currently working with Angel and Mandy because they are the Tik Tok queens and I know nothing about Tik Tok, to kind of put together a competition where classes can submit Tik Toks and we can then morph it all together into a giant video, which can then be played at Blue and Gold. Whichever class submits the most Tik Toks wins the competition wins the competition What do you all think? Any thoughts or suggestions?
  - b. Navjot - I'm just wondering in terms of putting the video together, do you think you have enough of a timeline between now or when that'd be announced, and actually hosting Blue and Gold?
  - c. Leah - Talking to Angel and Mandy we would get the rules solidified for this Friday, and then open it on Friday, that gives people 2 weeks to get their Tik Toks in till March 19, and



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hopefully close it March 19th. That gives us a week until Blue and Gold so that is kind of the timeline that I was thinking. Angel thinks that is enough time for her to put together all the Tik Toks into a video, but it will definitely be a tight timeline. Blue and Gold will have some other pre-recorded content with donors, information, and things like that. So I'll definitely have to be in contact with rapid fire throughout this and kind of see what is feasible and if I have to scrap some things, or we have to make it faster or shorter, I think that is something we can do as well. I reached out to the lab coordinators for the skills lab to ask them if they want to put together some content and they sounded interested. I haven't heard back from them yet But I will send a follow-up email kind of seeing if they're going to do that just so I don't have too much pre-recorded content.

- d. Navjot - Sounds good, I was just asking because I know the fourth years are quite busy with some things so I'm just being cognizant of that but I think 2 weeks sounds like a good timeline.
  - e. Anthony - I think it is a great idea and just if it's feasible, great but just recognizing how busy March is for everyone, and especially for you trying to get everything ready for Blue and Gold, so I don't want you to overwork yourself. But, if Angel and Mandy are happy to help out then great I think it'd be a fun little addition.
  - f. Jackie - SO originally in the MOU's we planned for miscellaneous prizes for Blue and Gold. Are you still planning to have prizes for Blue and Gold?
  - g. Leah - Hopefully, I didn't know that there was money in the MOU for prizes.
  - h. Jackie - We don't have that money anymore because we asked for I think an extra \$500 for Rapid Fire.
  - i. Leah - The prizes that I would be planning, I think I was anticipating it coming out of my social budget which should still have room to do but I won't go crazy. Obviously, they'll be kind of similar prizes to what prizes have been before, so maybe around \$25.00 or something like that.
  - j. Jackie - Sounds good then!
  - k. Anthony - Okay thanks Leah!
9. Vaccine Advocacy Letter Follow Up - Anthony (10 mins)
- Motion: To move In-Camera**  
**First: Megan Second: Jared**
- Motion: To move Out-of-Camera**  
**First: Garrett Second: Jared**
10. Faculty Appreciation - Anthony (5 mins)
- a. Anthony - We briefly spoke at the end of the general council meeting last week and I think we kind of landed on, Ayush if you have other comments, feel free to chime in, but making some sort of template, like a skeleton framework, that people can fill out, put in the faculty members name, they can personalize it a bit, similar to what you would do with an advocacy letter to an MLA and then we would send them. I think we still need to discuss whether we want to keep that amongst the General Council or if we distribute that to the greater student body but it was great to have some suggestions at our last General Council meeting. I really liked Kevin's idea with the video and the Zoom format but Ayush and I agreed that seems a bit too difficult to manage right now, especially knowing how busy March is going to be, and we want to be able to give people the flexibility to show their appreciation when they have time instead of saying we all have to meet for this Zoom meeting at this time. Ayush, did you have any further comments before we open it up?
  - b. Ayush - I guess the only other thought I had was given that March was changed to Pharmacy



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Appreciation Month from awareness, I think we could tag along in that theme and just play along with that. Just realizing that a lot of CPhA's advertisement is about frontline pharmacists, so people working in the community, in hospital, but understanding that academia also has an important role and kind of having that theme in our design, whatever it will be, and sending that out. The only thought was that I don't know how many profs listen to the J&J podcast but if you could do a Q&A episode, where like my high school did this recently, when they went online, where there is the "mean tweets" and you read out a "mean tweet" about a professor but you do it as a nice tweet about a professor. So you'll read out different tweets submitted by students on this podcast and that could be cute. Additionally, it doesn't have to include all professors as you submit whatever professor you want to talk about but that's something you could consider depending on what the podcast looks like but aside from that I didn't have any other thoughts.

- c. Jared - I really like that idea. I think that could be something that could be really fun to do/ We've had a lot of faculty actually reach out over the past few weeks about the podcast, since we have been promoting it on the Alberta Pharmacists United page. So I think another thing we could do, but I don't know if it would be too much work, but we could have specific students if they really want to or are really passionate about a certain prof and have them come on and talk about that. Me and John can do most of them if we wanted to but if there's certain students who would be interested in doing that, I don't think that's very difficult for me and John to set up. The only thing would be do you want us to just write like a nice quote or nice comments about all the professors and then have it or would it be something where it would just be set professors?
  - d. Ayush - Really it would be open to students, they could submit whatever they want, it could be very low stakes. I think it doesn't have to be something too formal or anything like that but I think it would just be a nice addition. Even throughout the month of March, if you wanted to have a couple throughout the month since you have an episode every Sunday, if the professors hear it great, if not that doesn't hurt anybody.
  - e. Anthony - I guess Ayush and I will kind of work behind the scenes and figure out specifics but I just wanted to update everyone about the direction we were heading.
  - f. Navjot - You had asked if you wanted to keep this open to the general student body vs. council, are you still kind of thinking about that as well or do you kind of have your minds made up?
  - g. Anthony - We honestly haven't discussed it yet, my thought process would be if we do create a pretty good template for students and if we're leaving it up to them to just send to the professor or the academic staff member on their own time, I don't see why we couldn't open it up to the student body, with the caveat that we want to make sure every staff member receives at least one email. So maybe you send out an Excel sheet for general council, everyone signs up for one professor or staff member and then from there you can leave it open to the student body. What were your thoughts on that?
  - h. Navjot - I liked what we did last year with opening it up to the students first and then as council, since we work closely with some faculty members that then we could pick up anyone who student's don't sign up for just to give them a bit of variety because I feel like they've heard from some of us continuously throughout the year.
  - i. Leah - I was going to quickly add that I think opening it up to the general student is beneficial because we don't have a lot of 1st year representation but they still might like to thank some of the faculty that they've come into contact with.
  - j. Anthony - Good points everyone, we can work out the details later on.
11. Campus-Wide Smoking Ban - Anthony (10 mins)



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- a. Anthony - This was brought up to General Council at the meeting before reading week. Makboolee was in a GFC meeting and that was on their agenda and she wanted to get our thoughts. So we had a good discussion with General Council and hadn't really heard anything afterwards. Ravina actually reached out to Makboolee and I, on behalf of Dr. Davies, asking if APSA wanted to sign a joint statement with the faculty, essentially, in favor of banning smoking on campus. Ravina, Makboolee, and I met even through Dr. Davies couldn't make the meeting, and we had a good conversation, similar to the conversation we had with General Council, essentially recognizing that it is not as easy as saying let's ban smoking on campus because there is a lot of things that go into that, there is a lot of potential harms that could pose on marginalized groups and there is evidence around that. So we basically told Ravina that for now, let's find out more information. So Makboolee, she reached out to the person who brought the motion forward or whoever is kind of leading that group within GFC, she reached out to them to try to get the specific around the policy so we can kind of look at that a bit further. The general thought process was, if it is kind of an airtight policy that really looks like it is going to prevent any sort of stereotypes or racism or anything like that, then we would be happy to sign on to this document. If it didn't seem super protective in that regard, and if it was just kind of something that the university was doing just as kind of a front, then we probably wouldn't be willing to sign on. We definitely want to discuss this further with General Council and so I just wanted to update you all on that. I believe Dr. Davies' approach was that we are a healthcare faculty, you are health care students and so it is your duty to promote health. I don't disagree with that but I also think, as we discussed in General Council, there are a lot of things that could go wrong with this policy such as okay if you can't smoke where do you go? What is the penalty for smoking? A lot of things need to be considered so does anyone have any thoughts on that?
  - b. Ayush - I was just going to add that I think that I agree with not signing on for now, just because I think that policy might affect marginalized people more, and I don't necessarily know if the Dean has considered that in his thoughts. I agree that, you know, healthcare faculty and all is important but those are important things to consider as well so I'm glad we are not signing it for now.
  - c. Navjot - I was going to say that I think that was a good decision.
  - d. Anthony - It seemed like Ravina kind of was agreeing as well, and I think she was happy to see that is the direction we were going. Next steps is just find out more information, try to obtain that policy document, and go from there.
12. Additions to the Agenda
13. Adjournment (14:40)
- a. **First: Leah Second: Garrett**