



APSA General Committee Meeting
September 27, 2021 17:00

1. Call to order (17:01)
2. Roll call (2 min) Braden, Garrett, Talia, Tegan, Marzena, Rachel, Amandeep, Naomi, Kaylee, Zoria, Alyssa, Diane, Alyna, Jared, Nathan, Mahnoor, John C, Mostafa, Jasmine, Molly, Katie, Carolina, Bojana, Ravina, Ivy, Daniel, Jonathan, Saad
 - a. Regrets:
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)
Motion: To approve the agenda
First: John. **Second:** Jared.
4. Minutes of the last meeting (1 min)
Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes
First: John. **Second:** Amandeep.

New Business:

5. Financial Reminder - Garrett (5 mins)
 - a. Garrett: I was in a meeting with the faculty last week and they wanted to remind us to be wary when making deposits on any events, especially if they are non-refundable. With the current situation, there is a chance that if you put a deposit down, we may not be able to have that event. If you are making a deposit and it is something within your MOU, please reach out to the faculty. They are happy to make those payments directly instead of having you pay those deposits and having to fill out a form to get reimbursed by the faculty.
6. ETI Update - Garrett (10 mins)
 - a. Garrett: There was a town hall last week where they discussed the exceptional tuition increase. I met with the SU President and VP Academic and they wanted to gauge our opinion on the matter and see how they could support us. We did say that one of our biggest concerns was the student loan cap. We believe that if the student loan cap wasn't increased with the tuition increase, it would be hard for students to find funding. Does anyone know if we have anyone in the faculty that works with government relations?
 - b. Dr. Sanghera: Dallyce usually addresses loan questions but I can go back to Dr. Cor and Dr. Hughes. That will be one of my action points to follow up with.
 - c. Nathan: At last week's student council meeting, the Provost gave another presentation update on the ETI. The big takeaway that I wanted to share is that the SU's stance is still against the rushed timeline and they believe that the government should once again reject the proposals. Their main concern is that some faculties have failed to engage in consultation with their students even after the proposals were sent back. Clearly many students are frustrated with how rushed this process has been, especially since the extent of consultation was supposed to encompass all of September which is taken up by the start of school and other pressing matters. All in all, we are the more fortunate faculties because we did a more thorough consultation with the students. There are still components that are not fully pushed out or not addressed at all in our proposal. I was pressing on other issues like setting aside funds annually for students going on placements. If there are any other proposals, Dr. Cor is still looking for advice. It is probably the last opportunity to do so, so please try to do it in the next day or so.
 - d. Garrett: Thank you for the update Nathan. Our faculty has been one of the ones that did a more thorough consultation. Other students in their faculties haven't been as fortunate. If anyone has further suggestions, definitely reach out to Dr. Cor as he will be wrapping up the proposal shortly.



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7. SAF-Pharm: GSK Pain Week Lunch and Learns - Diane (3 mins)
 - a. Diane: We are working on a lot of projects behind the scenes. We had to move our lunch and learn from our hybrid model to online only. I wanted to inform the council on our projects and ask for your support. It is called Pain Week and we are having two lunch and learns from GSK and they will present at lunch. On Monday, they will discuss Advil and Friday will be on Voltaren. Hopefully we will see them at PAM as well. If you have any questions, please let me know.
 - b. John: I am just curious, from a fundraising perspective, is GSK providing any form of incentive for students to come to their presentation?
 - c. Diane: It is a little hard as we worked through so many models and with events getting cancelled, I had to change to online. Originally we wanted to do gift cards or a lunch but we can't do that unless we are on campus. They have been resilient and want to work with us to make these presentations happen. They wanted to offer a pamphlet like we had last year at PAM and they contributed to the faculty in terms of the skills lab. I am hoping they can contribute to PAM in the future.
8. Fundraising Update: General and Mint Bursary Program - John (20 mins)
 - a. John: I wanted to provide three talking points as a general update towards where my fundraising efforts are at. First off, I think everyone knows about my APSA Continued Excellence Fund and I just wanted to ask everyone to share the link. All those funds go towards anything that any club or council member may need. I was aiming to get that fund set up and establish relationships. I think it is easier to have a fund to pull money from rather than to contact a sponsor each time for events. Next, I wanted to talk about the CU Media Sponsor List. I have been working with Saad regarding this. For those of you that don't know, the publications domain operates through a separate fundraising company. What happens is, they fundraise on behalf of the publications side of things and they take half of the funds and the other half goes towards PQ+2 needs. They asked Saad to come up with a sponsors list. I wanted to ask if anyone wanted to directly edit and add potential sponsors to that list and the company will reach out to them on our behalf. Please take a look at the list, add if you can and let us know if you have any questions. As you may know, we have an extensive relationship with Mint Health and Kit Poon. Last year Kit offered gift cards because he felt like he wanted to give back to students. However, this year, he wants to legitimize the process. He wants me to come up with a process that helps tease out the three individuals that genuinely need financial support. There may need to be a panel that decides and a written section in a Google Form that describes why the student is in need of financial support.
 - b. Diane: Perhaps Student Services can be involved?
 - c. Dr. Sanghera: Thank you for that comment. Ellen Doty can give great advice and provide further guidance.
 - d. John: He and I initially had our own ideas about providing this financial need for students because it was very prevalent during last year. The problem is that if the panel exists, what kind of process do we need to go through to determine who is the receiving applicant. We created Christmas sweepstakes to ensure that the main financial support is given to individuals that genuinely need it. I invite everyone to think about this and what the best process would be.
 - e. Amandeep: I was thinking about that CSL Google Form that was made for those bursaries. There were yes and no questions that helped determine whether or not people needed the money. It didn't require all the details but there were simple questions that helped tease out the people that require it the most.
9. LGBTQ+PhSC Event - Jared (10 mins)
 - a. Jared: Bojana is joining me here today to discuss an event that the LGBTQ2+PhSC group is



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thinking of hosting in January. Bojana brought this event to me this weekend and I think it is a great initiative. I wanted to see if anyone wants to give some advice.

- b. Bojana: I am President of the LGBTQ2+PhSC club. The event we want to host will be in January and it will be on a two-spirited identity. When I spoke to the individual at the Two-Spirited Society who is the speaker, I asked if they are interested in having other students come in. I would like to invite as many interdisciplinary students as we can. I think that Indigenous topics don't get a lot of time. I think this would be a really great opportunity to have as many students come as possible. I reached out to Jared to see if I could invite other professional students, such as medical students, nursing students and such. I do have another member in my club who is a part of this and we are really excited about this. If anyone has any questions, you can reach out to me.
 - c. John: Would you classify this event as a wellness service and do you need funding? The reason I am asking is because ACP wants to fund a speaker for wellness purposes.
 - d. Bojana: I really like to compensate the people who come in. That funding was going to come from the budget that my club has. I would argue that it is wellness because the more healthcare professionals learn about marginalized groups, the better it will be for these populations. If that is something I could work with you towards, that would be great.
 - e. John: ACP wants details about how much money you would need. It is important to have the details set before we bring it up to them. This way, you may not need to pull from your own budget and just have it all covered.
 - f. Bojana: I will get back to you later in the week.
 - g. Amandeep: I wanted to recommend reaching out to the HSSA. Some of our pharmacy students do sit on their executive council and can advertise further.
 - h. Bojana: I will go down that route, thank you.
 - i. Mahnoor: I am the IP director and I sit on the HSSA board. We haven't had our first annual meeting yet but that is when they will finalize all their contacts for the different faculties. If you could let me know more information about the event we can get started on it early.
 - j. Garrett: If ACP was to fund this event or compensate the speaker, do you think they would have an issue with having it for more than just pharmacy students?
 - k. John: I think it is worth asking. So far, with fundraising it is just an ask. We can keep our options open and figure out what ACP is willing to help us with.
 - l. Garrett: Is this event going to be online?
 - m. Bojana: They are comfortable with doing online or in person. Logistically, if we want students from different disciplines to attend, it will probably have to be a weekend or an evening event.
10. APSA Bear - Daniel/Alyssa (2 mins)
- a. Alyssa: We wanted to give a huge thank you to Rachel. She has been doing a lot of behind the scenes for CAPSI and it is unfortunate that Saving Second Base got cancelled but we wanted to recognize all her efforts that went into that and didn't get noticed. We really appreciate all your work.
 - b. Rachel: Thank you so much.
11. Additions to the Agenda
- a. Yearbook in Storage Room - Daniel (5 mins)
 1. Daniel: On Friday, we went into the APSA office and storage room. We realized there were yearbooks from various years that were unclaimed. I was hoping we could get the Yearbook Directors to email the class list from those graduating years. It takes a lot of space so if we could get them handed out that would be great.
 2. Garrett: If we have old class lists I think we could try to do that.



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3. Marzena: We have class lists in the APSA folder on Google Drive.
4. Daniel: Does someone want to take charge of this? Maybe the Yearbook Directors can take this on.
5. Marzena: I can reach out to the yearbook editors.

12. Adjournment (17:43)

Motion: To adjourn

First: John. **Second:** Amandeep.