



APSA General Council Meeting
January 9th, 2023 @5:00pm, online via Google Meets

1. **Call to order (5:01pm)**
2. **Roll call (2 min):** Alyna, Naomi, Annalise, Dr. Hall, Sarah, Callum, Theresa, Emily, Talia, John, Ruhee, Angela, Mankirat, Tamara, John, Christy, Veronica, Shanil, Huebert, Prerna, Julia, Zach, Cassidy, Bojana
 - a. **Regrets:** Karanvir, Nick, Justine, Alison,
3. **Additions to the agenda (1 min)**

Motion: To approve the agenda
First: Jazzi Second: Prerna
4. **Minutes of the last meeting (1 min)**

Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes
First: Tamara Second: Naomi

New Business:

5. **Student-Faculty Engagement - Dr. Hall (10 mins)**
 - **Dr. Hall:** Hello everyone, good to see you all and lots with cameras on. I wanted to come and chat with you about how to increase student and faculty engagement. This might be a bit of a brainstorm and some of you may need some time to sit with it and reflect and that is totally okay. Hopefully you all saw the email that came out and I wanted to engage with you and other members on APSA on how we can build more community within us. I want more students to interact and engage with each other and more students to interact with faculty as well. Pre-pandemic we had a different pharmacy culture and way of interacting with each other and that has unfortunately shifted quite a bit. There are so many great things that APSA is doing that I want to ensure faculty is aware of and where appropriate see if we can be invited to participate in things. I'm not sure how the Mint Cup teams are formed and previously we got invitations to participate and help our teams build points. I think there are a few faculty members on each team. However, certain events or initiatives have not been visible to us this year. Other events we have gotten notice about like pumpkin carvings and gingerbread, however, this is how they're happening- not in advance. If we had received notice of these events prior, I would love to put these things in our calendars. Notice would be extremely helpful. Another thing we've done in the past is things like journal club or career series where we were able to bring faculty members in. We used to have faculty who am I and other development series so students were able to see a different side of faculty members. Those might be things that we might be interested in doing or engaging in. I would like to just invite you to brainstorm here and share ideas. If anyone has further ideas as well, feel free to connect with me separately, afterwards if we have ideas or bring this back to another meeting once you've had time to sit and think of this and generate ideas with each other or other classmates, not on APSA. That's what I wanted to talk

about today and see what comments, questions, or ideas anyone might have.

- **Alyna:** Thank you for that Dr. Hall. I agree with you that the pharmacy culture has unfortunately shifted quite a bit but I think we can all make strides to try to bring it back to where it was, pre-pandemic. I think engaging with more faculty members through Mint Cup is a great idea and we can bring that back to Justine. Another thing that is really great are our Faculty Advisors. I think the idea is great however, we have heard some feedback from students saying that the advisors have been quite inconsistent depending on who you are paired up with and I think if we sit down and fine-tune the advisors and the advisor groups and initiatives it can make a very positive impact on the faculty-student relationship.
- **Perna:** Hello, I just wanted to say that was my idea as well to get faculty more engaged in more formal fun settings such as Blue and Gold and Rx Factor. These really give students the opportunity to get to know you guys. We have Blue and Gold coming up and in September maybe we can meet the Faculty night and that will help students. We can even get second and third years involved and that will help and it will help those relationships throughout the semester.
- **Dr. Hall:** Thank you for those ideas Perna. I took away the idea around the Faculty advisors that there is an event planned or something in the works in planning for folks to get back together with Faculty advisors and get more students engaged so that is definitely something that I want to see happen. Blue and Gold and receiving invitations to these events are also a great idea and allows opportunities to connect in a different context. Thank you for those ideas. Would the meet the Faculty night be geared more towards first years or all students?
- **Perna:** I think geared towards first year students because they're the ones with the least knowledge on who the faculty is and what the current resources are.
- **Tamara:** Thank you for bringing this up, Dr. Hall. I just wanted to bring light to the TGIF that I think is happening in either the end of January or February. I recall that a couple of students in my first year said this was a very fun event that they liked pre-covid. Since all of us haven't experienced a TGIF, is there anything in specific or any talking points that we can bring up to other students if they don't know what it is or what to expect? I think it's a great way to engage with faculty and it sounds super fun.
- **Dr. Hall:** I hope this year there is more space for TGIF's, it always used to be very squishy pre-covid. There is usually food served so that is a big draw in for students and I know that there is a very casual table set up standing tables, sitting tables, where folks can sit and engage with each other and faculty is there as well. I would like to brainstorm with you all, into going to any event where each group is in their silo and stays within the people they know. I think it is super important to get more intermingling between faculty and students and even other years. During the pandemic, we had quiz show type of events where we put faculty and students together in the same zoom room which was lots of fun. That might be something else we can do in-person in that sort of way. That's what the TGIF is like and it's a space with food and drink and open invitation to engage in the more casual type of setting. Talia, I think you were next.
- **Talia:** Alright, so please bare with me as I am still coming off of PDW brain but you mentioned Mint cup and I know you were my faculty lead in first year, and I remember you sending emails engaging with us and thought that was super nice and welcoming on your end. I was thinking of ways to get more faculty involved. We have an APSA calendar where we have all of our events and school related items; however, what if we create a separate calendar that the faculty can subscribe to but bog it down. Unfortunately, Justine is not here today so I can't pick her brain. The APSA calendar has a lot of information that is irrelevant to the faculty. A lot of the mint cup teams use Facebook messenger which I dont think faculty would be interested in joining as it might be too casual however, if there is a calendar or some sort of resource and in the beginning of each month we can send out a mailing list the faculty has an option to see if they want to engage or participate in it.

- **Dr. Hall:** I love the idea of the more specific faculty events calendar if that is not too challenging to put together. I have access to the APSA calendar. I think folks have done a good job in communicating that this event is happening but not so much with faculty. Even connecting about Mint Cup specific things over email when there is a challenge going on would be a big help. I know last year we'd get a Google Form to upload pictures if we didn't want to on Instagram or using the big Facebook group chat.
- **Talia:** I mean there are social media events that are open to faculty right now as well and I totally understand faculty not being comfortable but still wanting to participate and be a part of the team and it should be open to them. Perhaps since the next APSA council is elected in a couple of months, we can have an APSA-Faculty night to break the ice and to see what people are looking for and how we can collaborate.
- **Dr. Hall:** Kind of a hand-over meeting or transition, I love that idea. Those were some great ideas and some things that I can start working on and organizing the faculty advisors and gamification for our TGIF. I encourage you to keep thinking of things and ideas on how we can improve our relationships. I can even and maybe I should be meeting with individual folks too so if anyone has any ideas, I would be happy to talk about. Is there anything you want updates on or questions that you want for me, from a faculty standpoint?
- **Alyna:** I can't personally think of anything, does anyone have any other questions for Dr. Hall?
- **Dr. Hall:** If not, do you want me to stay, Alyna or should I leave?
- **Alyna:** Whatever, you prefer. Feel free to stay for the rest of the meeting. We just have a PAM update and then I have a few housekeeping reminders for the team. If you're busy feel free to take off but if not, we'd love to have you here, as-well.
- **Dr. Hall:** Okay, I'll stay then because I am very excited for a PAM update.

6. PAM Scheduling - Jazzi (5 mins)

- **Jazzi:** Hello everyone, pharmacy appreciation month is coming up and I am so excited. There are so many events that are happening during PAM that we can also include faculty in. While Dr. Hall was talking, I was just running through some ideas and it would be so funny to have professors in a team with students and test them, maybe their knowledge isn't as sharp as they thought. Another idea is to have professors vs student challenges. Those are just two ideas that I can spitball since PAM is coming up. PAM is going to be the full month of March and we have an official kick-off date of February 27th. We chose this Monday just because we have skills labs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and Fridays are always a bit busy. Hopefully the kick-off being on Monday can help brighten up the week. Other than that, I just wanted to say that if you are planning to do an event during the months of March please let Zach and I know so we don't double schedule any events. I am not trying to say that CAPSI takes over this entire month but we have lots of events planned already. Also, if you want to collaborate on some events please let Zach and I know. This month is meant to be very fun and interactive and that is the quick update from us.
- **Julia:** Something else that will help with not overlapping bookings is that all the event submissions have to go through Alyna anyways and she does have to approve them.
- **Jazzi:** Oh yes, I forgot that is Alyna's job. I love that. Please talk to Alyna and she can also let you know if something is double booked. I think Tam has something to say so I will pass it onto her.
- **Tamara:** I was on the PAM committee last year, and we had a PAM calendar that was super helpful. I don't know if you are planning that this year but if you are, I just wanted to ask if everyone could have access to it? We don't need to have editing rights but I do at least think that we should have viewing rights, if

possible. I also have a lunch and learn planned and they were looking for dates in March and I think it would make it a lot easier if we have access to this information.

- **Jazzi:** We will try to work that out and we can see if it will work because the back and forth can get kind of tiring. We will look into seeing if we can grant viewing rights to everyone on APSA.
- **Julia:** We could link it in the submission form as well just so there is a point of reference.
- **Jazzi:** Thank you Julia, I will make note of this and make sure this is all incorporated to make sure this is a great month of events.
- **Alyna:** That sounds good, then we can cross reference using the PAM calendar, the APSA Google calendar, and the event booking form.
- **Zach:** Just in regards to the scheduling and going through you first, would you allow CAPSI to be in charge just for the month of March? I am currently trying to book dates and times with speakers and I don't think it would be efficient for them to pose a date and time, then I would have to double check with you, and then get back to them.
- **Alyna:** Yeah, I am okay with that. I think as long as we cross reference the PAM calendar to the APSA Google Calendar and the event booking form we'll be okay. Plus everyone booking events in March needs to double check with you and Jazzi anyways so I think you two taking the lead for March makes the most sense and I will just look over everything to make sure it's all okay. PAM is CAPSI's month and I don't want to control or limit your plans.
- **Zach:** Okay, great.
- **Dr. Hall:** Is the CSHP rep here?
- **Alyna:** No, he was unfortunately unable to make it today.
- **Dr. Hall:** Oh okay. I just know that they are also responsible for certain PAM events and being a CSHP member, there are certain events that faculty gets informed about. For example, we've had the photobooths the previous years and I look forward to seeing you all there as I think it's a great way for faculty and students to connect.

7. Housekeeping - Alyna (5 mins)

- **Alyna:** Hi everyone, I just have a few housekeeping reminders. Due to the central university policy, I cannot book any rooms until January 18th and they do request 7 business days so therefore, the earliest I can book is January 25th. In the interim, Brenda Oscroft will be booking our rooms for us, if she is able to. I did receive a few room booking submissions over the break for days prior to January 18th, however, I don't think it's fair to Brenda to give her such little notice. I emailed her right before finals ended with a list of dates and times we needed rooms and she is currently working on those. Therefore, if you have events planned between now, and January 25th that I have not already sent to Brenda, I feel like it's very unlikely that we will be able to get a room. After January 25th, I can book all the rooms again and hopefully this is a much smoother process. Does anyone have any questions or concerns about this? If not, I just wanted to mention the transition document Google Form. Bojana and I have been brainstorming on how to improve the transition period and this was also an agenda item that was discussed in one of our meetings as well. We did want to receive everyone's feedback on how their transition period went and how it could be improved, however, I have gotten very little engagement in my Google Form and just wanted to ask you to please fill it out. We're going to have a meeting with Maha about it, however, we do need a gameplan on how to improve the transition process and therefore, we need to know how your

experience was and what we can do to make it better. I'll send the link in the chat or you can also find it in the Facebook page or in my previous emails.

- **Tamara:** Thank you for the reminder, Alyna.
- **Shanil:** I just wanted to ask if there was a status update on the lunch and learn to get to know APSA roles? I know you mentioned that before and thought it would be a really great idea especially with elections coming up soon.
- **Alyna:** Yeah, I was actually looking at dates for that over the break and I was going to talk to the executives about that at our next meeting. I actually just have to talk logistics with Julia as well because I'm not sure if we have any money to do a lunch and learn or more so just an informal information session but I will definitely keep you all updated on that.
- **Julia:** Oh yes, we can chat about that.
- **Alyna:** Sounds good, thanks Julia and Shanil.

8. APSA Bear - Bojana and Prerna (2 mins)

- **Prerna:** I have the APSA bear and I really appreciated getting it last semester so thank you once again. This time I wanted to give it to two of the greatest people that have helped me so much throughout my role as VP External. There are actually 3 people but one of them unfortunately doesn't sit on APSA council. Both of these people helped me tremendously during RX factor and one of them is also the co-lead for PAM so I wanted to give the APSA bear to both Shanil and Jazzi today.
- **Shanil:** Thank you so much for that, Prerna.
- **Jazzi:** We love you Prerna, thank you.

9. Additions to the Agenda:

10. Adjournment (5:36pm)

Motion: To adjourn

First: Prerna Second: Jazzi