



APSA General Council Changeover Meeting
September 4, 2018 at 17:00
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1. Call to order (17:00)
2. Roll call (2 min) - 23 present: Lynnea, Mark, Preston, John, Jes, Sean Hanson, Jordan, Jenn, Kristen, Sean Larade, Gezina, Morgan, Lawrence, Troy, Thomas, Miray, Anthony, Kevin, Lily, Trina, Jyoti, Marvin, Maddie, Ravina, Dallyce, Akanksha
 - a. Regrets: Amy
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

Motion: To approve the agenda
First: Jenn Second: John
4. Review last meeting's minutes (1 min)

Motion: To approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes
First: Jenn Second: Angela

New Business:

5. Introductions - Jes (5 min)
 - a. APSA members introduce themselves. SU VP Academic rep Akanksha also here.
6. Faculty MMF Agreement - Dallyce and Ravina (15 min)
 - a. Jes: Financial negotiations with the faculty that happened over the summer.
 - b. Ravina: Goal as assistant dean is to ensure APSA is funded and sustainable. We want a process to negotiate requests throughout the year. Tight budget climate - 4% cuts - faculty had \$22,000 cut last year - had to lay off 4 people this summer. Additional cutbacks are going to be happening. Tight budget climate but still want to make sure students are supported. Here is a document with a summary of requests APSA made.
 - c. Dallyce: What has been added to the faculty this year to add to the student experience. Skills, equipment, APSA lounge work, electrical in APSA lounge, new compounding lab, better Wifi in PBL rooms, expanded Student Services team, student summerships, on-call psychiatrist, renovations of 6 bathrooms, hiring of qualified staff. Snapshot of 2017/18 - where faculty funded APSA last year (\$62,018.66). Commit to this year 2018/19: \$41,539. Worked together with Jes and Preston to decide where funding will go. Faculty willing to fund and host additional PAM activities on their own in addition to \$1000 allocated to it for APSA.
 1. Mark: PAM stuff. Cut from \$4000 to \$1000.
 2. Ravina: Where did all the money from PAM come from previously? Fundraising? Cost sharing? What does PAM cost?
 3. Preston: Cost \$3400 last year. APSA isn't pouring money into these things, it's usually faculty money. Committee puts in 300 hours in man power.
 4. Sean: Number of events that have been where faculty has fully contributed but others APSA has funded solely. APSA is open to cost-sharing though.
 5. Ravina: We want to cut back on what to offer so we have funds for everything. Where can we get more cost sharing?
 6. Mark: Historically, not really any fundraising or cost sharing. We should keep in contact to plan PAM with faculty.
 7. Ravina: We want to help you find sponsors. For example, my clinic can help sponsor something. This can be discouraging but we need to make APSA sustainable.



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8. Jes: We get money through APSA Memberships but we are a non profit organization so we don't make money.
9. Ravina: Have you thought about having an endowment or investment so APSA is sustainable?
10. Jes: This would start making money but as a non-profit we can't make money.
11. Akanksha: Funding to PAM decreased \$3000 and asking for sponsorships may not be sustainable.
12. Ravina: \$4000 funding to PAM from faculty was not sustainable.
13. Sean: In terms of alumni, we are not seeing where increased alumni interest is. We have lost all sponsorship.
14. Ravina: Instead of giving another scholarship, ask alumni to give endowment. I don't want any more GPA scholarships - it's the same people getting money every year. Ask the sponsors of scholarships to sponsor something else. This has been brought up to Candace Necyk as well. Today we got \$900 from alumni for the hockey game. I think alumni donors are sustainable if they set up endowments.
15. Akanksha: Right now it's hearsay, we don't know if we have alumni sponsorship. Cutting PAM 3000 dollars is excessive without extra sponsorship.
16. Jes: We start committee involvement in the first month of school. How can committees plan without a guaranteed fund? How is he supposed to plan for the next 3 months?
17. Ravina: Maybe this cut was too extreme. Maybe we need more discussion about this. This decision was made by Academic Executive Council.
18. Akanksha: Are there students on this committee?
19. Ravina: No.
- d. Dallyce: Blue and Gold, faculty will commit to purchase 20 tickets.
 1. Ravina: I know that's low.
 2. Jenn: Last year we had \$5000 from faculty and it wasn't to cover tickets.
 3. Jes: Students spend months preparing for this event. Is it worth it to have 60 students at this event who put hours of work into it if they don't have the budget for it?
 4. Sean: typically costs \$30,000. Funded by ticket sales. No sponsors.
 5. Ravina: We need sponsors. We need them to see the value in sponsoring it. I am concerned that you're not getting sponsors. That's how much of our faculty events are funded.
 6. Preston: This kind of speaks to the climate in pharmacy right now. No sponsors.
 7. Madellyn: Where is market modifier being put? Can we see where it's being put to use?
 8. Ravina: All the money is put to students. I'm happy to share as much info as you want.
 9. Akanksha: Cuts are 4% this year, 2.5% next year then another 2.5% the next so total of 9%. APSA signed into MMF that there would be transparency in the budget. Because there are not students at executive academic council, there is no student at the table and this is already going against the agreement.
 10. Jes: if we were at the table, students wouldn't necessarily agree with what was put forward by faculty. Faculty is deciding what students want without student input. Students know best what is needed for students but we don't have any leverage for any financial negotiations. MMF is being spent on whatever faculty thinks is best for students without student input, but students are still the ones funding it.



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- Intramurals and wellness is extremely important for students for stress relief yet they are continuously cut each year.
11. Ravina: When we signed that legal document, the MMF, what actually happened?
 12. Akanksha: The old president and old VP finance went into meeting with dean and there hasn't been a follow-up with the letter that we signed. We required that there would be transparency and student consultation.
 13. Ravina: I understood that yes we have a MMF but we don't have to consult the students.
 14. Jes: When it says student betterment, who do you have to answer to and say that it's student betterment?
 15. Sean: You can make anything sound like student betterment.
 16. Ravina: I will do some info gathering re: use of MMF.
 17. Jes: The bottom line is that it's frustrating that faculty is deciding what is important for students without even consulting students. We are seeing money being spent on things that aren't necessarily important for students, and cuts being made from things that are important, for example, adding the extra projector in the MSB rooms.
 18. Sean: Thank you to both of you for the professionalism and respect. That being said, I'm surprised we've reached the point that the faculty has split up the number on their own rather than consulting us. For example, the PDW reimbursement may as well be 0 because that does not help at all. The allocation just seems kind of random.
 19. Ravina: There can be discussion on allocation. The funding amount is set but allocation can be discussed. I like the idea that students should be at the table. We have another EAC coming up in October, we can put in student suggestions into this. This is still a work in progress.
 20. Jes: I want budget decisions to be made collectively as students.
- e. Ravina: Wellness: it's not that we are not supporting wellness. Faculty will still fund things for students ie tampons in the lounge. Service animals, fruits during exams. Right now 0 but will build it into our own budget. John, come to us with ideas.
1. Akanksha: I think this budget doesn't reflect what APSA students want. This is due to the fundamental issue of not having students at the table.
 2. Ravina: It's come a long way. A year ago, it was way worse. We are moving towards our goal.
 3. Sean: The problem isn't doing it with the 2 of your because we trust you. But in a few years if you leave, how can this be sustainable.
 4. Ravina: We don't have a true sustainable plan yet but we are working on it.
 5. Mark: Every year we have a handover document. With this budget in mind, is it possible that we are transparent with budget with what we spent money on so that we can provide it to you next year so you have a better understanding of where money is going.
 1. Akanksha: We delegate audits to FAMF (?) so why should the faculty need to see all the books.
 2. Ravina: I understand it that if we are giving the money, we should be able to see exactly where the money is going.
 3. Jes: I know that you personally haven't asked for our books, Ravina, but I know that not showing our books is a reason why we haven't gotten very far in financial negotiations with the faculty. APSA has never asked to see



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your finances. You should give students a complete breakdown of MMF dollar by dollar. We would probably have a lot of angry students when they see it.

- f. Ravina: Let's go back and forth for the PAM things and student services and we can revise. We propose at a minimum what was spent last year. I'm taking this as an opportunity to bring it up for the next time it needs revision.
 - g. Akanksha: At the end of the day, this budget is not what APSA wants. APSA needs to have say in revision of the budget. Going forward, what are the steps for the budget.
 - h. Ravina: We need to be conscious of the fact that we are trying to balance budget. We will hear your proposed revisions. I will bring up idea of bringing in APSA advocates to the next EAC.
 - i. Ravina: Emergency or discretionary funds: if any issues with any students. We will fight for it.
 1. Jes: This was because we couldn't get the rural bursary funding when some students are paying double rent or going hungry.

Preston: Just so I'm clear, you are saying to take that \$41,000 the faculty has budgeted for us and redistribute it as APSA sees fit line by line.

Ravina: Yes. We can reallocate things.

Akanksha: To summarize, APSA wants 3 things overall: APSA wants a seat at the table (at EAC meetings when discussing budget). APSA wants control over how funds are allocated. Require more transparency with MMF spending. We need to move towards a model where we manage our own finances where the faculty trusts the association.
7. Orientation Review - Ravina and Jenn (10 min)
 - a. Ravina: They enjoyed your energy and we will share data just with you.
 - b. Jenn: Thank you to everyone who helped out.
 8. Run For The Cure Update - Mark (1 min)
 - a. Mark: RFTC team looking thin. Councillors and officers should start to sign up to set an example. Link is on APSA Members' Corner so please sign up.
 9. APSA Partnerships (Oil Kings, Bru Coffeehouse) - John (10 min)
 - a. John: We can talk about this next meeting.
 10. Past Yearbook distribution and Publications Committee - Lawrence (5 min)
 - a. Lawrence: Not many people applied for APSA Photographers this year. I would like to just select people. If you need a photographer for a specific event, let me know ahead of time.
 - b. Jes: We will open it up in by-elections again. We will simplify application process and fill the positions we have had trouble getting filled. Talk to Alex about this.
 11. Office hours and Housekeeping - Lynnea (5 min)
 - a. Lynnea: Office hours are mandatory for councillors. Everyone should have gotten a google calendar invite from me and office hours are only biweekly.
 - b. I will be compiling a document of what to do in office hours and processes to follow so please send me a "how to" thing if you expect people to be coming to office hours for part of your position.
 - c. Reimbursement form has been pinned to our Councillors facebook page so use that in a timely fashion.



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12. Class hours, Accreditation, and November Break for the 2019/20 year and onward - Kristen and Ravina (10 min)
 - a. **Motion:** *BIRT that we go in camera for this discussion.*
First: Mark Second: John
All in favour, no opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.
Motion to move out of camera
First: Mark Second: Marvin. Motion carried.
13. Blacklist for APSA Events - John (10 min)
 - a. John: We can talk about this at next meeting.
14. APSA Bear (1 min)
 - a. Preston: We haven't done too much this year but judging from enthusiasm from this person, Gezina you have been putting a lot of work into community education over the summer and I look forward to seeing what is to come.
15. Adjournment (18:40)
First: Sean.