



Attendance:

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Market Modifier Fund- Brad

We need to plan a date for our next town hall in order to discuss the changes with the market modifier. Mentioned at the last council meeting that we might in a little bit of trouble with the SU because we went ahead and gave our support to our Dean, and we figured out afterward that we should have gone through the SU first. Sat down with Katherine (VP Academic for SU) and explained our situation, and she seemed supportive but said that there may still be an investigation, there is some debate if it's a similar situation as the LSA because we are actually saving money for the students going through the PharmD program. Surya is our SU council representative, and maybe she can provide insight on the meetings they have been having.

*To give a heads up, what happened with the LSA is they went ahead with their tuition to get the increase approved. They did come to the SU and gave a presentation, but what is supposed to happen is you are supposed to present to the SU for their approval, because they advocate for lower tuition. The LSA did still do a presentation but didn't wait for the SU's approval before agreeing to the increase.

*Currently there is an investigation by a third party organization, looking into the LSA. Nothing has been decided yet but what was mentioned was that what was happening to the LSA could potentially happen to APSA as well, but at the meeting the president made a comment that because APSA didn't know then we are not at fault. In that regard, they should be a bit more lenient and will be treated differently. During the investigation, they would discuss with the dean, the president of the organizations as well as students to make sure that they were given accurate information.

APSA is strong enough to go through an investigation and we want to stand firmly in our decision to give support and not take it back. The whole issue was that this occurred during the last few weeks of August and tied our hands, if it happened in September it would have been a lot easier to communicate with students and get a vote while everyone was on the same page. For the new program, the only way to get additional funding was by means of a market modifier but this doesn't mean that later on there might be a way to get the funds through increasing the base tuition, just with the political landscape how it is that is why the Dean is going for it currently. In a way it is in our best interest to keep it as an increase in the market modifier, simply based on what APSA gets from the MM (20% to allocate to students) and at the town hall we can explain that this is going to rural placements, scholarships, events,

etc which in a base increase would not happen. Regardless, if the base tuition was to be increased we have outlined in the proposal that students would have to be consulted prior; it just all depends on the political party in power.

Questions to take to the dean:

*Is there a way to confirm that our base tuition will not increase if we agree to the market modifier?

*Why is the market modifier used to increase, why not increase the base tuition all together? What implications would that have on how the money is allocated?

*Something to take forward to the VP external and VP academic of the SU is providing guidelines to the faculty associations to follow if they see issues like this arising.

Date for Town Hall Meeting: Monday, September the 29th at 12 with October 6th as the backup date. Location TBA.

Feedback on VP Academic Portfolio- Bryan

*Two ideas for the mentorship network: either make it similar to the Academic Support network where we have people to sign up for specific courses and be available to answer student's questions OR sign up for general information about school, Edmonton, etc. This would facilitate connections between the years, but it does require volunteers and puts the onus on the individual's who want help to reach out for help. Alternatively, we could ask for volunteers from each year to be assigned to a Toastmaster's group so that there is always a point of contact to the year above.

*There is a faculty program but I feel that there should be a student group first, easier to approach a peer first rather than someone you can't always get a hold of and it would be best if we had a middle step to bridge the gap. Would also like to have an FAQ section on the website to address general questions for student's, that is more user friendly. There might be issues with continuity with the information given out, so maybe hand off to council members.

*Need to look into a faculty representative for the Professionalism committee and the Awards committee

Update on Financial Review- Sam

*Slow progress throughout the summer to get done. We were in contact with one accounting firm over the summer for quite some time and then they backed out at the end of August, but referred us to someone else. I met with him on September 1st to discuss the criteria for the review and he quoted us \$3,000. Talked with the SU since then and there was some confusion on both our parts, and we don't actually have to have it done by a chartered accountant so we will go back to the person who completed it last year for \$500. This is for all student's associations and it's anywhere from \$500 to \$3000. If we pay the FASF, then we would have to use a chartered accountant.

*Credit card payments are set up for the square and we hope to use it for the silent auction at Mr. Pharmacy, but not for ticket sales as those need to go through ticketfly. There is a similar fee to paypal, about 2% of each purchase and that's all we pay. It would be good to have in the future for office hours

Run for the Cure fundraising- Dan

From the slo-pitch tournament we raised about \$2,500 and numbers from the breast fundraiser are still coming in but that is estimated to be a couple hundred for sure. Will do a sucker run event, auction off the new backpacks with the new geriatrics Rx files, gift card and sell it as a "school survival kit".

Sending out a T-shirt link this week, because that deadline is coming up. Have the PDW info session coming up and then CAPSI competitions.

Wondering if we wanted to do APSA mugs similar to the CAPSI/PDW mugs that were made last year and charge another \$5, maybe make it match the T-shirts. The cost of each mug last year was \$8 so APSA covered \$3 and we charged \$5 each added into registration.

Welcome reception- Brittyn

*Next Thursday is the Welcome reception, spots for the first years have already opened and on Wednesday or Thursday this week the sign up will be made available to the second and third years. Lab days should not conflict as we can push back the time for speeches, which will begin around 6 pm (doors open at 5 pm). All the faculty has received an invite.

Lockers- Jon

*Sales are going pretty well, made a google form and tested it on council first and then opened it up to general APSA members on Thursday and closed the requests. We will have more than enough right now, a lot of people are sharing, so the count of occupied lockers is 137 out of 255. The extras, we will keep the form open for new entries. There is no real reason to use all the lockers unless there is a demand for it later in the year. We could also open it up to the fourth years for winter term and the Pharm D students as well.

*81/111 lockers have been paid for, the Paypal and spreadsheet for office hours seems to be working well; just put down the student's name of those that paid (and name of the student with the locker)

Bulk Textbook Order

*Planning on an order for the end of September, as they say it takes about 3-5 days to ship and then another week to get here, which puts us at a mid October arrival. What will be included is Therapeutic Choices, Minor Ailments, Rx Files all newest additions. Pricing right now is about \$160 for Therapeutic Choices and \$199 for Minor Ailments, not including shipping and other upcharge, last year they sold for \$185; shipping is determined by the amount of books ordered.

*Still need to clean up Dent Pharm, I checked the doors last Tuesday and they are locked so I will need a key for access. Yasir is aware that he has to clean the yearbook room, thinking of doing it this Friday but maybe a Doodle poll should be sent out. We have to do it before the end of the month or they will lock the doors. Lounge is coming along, but still need to purchase some stuff to complete the space.

*COFA meeting- In terms of student services there will be three record attempts this year: Tunnel ball, hide and seek and another break the record. As I learn more about it, I will spread the word to the students.

Office Hours- Katie

The new schedule has been posted, both electronically and I've posted them around Med Sci. If you are unable to make your time slot, just post in the APSA council facebook group and ask if another counselor is available.

First year class election- Mirah

I opened the first year class elections today and there seem to be strong leaders in the categories, at 12 pm the form will be closed. But the winners will not be announced until the Welcome Reception.

Any ideas on how to use the rooms and make sure that only Pharmacy students have access. Look into the idea of having a booking system online that requires approval, and also extend that with the PBL room. Have a given number to book and the rest free. We would have to try and incorporate the faculty as well, since they have first choice in accordance with their classes; APSA has to figure out a way to book the rooms.

Mr.Pharmacy- Helen

Saturday November 29th, doors open at 5 the event will start at 6. We are trying to make it shorter this year and there are a few changes that I will be discussing with my committee. The photo shoots and Mirah is working on the posters, and I'll be working on the video so I can release it so the classes will now who the candidates are.

We lost value drug mart as a sponsor, they are not sponsoring anything this year at all because they have a lot of cuts and they want to show the government that things are not alright. We are still looking for sponsorship and we need to work closely with the fundraising director.

The unveiling party will tentatively be end of October/Early November. I've contacted Mary and discussed to arrange a CTV interview to promote the event.