



APSA General Council Meeting
Feb 13th, 2024 @4:00pm, in person ED 265

1. Call to order (4:05 pm)
2. Roll call (2 min): Zach, Analise, Goodwin, Brooklyn, Mike, Kevin, Nick, Perna, Sarah Ho, Talia, Cassandra, Hadeel, Jin, Kirsten, Sydney, Yeganeh, Gauhar, Hubert, Kurtis, Vincent, Hafza,
 - a. Regrets: Dr. Jill Hall, Asmaa, Angela, Mohamed, Allison, Andrew, Sarah Phan,
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

Motion: To approve the agenda
First: Jin, **Second:** Kurtis
4. [Minutes of the last meeting \(1 min\)](#)

Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes
First: Yeganeh, **Second:** Zach

New Business Overview

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| 1. Muslim Pharmacy Students' Club (MPSC) Club Application (Sarah/Hadeel) - 10 mins | 1 |
| 2. PAM Updates (Zach) - 5 mins | 2 |
| 3. Reallocation of CAPSI Funds to PAM (Zach) - 5 mins | 2 |
| 4. CSHP Funding (Hubert) - 5 mins | 2 |
| 5. Budget Request - PQ+2 Meme Contest Prizes (Nick) - 5 mins | 3 |
| 6. John A Bachinsky (Talia) - 5 mins | 3 |
| 7. Results of General APSA Survey (Sarah) - 10 mins | 3 |
| 8. APSA Bear (Mike K.) - 2 mins | 4 |

New Business:

1. **Muslim Pharmacy Students' Club (MPSC) Club Application (Sarah/Hadeel) - 10 mins**

Summary:

- Very important student group that can provide a group for Muslim students as well as potential group for councilors to collaborate with in the future and ask for their perspectives.
- Student group funding is request for \$500, VP Finance would like more context for costs for contribution from MSA and Faculty funding
 - The Iftar costs will be for when Muslim students break their fast for Ramadan and the seminar session will be snacks as it will be during fast.

- Budget for Council is lower than expected due to sponsorships and lower membership numbers, other student groups have not spent their allotted funds for the entire year.
- Majority of first year students in group are non-APSA members, discussed as developing a relationship with the group in finding events that align with their interests.

Motion: Be it resolved that the MPSC is approved as an APSA affiliated group with a tentative budget under discretion of VP Finance and President for the remainder of 2023-2024 APSA Council.

First: Kurtis, **Second:** Goodwin

All in favor

None opposes

2. **PAM Updates (Zach) - 5 mins**

Summary:

- PAM descriptions have been collected and PAMphlet is underway, calendar in collaboration with Publications Director and advertisements during the month
- CAPSI Sr will be sending out a google form to students for gauging numbers for events
- PAM Passport is uncertain about if it will be done as there is food incentives
- IPSF Sr will manage CAPSI advertisements and then @apsolutely to share it
- Events arranged by a councilor need to be submitted to BearsDen by councilor

3. **Reallocation of CAPSI Funds to PAM (Zach) - 5 mins**

Summary:

- The \$1500 given from CAPSI will

Motion: Be it resolved that the \$1500 of CAPSI funds will be going towards PAM budget.

First: Goodwin, **Second:** Analise

All in favor

None opposes

Zach and Prerna abstains

4. **CSHP Funding (Hubert) - 5 mins**

Summary:

- Following a meeting between VP Finance and CSHP (with VP Admin and President present) there was discussion on previous costs so far per event and future costs with CSHP representative's plans.
- Details of additional costs were clarified including Black History, Emergency Department Pharmacist and collaboration with PS4MH. Costs for increased lunch and learns compared to other years that are not being funded by CSHP and sponsorships for other businesses are minimal due to nature of hospital pharmacy (compared to community corporations or drug companies).
- Events allow for APSA members not just CSHP members so there is benefit in funding them.

Motion: Be it resolved that APSA Council permits the addition of a \$500 budget under the CSHP Representative's portfolio for event costs.

First: Zach, **Second:** Analise

All in favor

None opposed
Perna abstains

5. **Budget Request - PQ+2 Meme Contest Prizes (Nick) - 5 mins**

Summary:

- PQ+2 would like to request \$30 for the annual Meme Contest prize, in the form of one \$20 gift card for the winner (selected by student votes) and one \$10 gift card prize draw (1 meme submission = 1 draw; max 10/person).
- This has been given in previous years, last year by \$45, but was missed in the preliminary budget request. Reduced award prize due to uptake on previous years.

Motion: Be it resolved that APSA Council permits the addition of a \$30 budget under the Publication Director's portfolio for PQ+2 Contest prizes.

First: Kurtis , **Second:** Gauhar

All in favor
None opposed
Perna abstains

6. **John A Bachinsky (Talia) - 5 mins**

Summary:

- Student awards have been deliberated.
- Class awards polls coming soon.
- Call for any nominations of faculty members or liaisons for this award, see description. This is not required to be given every year.
- Send letter to VP Academic about the nominations as soon as possible (before Saturday)

Motion: To move into camera

First: Kirsten, **Second:** Gauhar

Motion: To move out of camera

First: Jin, **Second:** Kevin

7. **Results of General APSA Survey (Sarah) - 10 mins**

Summary:

- One comment from a student was regarding little notice for events. This year a lot of events are advertised in less than 2 weeks. Previously event notification was 2 weeks for small events and 1 month for big events with reminders in between.
 - Concerns about notification fatigue with farther advance notice and constant reminders
- Looking at preferred social media platforms for incoming classes, the first and second year classes prefer discord while the 3rd and 4th years prefer Facebook. Since the first and second years are more reflective of the incoming years, future 2nd year class reps will be asked to create a Discord for the incoming class instead of Facebook pages
 - Discord: class reps use discord in 3rd and 1st years. The 1st year class rep disclosed that they shut down their Facebook page to move to Discord solely.
 - The 2nd year class rep uses a class Instagram in addition to their discord which their class likes (this was still not the majority from those who filled the survey)

- Rules and policies will be established as guidelines for the discord servers
- For the main APSA Members' Corner platform, the question about switching showed comfortable levels of % or higher in majority.
 - Further breakdown showed higher levels of comfort with 1st/2nd years which might be reflective of a trend of the incoming class going forward.
 - Even if APSA members choose not to join Discord there will still remain APSA Google Calendar, Class Rep emails and APSA's instagram as alternatives
 - VP Admin to move forward with transition to Discord with full implementation by August.
 - Any councilors willing to assist in Discord server development are asked to contact VP Admin
- Feedback on Fall Reading break indicated support for 2-3 days early as first priority followed by extra lectures or decreasing 4 day weekend to 3 day long weekend.
 - Considerations need to be made regarding if starting early results in students out of town needing to pay for August rent potentially

8. **APSA Bear (Mike K.) - 2 mins**

Summary:

- Given to Hadeel for Community Education contributions as well as presence for First year students.

9. Additions to the Agenda:

10. Adjournment (4:59 pm)

Motion: To adjourn

First: Yeganeh, **Second:** Talia