



APSA General Council Meeting
October 18, 2021 17:00

1. Call to order (5:01)
2. Roll call (2 min) Marzena, Talia, Garrett, Alyssa, Amandeep, Rachel, Mahnoor, Jasmine, Jared, Naomi, Tegan, Zoria, John, Mostafa, Alyna, Ivy, Katie, Jonathan, Nathan, Rokhand, Daniel, Saad, Diane, Rokhand, Molly, Carolina
 - a. Regrets:
 - b. Guests: Raymond
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

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

Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes
First: Katie. **Second:** Daniel.

New Business:

5. Unfilled APSA Positions - Garrett (10 mins)
 - a. Garrett: We had our most recent bi-elections and only one position was filled for the Grad Committee Co-Chair. The other positions that weren't filled were Social Media Director and Yearbook Editors. If those positions are not filled, I have to appoint council members to those positions. For yearbook editors, we may look around in our class and see if anyone is interested, but we will wait until after midterms. Social Media Director is a position that needs to be filled as it is a valuable position. We brainstormed at our executive meeting and discussed the possibility of splitting the role between all of the council. There would be one person that would moderate the account and then if anyone needed to post something, they would go to that person to get the password and post their story. That one person could make general posts as well. I would like to think about your input as well on this idea.
 - b. Marzena: I wanted to mention that if anyone is interested in the role, you are able to take on on your own but otherwise we can consider splitting the role.
 - c. Alyssa: With our wellness challenges, whoever was posting the story would just log in and make a post. The idea of sharing it is a good idea. Whoever has an event can go on and post and then it isn't more work for one person.
 - d. Garrett: I think that we can leave it for now and then create a concrete plan by the next general council meeting. Does anyone have any more discussion points?
6. AGLC Update - Garrett (5 mins)
 - a. Garrett: Daniel has been working with AGLC and we need to continue submitting to AGLC. ... The process is pretty straightforward but there are a few things you need to know when submitting. AGLC licenses are required if doing any sports fantasy pools, 50/50s and raffles. Those events need to be submitted to BearsDen as well. If you are needing access to the AGLC account, let myself or Daniel know. If you need help with the license, Jasmine and I will be able to help you since we have done it. Once you have your event, it is really important that you fill out your financial data.
7. BPSA Representative - Garrett (5 mins)
 - a. Garrett: Over the summer I met with Tobi, the president of the BPSA and we discussed the possibility of having a BPSA representative on the APSA council to liaison between the organizations and help foster collaboration. We have been in touch and Raymond is here today as he was decided to be the liaison.
 - b. Marzena: Raymond will be a standing guest at our meetings so we will make a motion for



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that. He will be representing BPSA and sitting in on meetings. He will not have a vote in the meetings as he is a guest. If we end up adding a BPSA Representative to the Constitution for next year, then there will be a separate process for that.

Motion: BIRT APSA General Council approves Raymond Otieno as a standing guest to represent BPSA at APSA General Council Meetings for the 2021-2022 school year.

First: Amandeep. **Second:** Alyssa. **All in favour. None opposed. Garrett abstains. Motion carries.**

8. Clothing/Food Drive - Rachel (5 mins)
 - a. Rachel: I had a member of last year's Race Against Racism committee message me. They wanted to start a clothing/food drive in the winter for marginalized communities. I wanted to see if any of you had any ideas or if they should reach out to a member of council to get help with that?
 - b. Amandeep: Was Race Against Racism a club or committee?
 - c. Rachel: It was an ad-hoc committee last year. We don't have it this year.
 - d. Diane: SAF-Pharm was trying to deliver a food drive but it didn't go as planned because we couldn't get approval. I signed up with the Food Bank to get notifications but we wanted to push it to the winter to get more engagement from students. I can loop you in later on if you are interested, Rachel.
9. APSA Bear
 - a. Rachel: I wanted to pass the APSA Bear to Diane. I wanted to recognize you for all your involvement in the Run for the Cure and that you cut your hair off for the fundraiser. You've also been very involved in meetings and other initiatives throughout the year.
 - b. Diane: Thank you so much Rachel. I appreciate it and all of the councillors who have supported me. I look forward to working with all of you once again this year.
10. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Lunch and Learn Update - Garrett (5 mins)
 1. Garrett: We have been talking with faculty and the executive council about this. We have seen a drastic decline in attendance over the last two years. In person lunch and learns were always well attended but when we went online we anticipated that they would decrease. We would get around 20-40 people at most lunch and learns but we didn't anticipate a larger decrease in attendance this year. We have been seeing fewer students attending and we attribute that to people being on campus not wanting to be at online events. We discussed this with the executive council and faculty as they were seeing similar outcomes with their events and we came to the consensus to hold off on having so many lunch and learns until the winter semester. Hopefully then we can have them in person again. Student Group Services are reevaluating events and the in person event guidelines mid-November. With that being said, if you have lunch and learns that you want to do in the coming weeks and months, you don't need to cancel them. If things can be moved to the winter, that would be great.
 2. Rachel: If anyone is planning to move a lunch and learn to next winter in March, please let me or Jasmine know so that we aren't double booking events during PAM.
 3. Garrett: Yes, PAM is very busy so we definitely don't want to over book that month.
 - a. Indigenous Studies Requirement Update - Amandeep (5 mins)
 4. Amandeep: Faculty has been considering making the Indigenous course a requirement, likely a requirement for the Class of 2023 and then make incoming classes have it done before the first day. I asked Dr. Hall but they haven't discussed it, but if we have to complete it for the Class of 2023, they will give us sufficient time



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to complete it. I do know a lot of students have been taking it as their elective. The faculty also discussed it in their meeting and members were on board and want faculty members to take the course too. I think it will come into place at some point.

5. Carolina: For those who took it as an elective, will it still count as an elective once it becomes mandatory?
 6. Amandeep: It will still be an elective because the course that is offered as an elective is a 3-credit course. The other version is a 1 or 2 credit course. You will be able to fulfill your elective and this faculty requirement.
- b. Budget Update - Daniel (2 mins)
1. Daniel: I just wanted to make a budget proposal for Amandeep's lunch and learns.
Motion: BIRT APSA approves an increase in the budget for VP Academic by \$300 to accommodate for lunch and learns.
First: Daniel. **Second:** Carolina.

11. Adjournment (5:24)

- Motion:** To adjourn
First: Amandeep. **Second:** Rachel.