



APSA General Council Meeting
October 7th, 2019 17:00
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1. Call to order (17:01)
2. Roll call (2 min): Scott, Colleen, Sam, Angela, Jenn, Navjot, Gurpal, Matthew, Jadin, Ryan, Nils, Nick, Mina, Michael, Kristil, Anna, Ayush, Anthony, Kurt
 - a. Regrets: Shemanti, Emma, Danial, Jes
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)
Motion: To approve the agenda
First: Anthony Second Ayush
4. Review last meeting's minutes 1 min)
Motion: To approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes
First: Michael Second: Jenn

New Business:

5. Investing APSA's Money (10 min) - Michael
 - a. Michael - Right now we could run APSA for 2 years without funding from the faculty, and the students union recommends to have 1 year operating budget. Scott and I have discussed investing % of it in a GIC with Scotiabank which would generate 2% interest, this way the money is gaining money and not just sitting there and losing money overtime due to inflation of 2-3% per year.
 - b. Jadin - Is the money locked in?
 - c. Michael - We can lock it in for 9 months, and then during changeover meeting I can tell the next VP Finance about the options. And we will keep 1/3 in chequing.
 - d. Ryan - Is there a plan to grow that over time to be more self sufficient?
 - e. Scott - I think because we are a not for profit, we can't have more than \$100 000 in the bank account. I think, we will have to check.
 - f. Michael - We would probably make \$1000 this year. We may be able to negotiate a better rate, but even 2% is good.
 - g. Jenn - If it was locked in in future years, will we make sure it doesn't get locked in until the faculty approved the budget?
 - h. Michael - We will keep enough money out of the GIC so that we would be okay if that happens.
 - i. Ryan - Are we guaranteed to get that lock in period for longer?
 - j. Michael - The longer it's locked in, the more you can get. Yearly lock in is very common. But I think having it open to changeover positions to have a say is important.
 - k. Matthew - Could we split it so some goes in longer and another comes in 9 months?
 - l. Michael - We could, but it makes more sense to only have one account, and then it is open to the next administration changing their mind.
 - m. Mina - It makes sense so that we aren't losing money from inflation.
 - n. Michael - I am meeting with James this Friday and we can get it sorted out.
6. Pampa's/Shared Gift Card (8 min) - Scott
 - a. Scott - There was some criticism about spending money on Council Dinner this year. We've cut the executive meeting and other food spending, but if anyone wants to have a say please do. We are looking at \$2000 if everyone shows up, plus everyone gets a \$25 gift card. It would be cool to use them for a Mint Cup Prize and then dinner almost costs half as much.
 - b. Nils - I think it's a great idea since I've been trying to come up with a prize.



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- c. Jadin - Don't they restrict to one coupon at a time?
 - d. Michael - No, it's just a gift card.
 - e. Ryan - As some of the budget has been cut for food, is there still anything for that?
 - f. Scott - I don't think we will be paying for committee food this year.
 - g. Ryan - Constitution committee meets for a long time, so food is almost necessary to do work properly if you're meeting for 6-8 hours. I would feel better with money going to that instead.
 - h. Scott - We aren't cutting one for the other, just cut one instead of another. But we should get an idea of how many committees had food.
 - i. Jadin - I was under the impression I could provide food for awards committee, but if it's not in the budget then I would provide food regardless.
 - j. Nils - I think I'd prefer one big event together and then buying my own food for meetings.
 - k. Scott - We will have to discuss with committee chairs. I know it is open to criticism, but as a councillor or even an officer in my first year, it made me happy and felt included. So I will accept the criticism.
 - l. Kurt - How have these dinners been received before?
 - m. Scott - It hasn't been criticized, it came up last year that they went over budget and Michael and I didn't want that to happen. There was one councillor who had concerns, but Michael explained to them why and they were okay with it. It seems we are in agreement for donating the gift cards back.
7. Ad-Hoc yearbook committee (2 min) - Colleen on behalf of Lawrence Woo and Vyvian Jiang
- a. Scott - It would have to be appointed because we've had so many by-elections. Lawrence and Vyvian can appoint positions as chairs of the committee.
 - b. Ryan - That is reasonable for them to appoint, but I'd like positions voted on by council.
 - c. Scott - Okay, council will approve the committee they have chosen.
Motion: To allow the creation of an Ad-hoc yearbook committee for the 2019-2020 year headed by Lawrence and Vyvian.
First: Gurpal Second: Ayush. All in favour, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.
8. Additions to the Agenda
- a. Student Accommodation Network (15 min) - Ryan
 1. Ryan - Should the student accommodation network be open to all students or APSA Members only which would require more policing. If it is open to all students, it may be more useful and doesn't exclude the minimal students, and if we police it more people may join but it'll require more work to police it.
 2. Ayush - You can have some sections anyone can access, and others that you need a log-in for. Is that a possibility?
 3. Ryan - That is possible, but I'm not comfortable with any of it being open to the public because of security of where people will be living or travelling.
 4. Mina - Could you make it an eclass course?
 5. Ryan - Potentially but it would have to go through the university and that might not be okay because of the details being shared.
 6. Colleen - It comes back to policing it, the more spread out the information is, the more policing you have to do.
 7. Ryan - So should it be members or non-members? I would want it for everyone, and it's less work.
 8. Scott - I think it's up to you Ryan, I think just APSA members, but I can't ask you to



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- police it.
9. Ryan - Hearing no major objections, I'll probably keep it open.
 10. Nils - Plus this is a good way to get information out to people applying for pharmacy or recently accepted to give them help if that is a viable option.
- b. Run for the Cure Update (2 min) - Jenn and Ayush
1. Ayush - We raised over \$16 000, and the last six years is over \$100 000. The two biggest fundraisers were the escape room and saving second base, so let us know if you want to set that up or anything in the future as Exit Edmonton is willing to do future events.
- c. APSA Bear (Jenn)
1. Jenn - I'm giving it to Ayush for all his hard work with Run for the Cure and I wouldn't have been able to do it without him.
9. Adjournment (17:36)
First: Colleen