

APSA General Council Changeover Meeting April 23, 2019 at 12:00 APSA Board Room

- 1. Call to order (12:07)
- 2. Roll call (1 min) Colleen, Jenn, Jadin, Nils, Jes, Anthony, Scott
 - a. Regrets: Michael

New Business:

- 3. Rules of Spending Scott (5 min)
 - a. General spending info
 - Scott: APSA gets money from memberships, sponsorships, and faculty. Sponsors
 may direct their money towards specific events or not. Membership money can be
 directed by APSA, but how it is spent must be voted on and then whoever spent it
 gets reimbursed by APSA.
 - 2. Jes: If it is not in the budget, it needs to go to General Council if it is over \$100 to be voted on, but if it is less the President and VP Finance can discuss and decide.
 - 3. Scott: We are still negotiating with the faculty for money, but when that is done they will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which isn't binding but is an agreement. Once they agree we can share that with everyone. You will be informed of budget from faculty and that money can't be spent on food, unless otherwise approved, or gift cards
 - 4. Jes: Faculty approves what their money is spent on, so if spending outside of MoU, we need to approve it. Faculty will reimburse up to what they approved, but if you don't spend the full amount they approved, then they won't give the full amount.
 - 5. Scott: We are talking about an MoU for a flexfund which can be flexible year to year so if it is not spent, the faculty doesn't cut it just because we didn't spend it.
 - 6. Jes: This gives more room for planning so that if we go over budget because rentals cost more than expected, maybe the flexfund can be applied. If anything comes up during the year that faculty might want to be involved in, we can use flexfund for example club events.
 - 7. Scott: Hopefully this gets approved. Basically just wanted to tell everyone there are rules regarding money and how it's spent.
 - 8. Jes: We should be inviting faculty to all events for which they have provided funding. This year it was often an oversight, so if you are in charge of events and applying for reimbursement, ensure faculty gets invited by sending to Dallyce or Anjela so they can send it to everyone.
 - 9. Scott: The whole point is nothing is in stone yet, but need to have a general awareness so talk to me or Michael when money comes up
 - 10. Jes: Whether emailing faculty or students or other funding sources, CC Michael and Scott so they are in the loop and people get invited and money gets spent as it should and we avoid oversights.
 - 11. Jadin: what about PAM lunch and learns, does APSA pay for those?
 - 12. Jes: Some are partially pre-approved by faculty. Most lunch and learns are sponsored by whoever is coming to put on them. I would like faculty to sponsor some, if we say its educational and involve faculty in putting some on, they might pay for some.
 - 13. Jadin: I had an idea for a lunch and learn with faculty so i just have to ask them?
 - 14. Jes: Yes, they're pretty straight forward for what they will and won't pay for.



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b. Surplus

- 1. Scott: We had a pretty big surplus this year, right?
- 2. Jes: Michael thinks so, but I'm hesitant to say that. DId you sign cheques yet?
- 3 Scott: Yes
- 4. Jes: So, sometimes receipts get submitted later and other things happen so we don't know for sure yet. Michael had an idea of using surplus to buy gifts to give back to APSA members, but what might be smarter is waiting until September so we know what faculty is giving us before spending the surplus in case they pull back. Regardless, that would have to go to council for a vote. It could be put toward blue and gold to make tickets cheaper, or there are many things you could spend it on, depends what students want and how many will be affected.
- 5. Nils: I think we've been battling financially for a for years so I don't want to just spend a surplus right away, so I would say sit on it and use it accordingly.
- 6. Jadin: I agree.
- 7. Jes: We've had trouble financing awards and they were cut this year, so we could recognize more people or make tickets cheaper or make some events free if possible to affect a lot of people.
- 8. Scott: At the end of summer we'll know if we have a surplus and how much. The SU recommends we have a little extra in the bank.
- 9. Jes: Yes they recommend being able to run 1 year without any income (ie approximately 1 yr of budget).
- 10. Scott: I believe we're a little below that. but ballpark pretty good. Anthony and Colleen probably saw at COFA meetings, APSA blows everyone out of the water with how big we are so lets try and stay that way.
- 11. Jenn: What was the event from science that was big and cheap and held on campus?
- 12. Nils: DInwoodie Lounge
- 13. Jes: I don't know if it's big enough to hold us. They don't have seating for lots of people, it's standing tables. May not be practical for Blue and Gold, but we could look into doing some sort of event like career night there as the faculty club has tripled in price in last couple years so we've had to move.
- 4. By-elections Jes

Motion: To move into camera. First Colleen, Second Jenn. **Motion:** To move out of camera. First Jadin, Second Nils.

5. Online Motion Summary

- a. CRO Vote of Confidence **Motion:** BIRT APSA General Council approves the appointment of Lisa Zhang as APSA CRO for the 2019-2020 term. First: Scott Dyer, Second: Jadin Chahade. 21 in favour, no opposed, no absentions. Motion carried.
- 6. Adjournment (12:57)

First: Nils



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