



APSA Executive Council Meeting  
April 3rd, 2023 @4:00 pm, MSB 2-31

**1. Call to order (4:16 pm)**

- **Bojana:** First, I would like to give a round of applause to the incoming councilors, it's super exciting. Quite a few things on our agenda, thank you for agreeing to change things last minute and agreeing to meet earlier. I am going to pass it onto Prerna to do the additions to the agenda and motions.
- **Prerna:** This is my first time so I don't know how to do this, but are there any additions to the agenda?

**2. Roll call (2 min):** Prerna, Bojana, Sarah, Goodwin, Jin, Mankirat, Cassandra, Talia, Jazzi, Sydney, Brooklyn, Julia, Tamara, Alyna, Zach, Justine

- a. Regrets: None

**3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)**

**Motion (Prerna):** To approve the agenda  
**First: Jazzi Second: Cassandra**

**4. Minutes of the last meeting (1 min)**

**Motion (Prerna):** To approve the previous meeting minutes  
**First: Talia Second: Jazzi**

**New Business:**

**5. Tri-Elections (Bojana/Alyna) - 10 mins**

- **Bojana:** Okay, so we are going to go through the tri-election and put a motion to approve everyone. So our CRO's could not make it to this meeting. So this year we have two different positions that we got a few more candidates. For grad co-chair we got 4 people, yearbook editors we got 3 people, typically this is 2 people, but if people want to do it we don't want to stop them from participating.
- **Alyna:** We did contact all the parties about whether they would like to work together as co-chairs and yearbook editors.

**Motion (Bojana):** To move into camera  
**First: Talia second: Jazzi**

**Motion (Bojana):** To move out of camera  
**First: Cassandra Second: Talia**

**Motion (Bojana):** BIRT the APSA Council will approve the expansion of Grad Co-Chairs to 4 people for 2023-2024 and I will appoint Tianyi Wang, Merry He, Amitoj Kaur and Rida Zehra as Grad Co-chairs of 2025, Morgan Bodnar and Madison Tole for Yearbook Editors of 2025, and Andrew Dam for IT Director.

**First: Sarah Second: Alyna**

**All in favor**

**None opposed**

**Bojana abstains**

**Motion (Bojana):** To move into camera

**First: Cassandra second: Talia**

**Motion (Bojana):** To move out of camera

**First: Talia Second: Jazzi**

**Motion (Bojana):** BIRT for the APSA Council year of 2023-2024 I will appoint Yeganeh Molazem as Interprofessional Director.

**First: Sarah Second: Alyna**

**All in favor**

**None opposed**

**Bojana abstains.**

- **Perna:** The CRO had one person recently contact them expressing interest in the VP Fundraising position, so I will follow up on that but continue the meeting.

## **6. Executive and General Council Dinner (Bojana) - 10 mins**

- **Bojana:** Next agenda item is the general council dinner, I am going to pass to Julia and Alyna to talk about this and to see if they had more details on what day we were thinking and where you were thinking of going, if you had any updates on that, Julia.
- **Julia:** I haven't been able to work on it this weekend unfortunately, but if we want to make this happen, I am looking to get some assistance in finalizing the details, but based on the Google Form we are looking at April 7th, this Friday.
- **Alyna:** Well we were also discussing potential times to accommodate for folks that are fasting, but if we book a date such as April 7th, if that works, then we can take a poll to see what place or what times people prefer. Just some folks on the council are fasting and they don't break it until quite a lot later around 7:30-8pm depending on the day. So I think if we have the specified day, April 7th works then we can run a google form to get preferences and times today so that we can make the reservation tomorrow.
- **Julia:** I was gonna say that given the timeline, if we choose April 7th, that we might just choose the place perhaps, just cause because we have a lot of people. Just because I haven't been able to work on it much. Also, I think that there may be some miscommunication about who's invited to the council dinner because I think some of our incoming members filled out the Google Form, and unfortunately we won't be able to have everyone come to that.
- **Bojana:** Sure, so Alyna and I can take care of it. If you can share what you have so far in terms of the documents and polls then we can get that sorted out today and then I can call tomorrow and make the reservation. A lot of the places I suggested have really large areas so I'm pretty sure I can book something, but we can make a poll for time, which we can put out tonight. Thank you, Julia. And also for the exec dinner, I was talking to some of the execs. I know you haven't figured out money wise if we can afford it, but I still think it would be nice to have a dinner, so if we have to pay for it, I am okay with that. But if we can get \$30 per person, that would be lovely. If not then I still think it would be nice to have a dinner for

the execs so Alyna can also do a poll in the exec chat to determine what time for that.

- **Alyna:** But what date? Like date and time? Julia, did you figure out what date for the exec dinner?
- **Bojana:** I don't think we made any polls for that yet, but do you think you could? Even if we could do it after finals then we can do that too, because no one has their rotations right after except Talia and Prerna.
- **Talia:** I will be moving back to Calgary two days after finals are done.
- **Bojana:** It's okay, we will figure that out. Just wanted to clarify to give us time to figure out if we can afford it.
- **Alyna:** Sure, I can do that.

#### **7. Faculty-Executive Meeting (Alyna) - 2 mins**

- **Alyna:** Just to give everyone a reminder we have a faculty executive meeting this Thursday from 12:30pm-1pm and that's going to be with Student Services. So Trent, Anjela as well as Dr. Jill Hall will be there, just so you can get introduced to them. And that's going to be in the Student Services Huston board room so that's when you first walk in, the first doors of MSB, there's like the first boardroom but we will be there so you will be able to see it but that's in the google calendar happening this Thursday. Just a super chill introduction to Student Services.

#### **8. The Future of Mint Cup (Alyna) - 15 mins**

**Motion (Bojana):** To move into camera  
**First: Jazzi Second: Cassandra**

**Motion (Bojana):** To move out of camera  
**First: Cassandra Second: Talia**

#### **9. General APSA Survey (Sarah) - 10 mins**

- **Sarah:** So I was hoping to get the executive council's opinion regarding if we see any benefit in running a student body survey to help gauge some specific things that councilors might want feedback in planning events/goals over the summer. I have linked a document in the meeting agenda, but for context, we did have a November Survey (by Julia and Alyna) where open ended questions on EDI, mental health and feedback to councilors specifically were asked to students. So this gives a reason for us not to pursue another survey anytime soon. But my goal is to give more specific feedback to councilors to consider over the summer, whether about barriers we need to address, events preferred by students, improvements to how current programs are run, and prize ideas. I know personally I campaigned about looking how we might best communicate with students, but I wanted to open this to other councilors to get some feedback from the general student population about specific things.
- **Goodwin:** So I was just thinking overall, if we do run a survey, especially if we are giving it to everyone, I guess we should keep it really short, we should make it more event based rather than what they want to see as a whole. I think it's really hard for a lot of students to speak about what they want out of a specific councilor portfolio so keeping it to what we present to students so it's easier for them to give answers to. In terms of how to get many responses to the survey, maybe do a draw.
- **Julia:** Try not to overlap with the November survey.

- **Tamara:** No point in asking the same thoughts, especially if the November survey results have not been released yet.
- **Alyna:** Julia and I have a 16-page document summary of the feedback with lots of tracked changes of what our council has done. It's just been delayed because we have been trying to get answers from faculty prior to releasing it. I feel it's come to the point that we should release with what we have because we are coming to the end of our council and we can't keep waiting forever so I think Julia and I will likely release the feedback sometime this week. I do think I see Sarah's point as this survey was done in November so I think people would have changed opinions, seeing how APSA did this last semester, so I think it's fair to release another survey. And I did share the questions with Sarah so I don't think there will be an overlap but we can always check in to see if anyone's opinions have changed since November to April as it has been quite a long time. So I am cool with Sarah releasing another survey but I do agree with Goodwin of like asking what you want to see from specific portfolios might not be the most efficient as most students do not know what each portfolio does. But I think if we can alter the questions to be more general I think it would work, in my opinion.
- **Sarah:** I think we should wait for the November survey results to come out. The initial hope was that this survey would have happened earlier but I was reminded that we did have the November survey. So I am fine with waiting until we get those results back and then giving new councilors time to consider what question they want to ask. I was looking to add, what Goodwin suggested, monetary incentives like a draw or gift cards. I think the November survey had two \$25 gift cards so probably a repeat of that. But we will just have to advertise it in the Spring and Summer and hopefully try to get some student engagement.

#### 10. APSA Lounge (Goodwin/Sarah) - 10 min

**Motion (Prerna):** To move into camera

**First: Talia Second: Cassandra**

**Motion (Prerna):** To move out of camera

**First: Jin Second: Jazzi**

#### 11. Additions to the Agenda:

- Additional Tri-Elections Candidate

- **Prerna:** We are going to quickly appoint a VP Fundraising, Asmaa Dohrouje, who is a very sweet girl who is motivated to be on this council.

**Motion (Bojana):** Motion to approve Asmaa Dohrouje as VP Fundraising for the school year of 2023-2024.

**First: Sarah Second: Alyna**

**All in favor**

**None opposed**

**Bojana abstains.**

#### 12. Adjournment (5:30 pm)

**Motion (Prerna):** To adjourn

**First: Talia Second: Jazzi**