



## APSA Annual General Meeting

March 25, 2019 at 17:00

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1. Call to order (17:08)
2. Roll call (2 min): Jes Buhler, Scott Dyer, John Markowsky, Jennifer Pidzarko, Kristen Farrell, Lynnea Schultz, Mark Contreras, Preston Eshenko, Amy McMurdo, Thomas Lai, Miray Aizouki, Troy Richmond, Marvin Chai, Gezina Baehr, Jordan Kelly, Morgan Patrick, Lily Song, Anthony Sudano, Lawrence Woo, Monica Choy, Trina Gartke, Alex Kwan
  - a. Regrets: Kevin Lee
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

**Motion:** To approve the agenda  
*First: Jenn, Second: John. All in favour, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.*
4. Review last meeting's minutes (1 min)

**Motion:** To approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes  
*First: Amy, Second: Lawrence. All in favour, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.*

### New Business:

5. Financial Update - Preston (10 min)
  - a. Accomplishments of 2018/19
    - We completely overhauled the budget this year. Used to have no idea where the money was coming in (ie: from MMF, etc). We got on good terms with Faculty with MMF. I am happy with how negotiations ended up with the MMF, although it took longer than we wanted it to. The Faculty is currently giving us a lump sum of money, and we allocate it where we see it best fit. That is how we will be continuing on. There has been a lot more collaboration with the Faculty.
    - Another positive was that all of the Councillors got to do most of the things they wanted to.
  - b. Where we need to improve
    - Movember is a great cause and for the last couple of years we've had similar problems. There are so many moving parts in that fundraiser, this has to be refined. We overdonated about \$800 from APSA this year. Moving forward, should be refined.
    - We also need to increase communication, especially within Council ie: submitting reimbursements, where the money is coming (from MMF or from APSA). It needs to be clear how much is allocated and where to get it.
  - c. What I will put on VP Finance Mandate
    - Sort out eTransfers, get a credit card, and work with the Faculty a little more.
  - d. Numbers
    - We had a similar thing last year where there was a surplus. But little things still add up between now and the end of the semester. Last year we ended up just above even. It might even be better to report the finances at the summer meeting moving forward, because it may be a more accurate reflection.
    - From faculty, we got approx \$40,000. Faculty funding is directly from MMF that we negotiate with them at beginning of year. Internal/sponsorship is funds that APSA makes ie: through locker sales, member sales. We are short on bringing stuff in but we are also short on spending so far. We will likely spend more of it before the end of the year.
    - Why did we surplus? We always think about surplus as a good thing. But not a great thing if we are making more money than we should. MMF wasn't finalized until November, and we didn't know exactly how much money we would be getting from that. We prepared for the



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worst, and reallocated funds as we could, but hard to make up for lost time (because not finalized until November). SU says we need to have enough in our account to last 1 full year if we didn't have any income for that year. Also surplus because historical events that no one really knew what they were for. Membership was up this year, as well as locker sales, which were over what we budgeted for. There were also 6 lunch & learns that didn't happen.

e. Announcements

- We have a bunch of cheques here to be picked up. I still need to meet with Jenn (B&G) and Lawrence (Yearbook stuff). All election related cheques will be written by our incoming VP Finance.

f. Overall impression

- I just wanted to say thanks to you guys who voted me in last year. I hope every feels satisfied with their funding if you were a Councillor.

g. Questions

- Gezina: Will you still be going to every Councillor before the year and reaching out to see how much money they want and what they will be using it for?
  - Preston: Last year I went to each outgoing and incoming Councillors to see what they spent money on. I don't think it's necessary to be as extensive, but it's a good idea to communicate with each incoming Councillor and seeing what funds they plan on spending.
- Ryan: Is there an indication that the faculty plans to cut APSA's budget further since they will be getting further cuts this year?
  - Preston: Open door right now. We've started the process with the faculty for this year already. It'll be the last thing President and VP Finance do now, because they've already done it for a year and know the ropes of the budget. The incoming people will also be there as of the changeover meeting. The Faculty's fiscal year ends now as well. In our meetings, the Faculty has said that central admin from university has told them to prep for a 7-10% cut. I was happy that they let us know this and for us to keep it in mind and be respectful of it. So we did cut our next year's budget number by about 7%. The MMF: they might be cutting us as APSA, but they are still spending money on student betterment. So they aren't necessarily cutting student funding, but they are spending it on things they believe is student betterment, and less to APSA. That funding isn't in APSA's control.
- Ryan: So we saw on the summary page that we cut the budget quite a bit this year. How much room would you say is there to further cut APSA's budget.
  - Preston: Moving forward, we don't necessarily need to look at cutting, but we do need to look at different revenue sources. We need to continue to build relationships.

6. Update on the Association - Jes (10 min)

- What the heck has APSA been doing for the past year. From my role as President, we started financial negotiations at around this time last year. APSA also had a big role with the class of 2022 this year and the removal of fall break. For all the 2022's in this room, I wanted to thank you because you've been a very involved class this year. Also to the class of 2021, you've been very active in running in this election. Thanks for everyone's participation in things APSA has done. I've been giving out announcements throughout the year. This year, each Councillor and Officer is filling out a report. We will be compiling it into a pdf document and posting it on the website for member viewing, just to keep Councillors accountable and if they achieved their platform points.



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7. Constitution and Policy Manual Changes - Jes (10 min)
  - a. Proposed Constitution changes:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WOLBeJp5-7NO1lBloRPN6dHQfpOwdJT3ZTfuzTmWQ1c/edit?usp=sharing>
    - Shout out to Constitution & Policy committee. We spent a lot of hours on this to ensure that everything in the Constitution aligns with what we are doing. This document has to be voted on by members to approve it.
    - Grammar changes.
    - Defined blacklist to hold students accountable because it has been vague in the past. It is now a concrete list.
    - Added Honorary Membership, so APSA has option to take away this membership if we believe that person should no longer hold that.
    - We took out that all people who are planning events for APSA need Event Organizer Training. For example, we don't believe that someone planning Journal Club in our own space needs this training.
    - Defined when terms would start and change.
    - Invited guests require approval by council. We don't want to be bringing in a lot of external people without invitations, and attendance must be documented in meeting minutes.
    - Councillor reports: holding councillors accountable for what they've done throughout the year.
    - Role specific changes done by person in current role.
    - SHINE Director: We've talked to the last few SHINE Directors, currently Kelly. There unfortunately wasn't a lot from SHINE's end for Kelly to do. We discussed this prior in Council. We felt it reasonable to dissolve the role of SHINE Director. Upon approval of this Constitution, the SHINE Director will no longer be a role but APSA will maintain contact with SHINE if they ever do need volunteers.
    - We made some changes to elections vs appointments. We felt APSA photographers could be elected rather than appointed. The only one out of this list that we kept was CRO, who handles all elections and results and a lot of confidential information. CRO has always been an appointed position but we made it more clear in the Constitution now. People can still apply for the position but it is chosen by Executive Council. Whoever holds the position of CRO isn't eligible to apply for any other positions on APSA because they are able to see everyone's applications etc.
    - We added the caveat that if a position is left unfilled after elections, a person can run for the same position 2 years in a row.
    - Last year APSA created the ability for students to form clubs under APSA. This year it was sad because we didn't really have funding to support these clubs. We rewrote Section 14.1 where we say APSA provides guidance and maybe funding to clubs. Anyone can bring something to council and say this is an initiative we want to fund because we want to support students who have ideas that require funding. Apply to VP Admin who then forwards their application to SU. If the club receives funding, required to submit financial report to APSA.
    - The Constitution changes once a year, at the AGM. There was a caveat in the Constitution that gave council the right to change the Constitution whenever they wanted without approval of members, so we changed that so that members are always required to be let known when there are changes made to the Constitution.
    - **Motion: BIRT** the changes to the Constitution are made as presented. First: Mark, Second: Anthony. All in favour, none opposed, 6 abstentions (Kristen, John, Lynnea, Ryan, Jes, Monica). Motion carried.
8. General Election Results - Alex (20 min)
  - a. Vice President External: Anthony Kapelke
  - b. Vice President Academic: Jadin Chahade
  - c. Vice President Administration: Colleen Flintoft



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- d. Vice President Student Services: Marvin Chai
- e. Vice President Finance: Michael Lu
- f. Vice President Social: Nils Moser
- g. Vice President CAPSI Sr: Jenn Young
- h. Inter-professional Director: Shemanti Barua
- i. Community Education Director: Eliana Kavgadoulis
- j. Recruitment Director: Gurpal Gill
- k. IPSF Representative: Angela Micovic
- l. CAPSI Junior Representative: Ayush Chadha
- m. SAF-Pharm Director: Anna Jutla
- n. CSHP Representative: Mina Nagib
- o. Male Sports Representative: Brayden Stasow
- p. Female Sports Representative: Maddy Lee
- q. 4th Year PBS Class Rep: Emma Bedard
- r. 4th Year BSc Class Rep: Danial Khan
- s. 3rd Year Class Rep: Kurt Weckesser
- t. 2nd Year Class Rep: Navjot Singh
- u. 3rd Year Social Rep: Hanna Kennedy
- v. 2nd Year Social Rep: Ajay Passi
- w. Grad Committee Co-chairs: Dana Wieringa, Sana Awad

### 9. Additions to the Agenda

#### a. Class prize for food bank drive - Trina

- There was a class drive for the class of 2021 who won the prize for the campus food drive, but they decided they wanted to donate it to charity, to food bank or something else.
- Jes: Would we be able to make this decision in the next week?
- Anna: Yes, I'll put up a poll today.
- Jes: Thanks to the class of 2021, that's generous and amazing. And thanks to Trina for all your hard work for promoting it.

### 10. Adjournment (18:04)

First: Jenn.