



APSA General Council Meeting
September 26th @5:00pm, online via Google Meets

1. **Call to order (5:05pm)**
2. **Roll call (2 min):** Alyna, Callum, Julia, Nick, Cassidy, Annalise, Alison, Christy, Prerna, Sarah, Angela, Karanvir, Tamra, Veronica, Naomi, Mankirat, Jasmine, Zach, Hubert, Theresa, Ruhee, Bojana, Shanil, Talia, John
 - a. Regrets: Justine
3. **Additions to the agenda (1 min)**
Motion: To approve the agenda
First: Callum Second: Jazzi
4. **Minutes of the last meeting (1 min)**
Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes
First: Shanil Second: Jazzi

New Business:

5. **Blacklisting Events Update - Tamara (10 mins)**
 - **Tamara:** The first agenda item is regarding Blacklisting events. So just to give everyone some context on what blacklisting is and where it came from, this was introduced 2 years ago and it had to do with councilors working super hard on events, getting guest speakers to offer their time, ordering food for who was supposed to be in attendance etc. just for 50% of the guests to show up. Thus, blacklisting was put in place to ensure that all the individuals that sign up for an event actually attend it. I am not sure if everyone has had the chance to read the description on the Google Form that Alyna sent out, maybe I'll give a minute or two for everyone to read it and then if they have questions they can ask.
 - **Alyna:** Do you want to just read it out for them?
 - **Tamara:** It's super long. I think it might be more efficient this way.
 - **Julia:** Share your screen?
 - **Tamara:** Alyna, can you share your screen?
 - **Alyna:** Um sure, just give me like 2 minutes though because I have a lot of tabs open and I have to find the specific document first.

- **Julia:** I can just share my screen, don't worry Alyna you type the meeting minutes.
- **Alyna:** Thanks Julia
- **Tamara:** While Julia does that I'll just explain it further. I know this is all kind of new to us because the last few years have been online so just bare with me. So if you know if someone RSVP'd yes and they did not show up, and it was a blacklisted event then the event organizer would email Alyna and myself the list of students. I would then reach out to the affected students and see what is going on and just give them a reminder that the event was blacklisted and explain why that is so important. The first time would be a warning and then if it escalates, it can lead to students not being able to attend events if they actually get blacklisted. I understand personal circumstances and there may be cases where students have very valid excuses, but just to keep everyone accountable and to standardize this, after so many warnings I may have to take further action. This is also to ensure that our budget is respected and our councilors and guest speakers time and energy are also respected. Also if they let the host know with a reasonable amount of time that they cannot attend, then that would be okay as well. Not every event is blacklisted, normally it is just ones with food and guest speakers but it's on y'all to decide if you want your events to be blacklisted or not. Also it is the hosts responsibility to come up with a system to cross reference individuals who attended and who RSVP'd as I cannot do that for every event and be the event police- that is the hosts responsibility. That was included in the Google Form and if you can confirm the system with Alyna and myself prior to the event, that would be great. It doesn't need to be anything too complex, maybe just a few volunteers checking an attendance list at the door. Again, if a student genuinely cannot make it due to unforeseen circumstances, that is totally understandable. Also if someone does get blacklisted, and they think that it is unfair they can totally challenge our decision because I want to be as fair as possible. I think having a consistent frame and not giving certain people exceptions and passes is a good first step though. We all put a lot of time into these events from room bookings, bearsden approval, finding guest speakers, managing food + prizes, advertising etc. so I think it is in our best interest to bring back and enforce blacklisting this year. If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to unmute and ask right now, or you can always message me directly.

6. CAPSI Blood Drive Incentives - Zach (10 mins)

- [Eligibility Criteria](#)
- **Zach:** My agenda item will probably be pretty short and sweet. Last year there was concern with the current blood donation eligibility and who could donate and if APSA should incentive the donation because that meant excluding a bunch of APSA Members who were ineligible. The new criteria changes that occurred this year means that it is not much of an issue but I wanted to get APSA's opinion if there are any issues with inciting blood donation with mint cup points?
 - **Bojana:** For context, for everyone else in the call, in terms of eligibility and exclusion factor, Canada amongst any other countries had blood bans on anyone who identifies as a queer man and trans folks from donating blood. There have been lots of lobbyists to dismantle such a ban and I was one of the individuals bothering CAPSI a lot last year, in regards to insensitivity that the blood ban has on queer students. I made their lives a little harder last year. I just wanted to give a little context to that as well. I didn't know that they got rid of the blood ban, I haven't seen or heard when that went into place. Does anyone here know if it's completely gone or soon to be on a specific date?
 - **Zach:** As far as I know, the day it became effective was Sept 11th, 2022 and it should be effective in all provinces by the end of the month.
 - **Bojana:** Alyna, is Jazzi in this call? I just want to ask if a second person can fact check this eligibility. Would you also be able to look this up to fact check us just to ensure that we cover all of our bases. I know that last year there were many queer students that felt excluded and I don't want that to happen again. If this

is effective by the end of the month for September 2022, I don't see any issue with incentivizing it. However, I want to open the floor to anyone else who may have issues with this?

- **Jazzi:** Yes, I will check. CTV's information is consistent with what Zach said but I will double check a more reliable source. How much in depth do you want?
- **Bojana:** Nothing too crazy, maybe you can find it on the website? Also is Justine in the call? I want to ask her how she feels as VP Social incentivizing it with mint cup points?
- **Alyna:** I don't see her actually, I can message her though.
- **Zach:** Justine and I already had conversations about this and she was totally cool with it. We just wanted to open it up to the General Council to see if anyone had any issues with it.
- **Bojana:** I don't see any issues as long as we double check the ban is in place in all provinces by the end of the month. Alyna, do we have to make a motion?
- **Alyna:** I don't think it's necessary but we can if you want?
- **Bojana:** No, I think it is okay, I just wanted to double check with you.
- **Jazzi:** I am just finding a resource but I will get back to you asap, Bojana.
- **Bojana:** Sounds good.
- **Tamara:** Just to add on, I forgot to mention one thing about Blacklisting. I just wanted to mention and ensure that we are all being 100% transparent with students. If your event is blacklisted, please make it very clear to the students so that they know that if they RSVP they have to go or let the event coordinators know. I think it would just be very unfortunate if students didn't know an event was blacklisted and then they got into problems with the Council. Also if anyone has any questions or concerns about blacklisting, please let me know.
- **Alyna:** Oh another off topic thing is about Facebook and event pages. There have been a few events in September where the event coordinators didn't make an event page so if everyone can please ensure they do that, that would be really helpful. You can make it directly in APSA Members Corner too just so everything is organized and all in one place, I think it makes it a lot more organized. Also, once you make an event page, just email it to each class representative and then they can invite their class to the event.
- **Callum:** I don't think we've figured out how to mass send out invites through APSA Members Corner though and we can't individually go through people.
- **Zach:** I think you can, that's what I did for Run for the Cure, at least I hope I did.
- **Alyna:** Hm, I'll have to take a look at it again after Callum. It's so weird how it wasn't letting us mass send them. I know last year I ran into this problem with certain events but it honestly didn't take too long to just go through the list provided and select those in your respective class. However, I don't want to add onto the Class Representatives plates so let me know what your thoughts are.
- **Callum:** We could just make events but not have them through APSA Members Corner?
- **Tamara:** I think it's a lot easier when they're all linked to the same Facebook group though otherwise it is so easy to miss notifications and event invites.

- **Alyna:** I agree, I think having them on APSA Members Corner does help out a lot. Let me take a look into it after this meeting and then I'll message you, Angela, Nick, and Sarah. Maybe as admin of the Facebook group I can send out mass invites.
- **Callum:** You have so much on your plate already so if there isn't a way we can just do them.
- **Alyna:** Let me just see if there's anything I can do to lighten your workload. I'll text you all right after the meeting once I play around with it and find any potential solutions.
- **Callum:** Sounds good, thanks Alyna.
- **Alyna:** No worries.

7. Additions to the Agenda:

8. Adjournment (5:26pm)

Motion: To adjourn

First: Shanil Second: Talia