



APSA Executive Council Meeting  
November 25, 2019 (17:00)  
**APSA Boardroom**

1. Call to order (17:03)
2. Roll call (2 min) - Scott, Colleen, Michael, Anthony, Nils, Jenn, Kristil, Jadin
  - a. Regrets: Jes
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)  
**Motion:** To approve the agenda  
First: Nils Second: Kristil
4. Review last meeting's minutes 1 min)  
**Motion:** To approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes  
First: Anthony Second: Michael

New Business:

5. VPA Updates (25 min) - Jadin
  - a. Jadin - The biggest change I've made is putting VPA as a standing position on the Curriculum Committee, which has been very helpful as I meet with Dr. Kor and the Class Reps before the Curriculum Committee to get some details and background information on the agenda items. We have made some pretty big changes to pending curriculum changes for an option course. ACP needs an APSA report done for December 5th, before their meeting December 9th when they have a meeting that I am hoping to go to even though it is around finals but I feel like I should be there even though it is an 8 hour day. I will go and present the report but probably not stay for the entire meeting. I will then meet with Leslie to debrief everything they talked about to give student input. The APSA report will be major and minor initiatives with a quick statement about what was going on and what has been or will be the biggest impact of your position. So please submit that to me in a week.  
The Student Advisory Committee and I wanted to make it more structured because it was previously disorganized. The class reps sent out an email to get general feelings of students this semester, which was started by Navjot. We will be discussing those results with Dr. Kor on Thursday. We are also fighting for access to the ECHA pedway after hours. It's also important to note that anyone can go to SAC meetings, which I would like to make more known.  
Awards Committee is revamping awards and somewhat changing criteria to make it more inclusive and encourage students to apply. We are giving away more awards this year, and we will start to promote them over Winter Break.  
COFA is doing a lot of advocating to make firm guidelines of what student services means to students and what are helpful so that the University and Dean's don't cut the useful services. I am on a clinical research committee with the SU to outline issues of accessing data for clinical research. I think they just need a pharmacy representative.  
The HSSA reached out to me to be involved with them. I don't think I can dedicate enough time to this and Shemanti went to the meeting and doesn't think it requires two pharmacy representatives so she is going to continue going to the meetings and provide updates.  
The Professionalism Committee used to only meet on as needed basis and was more for professional reprimands. We want to reframe it more as developing your professional identity and what kind of things you can do with your degree. So I want to have a career series next semester so people can get that information on how professors got to where they are or interesting stories of people they know and how their career has evolved.  
I also want to have a panel of research students and a panel of people who did the AHS



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summer student position so people have a better idea of what options they have and what they entail.

6. Additions to the Agenda

a. Advocacy (5 min) - Scott

1. Scott - I met with Dr. Bachynsky and he wants students to make a club that meets weekly or biweekly and talks about politics. He says when young people bringing issues forward to the government it is taken more seriously. I think it's a good thing to do and Ryan might take it on but otherwise I will try and take it on. I may involve Anna as well. The club would talk about politics and get a letter ready to present to an MLA on the concerns we have especially with health care budget cuts. The message of the meeting was that constant advocacy is important.

b. COFA Update (3 min) - Scott

1. Scott - To build on what Jadin mentioned, one example of COFA advocating for student services is that they want to make sure that the STEP Program isn't cut, which helps subsidize the cost of companies hiring students for the summer. They want to format a letter with a signature of every President of Students' Associations to show to the government. But I told them I'm not signing it without council input and RxA input as I can't take a political stance as part of an advocacy board of RxA. So that might be coming down the line that I show you that document and we talk about it.

I think COFA is very appreciative of pharmacy students going to meetings as not every professional faculty shows up so if you can make it that would be awesome.

c. RxFactor Update (5 min) - Anthony

1. Anthony - Ticket sales are low but climbing, my goal was to sell 500 tickets and we are just over half of this, but that was ambitious compared to previous years' sales. If you could remind people and encourage them to come and buy tickets, and encourage them to bring their friends and families. I've been sending emails and contestants will be making class announcements to try and increase sales.

7. Adjournment (17:50)

First: Nils