



APSA General Council Meeting  
November 18, 2019 17:00  
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1. Call to order (17:01)
2. Roll call (2 min): Scott, Colleen, Sam, Ryan, Jadin, Kristil, Mina, Nils, Kurt, Anna, Navjot, Matthew, Ayush, Jenn, Angela, Nick, Michael, Angel, Eliana, Gurpal, Anthony, Anne
  - a. Regrets: Jes, Danial, Emma, Shemanti, Katina
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

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

**Motion:** To approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes  
First: Ayush Second: Gurpal

New Business:

5. New APSA Awards (8 min) - Jadin
  - a. Jadin - Are there any APSA award ideas? If none now, you can email me later also. Awards committee is meeting Friday so that would be the deadline. We talked about financial aid last time, and there are many bursaries from the faculty with the only requirement being financial aid so we can still look into APSA providing an award for that but I feel comfortable with what the faculty provides.
  - b. Scott - I have something for innovation or new ideas that I can write up.
6. Social Media Update (15 min) - Angel

[Social Media Presentation](#)

  - a. Angel - I made our Instagram a business account so I can see the stats of who is visiting the page and our profile, and I can also add story highlights. We gained 37 followers from the giveaway. I also added a linktree which is a landing page for all of our links such as RxFactor tickets. We still need to get the giveaway winners their RxFactor tickets.
  - b. Anthony - I can pay for them along with the other tickets we are giving to Investors Group and Scotiabank and then submit them all together?
  - c. Scott - That works, we will get them the tickets in advance of the show.
  - d. Anthony - Tamara was one of the winners and already had a ticket so we need to work with that too.
  - e. Scott - We can reimburse her.
  - f. Angel - Someone complained about the fact that you could enter multiple times and that was unfair, what do you think?
  - g. Kristil - I don't think it's unfair because everyone has the option to enter multiple times.
  - h. Kurt - The point is to get APSA Instagram out there so I think it did its job and I don't think it's unfair.
  - i. Angel - A reminder I have a graphics request form if anyone wants me to make graphics or posters for them. Also feel free to message me if you need things, but the form is better for bigger projects. Ideally give me at least 24 hours notice. The form is in the shared Google Drive Folder, and it will be on the Facebook Page. In the future, I want to promote PQ+2, yearbook previews, Awards, PDW, etc. Does anyone going to PDW want to take over the Instagram?
  - j. Ayush - Jenn or myself could do that.



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- k. Angel - I'd also like to have someone from every year do an instagram takeover. Also, Kristil in the past we've done wellness challenges on Instagram that I'd like to do again.
  - l. Kristil - That's usually in January and that would be great.
7. APSA's action plan for budget cuts (10 min) - Scott
- a. Scott - I have a meeting with Dr. Kor and Dr. Davies this week to discuss what to expect as far as tuition hikes in the future, which makes sense as their budget was cut and the tuition freeze was lifted. If the hikes are unreasonable, I will say nothing in the initial meeting and then reach out to ACP and RxA for advise so the burden isn't entirely on students. Right now, I just want to hear them out and what the faculty has to say.
  - b. Ryan - There is a cap on tuition hikes of 7% per year.
  - c. Sam - There is an exception of 10% for specific departments.
  - d. Ryan - There were reports of that but I couldn't find that anywhere specifically.
  - e. Scott - They will bring up that we pay the least in tuition from across the country except Newfoundland. I don't think there's much to do about it, we will hear them out. If tuition goes up, maybe APSA gets more funding next year, who knows.
  - f. Ryan - The most APSA can do is provide information to students so they know what is happening, and inform students on how to reach out to their MLA if they have concerns. One idea is that if student services get cut university wide, APSA could look into providing some of those services internally if needed.
  - g. Jadin - The COFA advocacy group did a survey of students and they are trying to educate faculty on what services students across the university think are the most helpful and the most used.
  - h. Ryan - There is a potential for a cut to student aid over 4 years so it hasn't been announced but it may be seen in the future.
  - i. Scott - I think another idea is if anyone can think of a way for pharmacy students to use their skills to give back to student services, that would be great.
  - j. Ryan - I wonder if we can set up a workshop with the outreach person for RxA to teach people how to advocate for themselves and make change and reach out to MLAs.
  - k. Scott - That is in the works for the future.
  - l. Nils - Thank you for all the time you put in to doing all of this Scott, we really appreciate it.
8. APSA Bear (1 min) - Colleen
- a. Colleen - I'm giving the bear to Sam because she is doing an amazing job getting sponsors and fundraising for APSA!
9. Additions to the Agenda
- a. Joey Ton Lunch and Learn Update (2 min) - Jadin
    - 1. Jadin - Next term I am planning a lunch and learn with Joey Ton on financial literacy, but he also wanted to have other ideas if anyone has ideas or any burning questions you may have that he can try and answer. Email them to me and he will work on addressing them.
  - b. Event Proposal (2 min) - Mina
    - 1. Mina - CSHP Student Committee and I are thinking of putting on a lunch November 27th as "Day in a life of a hospital pharmacist." We are still waiting on the speakers. I will need basic funding for gift cards for speakers, about \$15-20 each for 4 speakers. It would be available for all APSA members.



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2. Ayush - There are milk and cookies that day.
3. Scott - We can overlap that. I think that's a good use of money as well.
4. Jadin - Next semester I might be doing a career series of how people got into the career they are in, would you mind asking them or sharing their contact info if they would like to do that?
5. Mina - Once we have the speaker list I can do that.
6. Gurpal - Career night is kind of similar so I can help with that as well Jadin.

10. Adjournment (17:35)

First: Angela