



APSA General Council Meeting
October 29, 2018 at 17:00
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1. Call to order (17:06)
2. Roll call (2 min) - Jes, Lynnea, John, Jordan, Jenn, Lawrence, Troy, Preston, Gezina, Lily, Monica, Marvin, Anthony, Kevin, Thomas, Teresa, Maddie, Trina
 - a. Regrets: Mark, Miray, Morgan, Kristen, Sean, Amy, Jyoti
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

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

Motion: To approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes
First: Anthony Second: John

New Business:

5. Financial Update - Jes (2 min)
 - a. Jes: The last time we spoke, we showed a proposal for the faculty regarding the reallocation of money they said they would give us. The faculty did approve that! Preston and I have a meeting on Wednesday to sign MOU which is a contract by which the funding is set in place so they can't take back the funding. This is good because we will have confirmed funding for our events.
6. Fall Break Removal Update - Jes (8 min)
 - a. <https://goo.gl/XC9P6g>
 - b. Jes: This topic has been posted on APSA Members' Corner on Facebook and has been floating around the faculty for a bit now. APSA Executive Council has been working on this for about a month. There was a proposal that was submitted - APSA found out about this from the SU, not the faculty - that had incorrect statements regarding student support with the removal of fall break. APSA wasn't going to get involved but the faculty had an oversight so decided to NOT remove fall break for current BSc and PBS streams, but they are planning on removing fall break for the entry level PharmD stream. We sent out a survey to the first years regarding the removal of fall break and the effect of this on their mental health. When faculty started planning for entry level PharmD, it was back in 2010 when fall break wasn't a thing, so they didn't really account for it. Overwhelming response from the class of 2022 (who the removal of fall break would affect) was that the removal would have a detrimental effect on their mental health, and majority of students would prefer to start one week early.
 - c. John: also let's note that there was a 120 person response out of 130 students, which is >90% response rate. This is obviously an issue the class is passionate about.
 - d. Marvin: I get that they don't want to do a week early for the next year due to professor burnout with the PBS stream. What about the year after, we can start a week earlier (because PBS will be in 4th year on rotations and the rest of classes will all be PharmD stream).
 - e. Jes: Good point, I know there could be burnout from professors, but that also supports the argument that there will be burnout from students with the removal of the break.
 - f. Jes: Back to the survey. SU consolidated this data for us to give to the faculty. Students would rather double up on lecture time (they did that this year too to compensate for fall break) so they would rather continue to do this. Implementing long weekends in lieu of fall break as a



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strategy to help reduce burnout - majority of students did not agree or strongly agree that this would be an acceptable way to offset taking away fall break. We also asked about their current mental health support so we can compare in 2-3 years time. This was good - most students agreed or strongly agreed that their mental health was currently well supported. Also asked about interest in practicing in the US. If we added an additional 4 weeks of experiential placement, we can be accredited in the US. Results were across the board.

- g. Jes: Where APSA went with this: I have been in contact with Ken Cor and Ravina. They are part of EAC which is the council that would put forward this proposal and have it approved. Other people sit on this council are Dr. Brocks, Dr. Davies, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Hall, so they are the ones who would be submitted this proposal. They tried to submit it already but had discrepancies (support of students; removal of fall break for all streams vs just entry level Pharm D stream) so they are in the process of trying to re-submit it tonight. APSA is currently asking GFC of SU so we can oppose the proposal. We do not support it because majority of the students don't support it. We want more explanation on it so we don't feel they are negating the students feelings. SU has our backs and plans on supporting APSA through this. We are going to fight hard to try to prevent this from going through. Something does have to be done before next year, but I would like it to be a collaboration of APSA and the first year students with the faculty.
 - h. Jordan: What is faculty's reason for removing fall break as opposed to starting earlier?
 - i. Jes: Due to burnout of profs like what Marvin said and because there are 3 different pharmacy streams right now. Some professors are having to teach 2 different streams of the same class. This is only an issue we will have for the next 2 years.
 - j. Marvin: I think the other argument was that if you start a week earlier, students would have to come a week earlier at the end of August and might have to pay rent for the month of August.
 - k. Jes: It was made clear to the first year class and regardless they overwhelming preferred to start a week earlier. APSA also has let the faculty know that we won't support this unless we can be part of the process going forward and there is a plan in place to reassess these results in 2 years.
 - l. John: What is the ultimate best case scenario?
 - m. Jes: They allow us to bring this forward to GFC and they agree with us and allow students to help rewrite this proposal. It does need to be decided before next year's calendar is put forward so there is a time limit.
7. Student Leaders Summit SU - Jes (3 min)
- a. <https://goo.gl/forms/cHzWslBFtUJGk9Pq1>
 - b. Jes: SU puts this on for all faculty associations, so basically every association on campus that is like APSA. The person who is running this is Akanksha, who has been our go-to person on SU this year. I would really like to show support back from APSA. Fill out the google form to vote on the days that work best for you. Please come out. It will be an interactive learning session. There will be cases and how to mitigate them and working on teams. SU will be telling us what they are doing for us. There is a breakfast bar and a catered lunch!
8. Capital Plan with SU - Jes (5 min)
- a. Jes: Talked about this when meeting with other faculty association presidents. Last year we voted for the addition of paying to use towards revamping Myer Horowitz. Essentially this is SU's feedback on it. The vote did fail by 5% so no fee was implemented. They did a survey to students to see why it didn't pass. The main reason that people didn't vote "yes" because the



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fee was too high. The people didn't care what it was paying for if it was above a certain price. UAlberta currently has \$1 billion in deferred maintenance fees so they still have to pay people for things, which apparently is pretty standard among universities. How can SU sustainably mitigate the threat of deferred maintenance in the long term while being able to survive in the short term? They wanted advice on the best way to mitigate this. The fee structures they are looking at:

1. "Your SUB" fee - fee paid by students on tuition, used for SUB renovations & capital projects.
 2. "Student Spaces" fee - student controlled funds used for non-academic spaces around campus.
- b. Jes: They are going to lower the fee to \$10-12 versus the \$16-20 they originally proposed.
 - c. John: I can see option 1. being better or more direct vs just "throwing" my money away to a more general pot.
 - d. Gezina: I think 2. would be better. If you did one for only SUB, it doesn't really make sense for every student to have to pay for this. I think student spaces would be like the rest of the fees we already pay.
 - e. Preston: This is asking our advice of what they think pharmacy students would vote for right? Given that, I think option 1. Is better because we here have good facilities, so no one is going to vote to revamp ECHA.
 - f. Jes: But do you feel that pharmacy students will vote for this if most people don't use SUB?
 - g. Preston: In that case, I don't think students would vote for either.
9. Pharmacy / Nursing Board Game Night - Lily (10 min)
- a. Lily: I have reached to the VPSL of the Nursing Undergraduate Student Association to implement a board game night next Wednesday. Just wanted to give you guys more information. It will be from 4 - 7 pm on November 7 in ECHA. There will be snacks provided and this is within our budget. Board games will be provided by the VPSL of NUA and there are also board games in the APSA lounge. Students can also bring their own. I was hoping for the class reps to send this information in their weekly emails.
10. Additions to Agenda
- a. Budget for Pharmacy Christian Fellowship - Lawrence (3 min)
 1. Lawrence: PCF is a registered club. I am looking to have a kick-off event and I was wondering if there was funding for food for this.
 2. Jes: There is no budget for clubs unfortunately.
 3. Preston: This year we said we wouldn't approve any funding because of all the budget cuts. There might be a plan about a roll-out in the constitution.
 4. Jes: I know in the constitution that there is no current funding for clubs. Obviously if we had our old funding there could be some. We can discuss it, we just have to go through a vote.
 - b. Book collaboration with APSA - Lawrence (3 min)
 1. Lawrence: My boss published a book, written by Ravina and her husband. My boss wants APSA to collaborate with distribution. It's a really good resource and goes through every health condition and gives evidence for nutrition. I wanted to bring this up now and we can talk about selling it on the APSA store. It's \$12.99 and maybe we could at some point sell it on the APSA store.
 2. Jes: I think you might have a lot of luck if you asked the 4th year class because they didn't get the same nutrition course as we did. I think they would probably use it.



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3. John: We could add it to the APSA Book Sale in January.
 4. Jes: As long as students know it's supplementary and not required.
 - c. Pharmacy Career Fair - Anthony (1 min)
 1. Anthony - this Friday!
 - d. Pumpkin Pie eating contest - John (1 min)
 1. John - next Wednesday.
11. APSA Bear (1 min) - Teresa
- a. I wanted to give it to Anthony because he is organizing the career fair and good for him!
12. Adjournment (17:50)
First: Jenn