



APSA Executive Council Meeting
March 20th, 2023 @3pm hybrid

1. **Call to order (3:08pm)**
2. **Roll call (2 min):** Alyna, Jazzi, Mankirat, Prerna, Julia, Bojana, Talia, Justine, Tamara
 - a. Regrets:
3. **Additions to the agenda (1 min)**
Motion: To approve the agenda
First: Jazzi Second: Talia
4. **Minutes of the last meeting (1 min)**
Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes
First: Jazzi Second: Prerna

New Business:

5. [Multi-faith prayer space update](#) - Alyna and Mankirat (15 mins)
 - **Alyna:** So just an update on the multi-faith prayer space. I did get access to the keys on Friday, it was a bit of a long journey because the university coded the keys wrong so I needed to return them and get the updated copy from student services, but it's finally under control now. I don't think I ever provided you an update but on the original Google Form that I sent out that I originally made at our last meeting, we had about 30 responses, which is super exciting. However, on that form a lot of students were asking for supplies which was a bit unexpected to me because I think I was assuming that students would bring their own materials from home. However, I never made the expectations clear on what the room looks like or how much we spent on it, so I can understand where the miscommunication and confusion came from on the lack of transparency on our part. I also met with 3 Muslim students to see their perspective and thoughts on the room and I know that Mankirat also met with one for me too. It was super challenging at this point because everyone was telling us different things on what they wanted to see and how to best support and represent them and I'm not going to lie I was super stressed on how to navigate and make this the best space for the most students. Oh also, I reached out to Jonathan Chan who is the president of the Christian Fellowship Club to ask a few questions about Bibles and rosaries and him and Ethan were so kind they bought 2 Bibles to store in this space on behalf of their club. So a big thank you to Jonathan and the Christian Fellowship Club. He was also super kind and answered a lot of my questions regarding the Christian faith and was super patient with me while I was practically interviewing him. After this, I decided to send out a follow-up email where I was trying to be fully transparent with the students in regards to the size of the room, what was in it, APSA's budget and how it was made in the summer and how we started working on this in November and therefore, did not set aside any funds for the space. I apologized for the lack of funds and said that this is just a pilot project this year and hopefully the next VP Finance and APSA

council can prioritize this and set aside a budget to supply prayer materials and supplies. I also told students that I do have 2 Bibles and asked if anyone was able to donate any other religious materials such as Qurans, skirts, dresses, etc. After that email, I had 6 students reach out to me which was so nice and we now have 2 Bibles, 4 Qurans, around 6 prayer mats, 2 hijabs, 2 skirts, and we have some more prayer mats and dresses coming. Mankirat and I also went into the room and rearranged everything to move the couches to the side, put the supplies on the table, and made some makeshift DIY occupied and vacant signs. I also showed a couple first year students and they were super happy with it and very thankful which made me so happy and felt super rewarding. Mankirat also got the locker ready and the combination and I typed up a follow-up message to the students which I think I'm going to release tomorrow after I buy a boot tray for shoes. Can everyone read the message and make sure it's okay? I left the budget part blank because I wanted to get your input and Julia, I'm not sure if we have any funds leftover?

- **Julia:** What kind of ballpark number were you thinking?
- **Alyna:** Well I've been doing some research on the dividers and they're about \$75-100 dollars from what I've seen. I would need to confirm this with students though, to make sure I am buying the correct one. I would also like proper vacant and occupied signs because ours work but they're kind of ugly and not my favorite so maybe like \$130 dollars?
- **Julia:** Is this a cost that APSA should be responsible for or is it the faculty?
- **Alyna:** That is a very fair point. I know we also have that tuition money that hasn't been used that you mentioned in our document right? I guess we can talk to Student Services at our next faculty-executive meeting?
- **Julia:** Are you thinking of the EDI thing?
- **Alyna:** Yeah, because the committee was placed on hold this year so I am sure that they have funds placed aside. We do have our meeting with Trent this week, I can ask him if you feel more comfortable with the faculty spending that money.
- **Julia:** I think it makes more sense because it is serving all pharmacy students, not just APSA members and I think that this more so of a Faculty initiative to provide money with vs. students APSA membership fees. I prefer if the Faculty does it because it seems more up their alley than APSA. Also, for the MOU's this year, we asked for 37k which is on par and normal however, we only got 21k because of all the changes in spending so I don't know how feasible it is for APSA to provide this money, and if we start this now, providing it in the future may be a challenge. If the Faculty has EDI ETI money set aside, I think this would be a perfect opportunity to use that money.
- **Alyna:** Yeah, I agree actually. If they say no, would we have money though? I really want to purchase these things before the end of the school year because I am not sure who is going to carry on this project next year.
- **Julia:** I would have to take a look at the budget. Zach and I were playing around with numbers for the AGM today and I think we finally have it balanced. But if it's just \$75-130 dollars, that is no issue we might have to use the float but I do think that this is an important initiative that we need to prioritize if the Faculty can't.
- **Alyna:** Okay sounds good, I guess we can put a pin in it and revisit it after Thursday's meeting then.

6. Additions to the Agenda:

7. Research Councilors Position - Tamara

- **Tamara:** I was just going to ask since we're getting to the end of the council term about the Pharmacotherapy Summary Project. I just wanted to bring up the APSA pharmacotherapy project again that was started when we were in second year and went under the radar and wasn't continued. Now that we have this new Research Councilor position, I think this would be a good thing to re-visit and see if this is something that they can fit in their portfolio? We can even put it under the VP Academics portfolio now that it is lightened without the PUJC. I think that this is a super valuable and a great academic based project and furthermore, we have allocated another role to redistribute responsibilities. I know Mankirat was a part of it last year and I don't know if she could shine some light on the workload of it or how the project was run. I would just hate for the project to lose its momentum because I do think that it is super valuable and would be very significant to us as students. I think it would be good to bring it up to the council in transition and just try to see where it could potentially fit next year.
- **Mankirat:** It was a really cool idea and super fun because we were all just students. However, it was a lot of work because the committee was only composed of 2 second years and 4 fourth year students who were super busy with rotation and it was difficult for them to put time into the project. We can put it under the VP Academics portfolio and then there can be more rules and structure to it, and then the VP Academic can decide how they would run the project and put together all the different infographics. How we did it, everyone did it on their own and then we would come together and try to make it all cohesive but more structure is definitely needed because that was not the most effective or efficient way. You can't just do it under a club under APSA either, because I think it needs to be a part of a councilors portfolio to ensure that it isn't lost again because I agree with Tam, it is super valuable and would provide benefit to a large number of students.
- **Tamara:** Thank you for the insight. I just thought of it and I was thinking about it yesterday and I was sad that we kind of lost it and was wondering if we could change that. I don't know if it is appropriate to add to the VP Academics portfolio right now, what does everyone else think?
- **Alyna:** I think we can include it in the transition documents as something to consider, however, since the AGM is today in a couple of hours and adding this into the VP Academics portfolio would require the constitution committee to meet, I would say that it is too last minute. In my opinion, I think we should add it to the transition documents, Prerna can talk to her council about it and decipher between the Research Councilor or VP Academic who would like to and is able to take this weight on, and then decide from there. Then, in the next constitution meeting in a year, we can officially add it to the constitution, because it is too late this year.
- **Tamara:** That is totally fair. How would we go about making a committee for it?
- **Alyna:** Well if you don't want it to be an APSA affiliated club and would rather have it as a APSA committee under the portfolio of a specific councilor or executive, Prernas council can make it as an ad-hoc committee, similar to what we did this year for the Finance and Fundraising committee. Then, after reassessment the constitution committee will revisit the ad-hoc committees and see if they want to commit to that change in the constitution
- **Prerna:** I can definitely revisit it, for sure.
- **Tamara:** Okay, thank you Alyna. I will bring it up in the transition with both the VP Academic and the Research Officer as I will be doing both of those transition meetings.
- **Alyna:** Sounds good, no worries. Did you have anything to add to this agenda item or are we good? Or does anyone else have any questions or concerns that they wanted to address?

8. Adjournment (3:19pm)

Motion: To adjourn

First: Jazzi Second: Talia