

First Year Class Representative (Nicholas Ramsundar) Report Fall 2019

Throughout the Semester:

- Attend biweekly APSA General Council meetings
- Regularly update the first year Google Calendar with assignment due dates and upcoming events
- Send out weekly emails to the class, keeping the class informed on what is happening with the faculty and within APSA
- Assist our Social Representative in planning various events
- Attend biweekly office hours, 8-9am every second Wednesday
- Respond to any questions/concerns first year students have and relay these concerns to the faculty
- Regularly check in with as many first year students as I can to ensure that their mental health is okay
- Be open to having conversations with any of the first year students regarding how they feel about the program and help them if they are struggling
- Attend biweekly Curriculum Council meetings, discussing what changes can be made to the PharmD curriculum, specifically regarding first year courses and upcoming elective courses
- Regularly make public announcements in front of the class, telling them about specific events happening in the corresponding week
- Inform the first year class about any lunch-and-learns, or any other events held by APSA members
- Address others concerns about the professionalism of the first year class

September:

- Organized CPR training for the class
- Created a Google Calendar for assignments and due dates. I made it open for anyone in the class to add/edit. This helps to keep everyone in the class up-to date with events, and ensures they don't fall behind on assignments
- Addressed a technology issue with our medicinal chemistry course that impacted how assignments were given to the class

October:

- Helped to organize getting custom embroidered backpacks for the class
- Helped organized a class Halloween party
- Addressed a major concern about our skills lab course that involved an unfair distribution of lab facilitator feedback to students
- Assisted the Faculty at the UofA open house

November:

- Conducted mid-semester reviews, which directly got the first-year
- student's opinions about individual classes and the PharmD program as a whole. Once completed, I took these reviews to the faculty
- Addressed professionalism concerns that was brought up to me by other classmates, and by people outside of the class
- Collected information about BYOD examination

December:

- Created a Google Drive for the class to post pictures in from our various events. This acts as a common place for everyone's pictures from events within the faculty that can be used in the future for the creation of yearbooks.

January:

- Addressed issue with course scheduling regarding Pharm 202 seminar
- Starting in January, and through the semester, dealt with issues regarding Pharm 243 and quality of education the students were receiving.
- Put together a Social Committee for the Class of 2023 to help plan different Social events for the class.
- Made a 2023 Blue and Gold Committee and took the lead in the committee.
- Sat on the Student Wide B&G committee and attended bi-weekly meetings

February:

- Conducted the second set of Mid-Semester Reviews for the Winter Term classes

March – April:

- Helped with ASPA elections by acting as a timekeeper and arranging times for candidates to speak to the class.
- COVID Madness Hit... What a time.
 - Kept the class up-to date as to how courses were being taught, which were synchronous, and which were not.
 - As the pandemic developed, I would always update the class on latest available information as soon as I was aware.
 - Constantly communicated with a variety of professors to make sure the entire of their content was taught to the class.
 - Put together weekly class schedules for everyone despite all learning from home. These schedules were then sent out in the weekly email.
 - Dealt with a variety of concerns regarding how exams would take place, weighting of assignments, how classes were being carried forward, and the mental health of some students during the pandemic. Brought all of these concerns up to APSA for further discussions.