



APSA General Council Meeting  
November 14th, 2022 @5:00pm, in-person meeting in ECHA 1-498

1. **Call to order (5:04pm)**
2. **Roll call (2 min): Alyna, Sydney, Naomi, Annalise, Christy, Tamara, Bojana, Sarah, Julia, Theresa, Angela, Jazzi, Prerna, Shanil, Cassidy, Karanvir, Jill, Mankirat, Cassandra, Hubert, Talia, Zach**
  - a. Regrets: John, Justine, Callum, Alison, Nick, Ruhee, Veronica
3. **Additions to the agenda (1 min)**

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

*Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes*  
**First: Tamara Second: Prerna**

**New Business:**

5. **APSA Faculty Representative Introduction - Dr. Hall (5 mins)**
  - **Jill:** Hello, I am going to stand up so I can see everyone. It is so nice to be here, in person. I just wanted to come and say hello and let you know that I am APSA's Faculty Representative for this year. I know that we have made some changes to how our committees are structured and have tried to gain the insight of more perspectives and voices, which was pioneered this summer, by Alyna and Bojana. I just wanted to reiterate that if anyone on the APSA council needs any form of faculty advice or input, I will be your first point of contact and will take it back to relevant folks in the faculty, if necessary. I have been involved in a number of projects throughout the year and I often check in with Alyna and Bojana ahead of the meetings to see if I should come speak to you about anything. I am hoping to engage with you all more throughout the year as things come up and figure out the shifts that will happen that will affect you all as you make your way through the program. Does anyone have any questions for me or anything that you wanted me to speak to? This is my first year in this role, and there is no handbook on how I am supposed to go about it but we will try to navigate things, as they come up, so please be in touch. Also if any individual folks want to connect with me, please feel free to reach out. I know a few people here and have worked tons with Alyna, Bojana, Tamara, and the Class Representatives, but it would be very nice to get to know all of you more and meet more regularly, so feel free to reach out. I think that was all I wanted to say and if no one has any questions, I will leave you to it for the rest of your meeting. Thanks everyone.
6. **APSA Member Feedback Google Form- Alyna (10 mins)**
  - **Alyna:** I just wanted to give a little shout out to the Google Form that Julia and I made to collect feedback

from the student body. There are 3 sections in there, one about the student experience, one about mental health, and then one about EDI initiatives that people want to see be implemented. We also have a poll on how many students would prefer to have a reading week and how many students would prefer to make the program pass/fail. Using this information, we are going to create a summary document of what APSA is advocating for. Our current EDI committee is on hold, however, I am in contact with Dr. Cor so I will use this information to inform him what students want. Trent was the one who asked us about improving the student experience so we will relay all that information to him and Anjela as well. For folks that fill out the form, they will also be entered in a draw to win 1 of 2 \$25 gift cards which is a little incentive to fill it out. I would really appreciate it if you could all fill it out and encourage your friends and classmates. It's super hard to know how to advocate for the student body when you don't know how they feel so please please fill it out.

- **Bojana:** Also, myself, Tamara, Ray and all the class reps have been having conversations with the faculty about certain concerns through more formal feedback methods. This survey will help us with our advocacy. Currently, we are fighting very hard for more accessibility when you miss seminars and or labs and having more and more feedback and access to a wider range of opinions will help us relay what all students want, rather than 5-6 of us.
- **Alyna:** Yeah, with a larger sample size of voices, it is much more significant and easier to voice our concerns and advocate for change. Also, Julia has also created a QR code and printed off posters and has distributed them in MSB, PBLs, and in the APSA lounge for easy access. But I think that is all for that update. Oh, one more thing, once we create a summary document, we will also be distributing it on APSA members corner to increase transparency with what has been discussed/done. I think that is everything though. The next agenda item is myself again so I'm just going to continue on if no one has anything else to add.

#### 7. [Hosting more Inclusive Social Events](#) - Alyna (5 mins)

- **Alyna:** I received this email from a student this weekend, and I just wanted to share it all with you and to keep everyone in the loop. We have also been seeing similar comments in the APSA Member feedback Google Form that Julia and I made. I totally understand their perspective and I think that as a team we can collectively do better at ensuring that our events are more welcoming and inclusive to the entire student body. I'm not sure if anyone has anything they would like to add to this, but I just wanted to ensure that we all had the opportunity to read and reflect on this feedback so we can try to do better next semester. I know that a lot of events have traditionally been held at bars and clubs, such as Beercade last year and often it's the same folks who always come out to events. I really do think that if we have them at other places that people feel more comfortable in, we will have a larger turnout and center the folks who haven't felt welcome at our past events. I just wanted to keep everyone in the loop and be transparent about this feedback because I think it is very fair and valid.
- **Tamara:** Can you change the settings because it says I need to request access to view it?
- **Alyna:** Oh, that's so weird. Give me one second. Can you all access it now?
- **Tamara:** Yes, I can. Thank you.
- **Bojana:** Also this is not to say that there will be no more bar events, but it is more so an incentive to think outside the box. I know that there were ideas of holding more events in locations such as board game cafes, escape rooms, rec rooms or activate, and places not always around alcohol. There are quite a few students who feel uncomfortable when the event is centered around alcohol, which is very valid and fair. I know that hosting more inclusive events was brought forward and has been something the executives have been talking about over summer, however, this just proves that we need to be held accountable and do better. I want to be very transparent about the feedback that we're getting from APSA as a whole, so

thank you, Alyna, for sharing it with us all. Does anyone have any comments, questions, or concerns? Also, if anyone has any ideas or would like to further collaborate on hosting more inclusive events, please let me know.

#### **8. Rx Factor Update - Prerna (5 mins)**

- **Prerna:** So, as you all know, RxFactor is happening this Saturday at the Dinwoodie Lounge in SUB. One of your hosts is sitting right there, which is super exciting. We have been working super hard. There are multiple folks from each class competing in the talent show and all of the proceeds will be donated to the Movember Foundation. There will be games, drinks, a photobooth, and appetizers such as spring rolls, samosas, spinach and cheese pastries etc. We have dancing, singing, and comedy performances and I am super excited to see how it turns out. For APSA members, tickets are \$15 and then for Non-APSA members tickets are \$25. Everyone is welcome, pharmacy folks and non-pharmacy folks. After the talent show, there is a party bus that will be taking us to the Pint, downtown, which is right next to Greta so you don't have to worry about driving. I think that's all I have to update you all on. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me or message me on Facebook. I am super excited and want to see everyone there.
- **Tamara:** Is it a school bus or a party bus?
- **Prerna:** It is a school bus for people that are attending. They will pick us up here, at Dinwoodie at 9:30pm and then we will get to the Pint by 10pm. The spreadsheet is already posted as there are limited seats on the multiple buses. Tickets have also been posted on Instagram and Facebook with the link to the Eventbrite page. The doors open at 5pm and the show starts at 6pm. I am encouraging people to come around 5:00 so they can use the photo booth, mingle, and get drinks. Dinner, which is theater style food, will be served around 7:30pm and yeah, it's going to be a really fun night.
- **Bojana:** I just want to say one more thing for RxFactor, before we move onto the next Agenda item. A lot of first and second years do not know what RxFactor is and I really want lots of students to come out and attend. If you can, definitely reach out to people and let them know what is happening, how they can buy tickets, and how much fun it is going to be. Last year, for Blue and Gold, so many students that were not going to come or were on the fence ended up coming once they were personally invited. Talking to people in lab, in lectures, in the halls, I think it makes it feel much more personable and it can mean a lot when they are personally invited. One of the biggest things that I have heard upper years saying that they regretted, was not coming out to all the events that APSA has to offer. This is also our first in-person RxFactor since 2019 due to the pandemic. I want anyone and everyone to come. We also reduced the ticket prices from their traditional cost to make it more accessible to folks so I really want it to have a good turnout, we have been working on this since summer and now that it is finally here is pretty insane to me. I believe we have sold 60 tickets so far, and we have around 300 seats, I believe. I am excited to see everyone there and all dressed up. I think that is all I had to add and if you don't have anything else Prerna, or if no one has any questions, I think we can move on to the APSA Bear.

#### **9. APSA Bear - Bojana (2 mins)**

- **Bojana:** Our last agenda item is passing along the APSA Bear. So Justine was going to do it as she received it last week, but she unfortunately wasn't able to make it tonight and I believe that she elected Theresa to be her messenger. I am not sure if she gave you a message to pass along or just a name but I will let Theresa take it away.
- **Theresa:** On behalf of Justine, I would like to thank a certain individual. This person has worked tirelessly this month, and we have all had lots of fun at the events that they have been putting out. One of their events was last weekend and it was super super fun, they had another one today, and then they have one coming up. I know I am super excited for all of them, and I know my friends and the student body are as

well. They have been working day in and day out, all while dealing with the horror that is second year, first semester. So on that note, I would like to give the APSA Bear to Prerna.

- **Prerna:** Thank you so much everyone, I really really appreciate it. Second year has been quite a challenge and our midterm season was a bit of a struggle, so this is a very nice gesture and I appreciate it, a lot.
- **Alyna:** You deserve it.
- **Bojana:** Thank you for all your hard work, Prerna. I think that is all for the agenda then, right Alyna?
- **Alyna:** Yeah, that's everything. This has been our shortest meeting, by far. I am very impressed we're normally struggling with time. Also, Bojana did bring some little treats in for everyone, so please stick around as we are going to hand them out. I think Bojana also wanted to play a few teambuilding, icebreaker games, however, if anyone has to go, please feel free, I know it's late and we've all had a very long day. No pressure at all if you wanna use these extra 40 minutes for yourself.

**10. Additions to the Agenda:**

**11. Adjournment (6:23pm)**

**Motion:** To adjourn

**First: Prerna Second: Jazzi**