

APSA General Council Meeting March 14, 2022 17:00

1. Call to order (17:02)

2. Roll call (2 min) Marzena, Rachel, Jared, Diane, Rokhand, Zoria, Daniel, Katie, Ivy, Mahnoor, Nathan, Cassidy, Mostafa, Jasmine, Alyssa, Naomi, Tegan, Alyna, Carolina, Talia, Amandeep, Molly, Jonathan, Bojana, Garrett, Kallie, Saad, John

a. Regrets:

3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

Motion: To approve the agenda First: Amandeep. Second: Diane.

4. Minutes of the last meeting (1 min)

Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes

First: Alyssa. Second: Talia.

New Business:

5. ETI Updates - Garrett (5 mins)

- a. Garrett: The SU informed me that the government has approved the exceptional tuition increases for the upcoming year. The tuition will increase for the Class of 2026 and ongoing. This has been going on for quite some time. What we are doing now is that I will be meeting with the SU and they will be discussing things around that and I will meet with Bojana to give her more information on the matter. I don't have too much information other than that it was approved. Does anyone have any questions or comments?
- b. Nathan: I don't know much about it either but I am aware that the UASU was able to obtain a fair number of documents to do a postmortem of this. The whole ETI process was fairly rushed and the first iteration had a lot of issues. A lot of this will be discussed at my meeting tomorrow and I will be able to share that with you and whoever is interested. I had a question about how implementation would look like from a faculty level?
- c. Garrett: I haven't had those conversations with faculty yet but maybe I can do that at our weekly faculty meeting or at a meeting with Christine Hughes. All I know is that the SU is considering legal actions and they want to meet with every faculty. They've asked me about it before but I told them I don't want them to be suing anyone on our behalf but things can change in the future.
- d. Nathan: I don't disagree with that. There is reason for other faculties to feel that way since there is evidence that supports an undemocratic and unfair process that took place. We didn't obtain any additional information or documentation on how things played out with our faculty. I think that is what they will want to talk about but I don't think we will explore the avenue of legal action at least with regards to how our consultation process went.
- e. Garrett: I agree. After talking to other faculties, our faculty took the most robust approach in terms of student consultation and considered student perspectives. I do see the value in it for other faculties, but I think our faculty covered all the bases.
- 6. Medicine and Pharmacy: Equity Diversity and Inclusion Diane (5 mins)
 - a. Diane: I wanted to use my year to promote EDI in these semesters. I was able to put together an event and I hope that many councillors can attend and spread awareness about this event. There are a lot of guest speakers coming in. I will go through the event and let you know what is going on. The event will happen on March 21 at 5-7pm. I wanted to thank my collaborators for helping me find speakers and sponsors. Essentially, this event is to promote EDI in pharmacy practices. Guest speakers will focus on practices through the EDI lens. It will be kind of like independent night, where there is a panel of speakers. 15 minutes will be



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allotted to each speaker and I have already released the event on APSA. At the end, there will be 15 minutes, if you feel like you didn't interact with someone as much as you wanted. It will be done using the Zoom breakout rooms. The sign up is on the Facebook page and I encourage you to mix up your groups to get to know others. If you can sign up with others, that would be great. We will have a variety of different speakers: Dr. Dylan Moulton, Dr. Betty Dube, Dr. Gezina Baehr, two RxA board members and Dr. Christine Hughes. It'll be a great way to network and get to know different types of practices. There will be free stuff given away, 2 gift cards and three swag packs from RxA. EDI is a newer topic and this is a great opportunity for us to engage ourselves and serve our community of diverse people. I hope to see you all there! Does anyone have any questions?

- b. Carolina: I had a comment in general about events. I was on Facebook today and I found that there are a lot of events going on and they aren't tagged to the APSA page. Sometimes I will see them just come up on my homepage which makes it hard to keep track. Super excited for your event.
- c. Diane: This event is linked through the APSA page, but for other councillors, I would suggest doing the same!
- d. Rachel: To comment on what Carolina said, with all the PAM events, we do weekly posts about all the events.
- e. Molly: I try to tag the Facebook pages in my weekly email for all events as well! So maybe other class representatives can do that too to help keep it organized?

7. APSA Bear - Marzena (2 mins)

- a. Marzena: I just wanted to thank you guys for giving me the APSA bear last week, I really appreciate it. I don't think it is a surprise that this week I wanted to pass the APSA bear to Jared for all of his work with Blue and Gold. I don't want to undermine Daniel and John for all the work they have been doing, but they have already gotten the APSA bear before, so it is Jared's turn. Thanks again Jared for all your hard work!
- b. Jared: Thank you, I really appreciate it. I couldn't have pulled this off without Daniel and John and the help of my social committee.

8. Additions to the Agenda

- a. Blue and Gold Update Jared (2 mins)
 - 1. Jared: I just had a few quick things to update, but they were included in the Facebook post. With the mask mandate being lifted at the University and in the City, I reached out to Anjela to ask what they are doing for White Coat Ceremony and they will just be encouraging people to wear masks, so we will do the same for Blue and Gold. The other thing I wanted to mention is that the faculty will cover the funding for the Halal options. Hopefully we will be able to accommodate the food preferences, vegan and vegetarian as well. The last thing is that the first 300 people to purchase a ticket will get one free drink ticket. Ticket sales close on Thursday at 11pm.
 - 2. Garrett: Thank you Jared, it sounds like you have been up to a lot! We're all looking forward to it. With that being said, I think that this is our final general council meeting of the year. We have our AGM next week, so everyone will still come to that. I wanted to thank you all for the amazing year, you have all done incredible work this year. I am pleased that I got to work with all of you and have such an amazing council.

9. Adjournment (17:20)

Motion: To adjourn



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First: Alyssa. Second: Amandeep.