



APSA General Council Meeting  
January 10, 2022 17:00

1. Call to order (17:01)
2. Roll call (2 min) Marzena, Alyna, Alyssa, Amandeep, Carolina, Daniel, Diane, Garrett, Ivy, Jared, Jasmine, John, Jonathan, Katie, Mahnoor, Mostafa, Naomi, Nathan, Rachel, Rokhand, Talia, Tegan, Zoria, Ravina
  - a. Regrets: Saad, Molly
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

**Motion:** To approve the agenda  
**First:** Rachel. **Second:** John.
4. Minutes of the last meeting (1 min)

**Motion:** To approve the previous meeting minutes  
**Second:** Rachel. **Second:** Talia.

New Business:

5. Welcome Back Discussion - Garrett (15 mins)
  - a. Garrett: I wanted to open up the floor and have a welcome back discussion. We are starting a new semester and I'm not sure if anyone has any questions or requires any support for the semester in regards to events. I wanted to welcome you all back and I'm happy to see everyone again. I'll open the floor to anyone if they'd like to bring anything up.
  - b. Amandeep: First thing, I wanted to talk about awards. John posted about this today but, to diversify awards, the awards committee had made the decision that any award with two recipients would have one of those awarded to a non-APSA council member. In previous years there was some feedback that APSA awards were given to APSA councillors so hopefully this will give more students an opportunity to win. There are a lot of awards so I encourage you all to apply as the deadline is January 31, 2022. The other thing is that I have a Career Series lunch and learn on Monday.
  - c. John: I am renegotiating the budget with RxA since we are online. If you are thinking of having an event and you need money, please just give me a ballpark estimate by next week. RxA is giving us money but a lot of the money is put towards events that aren't happening anymore or not happening in person. If you need anything you can let me know and I will relay that to Ali.
  - d. Garrett: Lots of people planned for events in person this semester, but as of right now there are no in person events being approved. We will have to wait and see what will happen in the coming weeks, but as of right now there are no in person events. If you want to see other classmates in person, I would recommend joining intramurals as they are still allowed by the university.
  - e. Daniel: I wanted to touch on intramurals since you brought it up. Intramurals are a great way to see your classmates and a huge thank you goes to Ravina. Her and I worked so hard to ensure that intramurals got proper funding. They provided so much support and were very clear that this was a way to engage students in healthy physical activity.
  - f. Diane: PWS is still running so if you need extra people to come to intramurals let me know and I can get some people to come out.
  - g. Rachel: Do you know if spectators are allowed?
  - h. Garrett: They have been saying that there are no spectators allowed.
6. CAPSI National Elections - Rachel (2 mins)
  - a. Rachel: I wanted to let you know that yesterday Katie and I voted on behalf of UofA for the



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elections. The results haven't been released yet but there will be a few positions open for bi-elections. If you are interested in running, you can reach out to Katie or I. The bi-elections will be officially announced in a few days. The positions that will be available are President-Elect, Executive Secretary, CAPSIL Editor, IPSF Liaison, Student Exchange Officer and Webmaster.

7. Faculty Appreciation Event - Rachel/Garrett (5 mins)
  - a. Rachel: Typically, the CAPSI Senior and President organize the event. Last year, they did a video or letters to the faculty members. Before that, they did an in person event with tea and lunch. I wanted to see if you had any ideas of what we could do this year for Faculty Appreciation.
  - b. Garrett: I assume it'll most likely have to be something that will be online. If we could think out of the box that would be great.
  - c. John: Do we have any money allocated to this?
  - d. Rachel: I would have to check in the budget, I'm not sure.
  - e. Jasmine: We could do a video with everyone and provide some thank you messages. This year has been tough since we're back online.
  - f. Garrett: Last year, we made a list of faculty members and allowed students to sign up to make a short video clip for the faculty member.
  - g. Amandeep: Dependent on funding, we got a lot of things in the mail as students and maybe we could do that for the faculty?
  - h. Garrett: I think something small for the faculty would be reasonable.
  - i. Ravina: I wanted to make a comment that the letters were so well received last year. We don't need anything tangible, like an item, but I think a card or a letter goes a long way.
  - j. Diane: Something budget friendly is Zoom. Maybe you could write a script and do a skit with some people. We could send that to them with letters.
  - k. Jonathan: I think that a video would be nice and I would be willing to help out. I can ask the other videographers and let you know.
  - l. Ivy: We could make a thank you presentation and record a video of us presenting it in zoom like a lecture.
  - m. Garrett: So ideas that I'm getting is something that is meaningful and sentimental, like a card or a video thank you.
  - n. Rachel: I think we got some great ideas. Daniel just checked for us and we have \$100 in the budget for this. Garrett and I will discuss and we will probably need a lot of your help to pull this off.
8. APSA Bear - Jasmine (2 mins)
  - a. Jasmine: This is hard because I wanted to give it to everyone and appreciate everyone. I'll be giving it to two people this time. The first person is Amandeep, she's done a lot of work behind the scenes, she's organized the PBL rooms for studying. I think Amandeep really deserves the APSA Bear. I want to also appreciate Daniel as he has done so much behind the scenes work and I want to commend him for organizing the financial literacy event that is happening this month. Thank you both for what you have done!
  - b. Garrett: Congratulations Amandeep and Daniel.
9. Additions to the Agenda
  - a. RxA Event - Garrett (2 mins)
    1. Garrett: I believe you all got an invitation to your email. This event is next Tuesday in the evening from 6:30pm. This is an event for APSA councillors and they sent out the zoom link today. If you didn't get the zoom link today, let me know. They will have Rapid Fire Theatre there and they are pretty fun. After that we hangout for a bit and



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ask the board members some questions and get to know each other. I encourage everyone to get out and come to the event. You can learn a lot about the board members, it is really fun and I enjoyed it last year.

10. Adjournment (17:20)

**Motion:** To adjourn

**First:** Diane. **Second:** Jasmine.