



APSA General Council Meeting  
January 14th, 2025 @4:00pm, ECHA 2-430

1. Call to order (4:04pm)
2. Roll call (2 min): Gauhar, Megan, Amy, Jin, Brent, Fiona, Kirsten, Georgia, Ally, Isabella, Mike, Hafza, Aminah, Judy, Jacob, Miguel, Julie, Jayden, Zach, MacKenzie, Nathaniel, Don, Rebecca, Julia, Max, Josh, Dr. Ken Cor
  - a. Regrets: Kevin, Vincent, Sania, Krisha, Matthew, Denae, Marissa, Toni, Abdiel, Allison, Bruce, Sarah, Joanna, Naomi, Remi, Yeganeh
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

**Motion:** To approve the agenda  
First: Nathaniel, Second: Miguel
4. Minutes of the last meeting (1 min)

**Motion:** To approve the [previous meeting minutes](#)  
First: Rebecca, Second: Kirsten

New Business:

5. Review of previous meeting's Action Items - Megan (5 mins)
  - a. Josh - Followed up with Madison/class of 2025 about yearbook interest?
  - b. Notes: Spoke to sales rep, yearbook is sponsored independently of fundraising. Should be able to cover this year's yearbooks. Could consider a small deposit from people who want a yearbook just to solidify a commitment to ensure yearbooks are picked up. Will need to improve distribution methods this year. Plan to distribute at Grad Banquet. Will be speaking to 4th year Class Rep before next meeting.
6. Meet Your APSA Team event - Megan (10 mins)
  - a. Description: Likely held sometime in March, just looking for feedback on how I'm hoping to run the event this year: I'd like to do it as a 1 hr lunch & learn to hopefully increase attendance. My plan is to have all councillors/officers submit a brief 1 page summary (Google Doc) of their roles and responsibilities, I'll compile them into a Google slides presentation that has each person's position, name, and email plus a link to their Google doc and then send out the presentation to the people who have RSVP'd to the event. Then during the actual lunch & learn I'd do it as a Menti or Kahoot quiz with questions about each role (participants can look up the answers) with prizes for the winner(s). If we agree on this format I'll be sending out more detailed instructions to councillors/officers.
  - b. Notes: Like the idea of doing it as a lunch & learn, could possibly have a live Discord forum for more direct Q&A. Could consider posting the 1-page docs as "flyers" around MSB/APSA lounge and put it in PQ+2. Liked the idea of prizes at the end. Could consider changing format to a

“career fair” style where councillors still make their 1 page document and during the time are available for questions in booths, and give a quick pre-brief of APSA’s structure as a whole and where each councillor sort of fits in.

7. PDW Debrief - Jin/Max (10 mins)
  - a. Description: Brief discussion on highlights from PDW
  - b. Notes: PDW went well, AB Branch members received several awards as well as the U of A itself. We had the most delegates (~70 students) of all the schools. Next year will be in Quebec City, then Manitoba the year following. RxFiles is offering a group rate for minimum 30 orders of physical copies of RxFiles, they are \$50 each. Josh has offered to coordinate a group order if there is enough interest.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Josh to find an RxFiles representative to discuss a group order, including logistics, with VP Finance
8. Class Rep Update - Don (5 mins)
  - a. Description: How are the classes doing/feeling? Any feedback received regarding APSA events?
  - b. Notes: 2nd years - feeling a bit anxious about getting used to having 3 pharmacotherapy courses at once. Have gotten good feedback on the separate lunch & learn channel on Discord. Faculty has been very receptive to feedback from the 2nd year class in terms of flexibility.
9. BPSA, MPSC, CSHP, LGBTQ+PhSc Update - Hafza/Aminah/Jacob or Miguel/MacKenzie (5 mins each)
  - a. Description: Update on Fall events and brief overview of any upcoming plans for this semester
  - b. Notes:

BPSA - Ended off last semester with a games/trivia night which was very successful, mental health session is in the works right now, clinic being planned for April which is for community members where they teach about minor ailments and other common health conditions (will be attended by Faculty of Med and Dent as well), Let’s Talk Webinar coming up about eating disorders.

MPSC - Ended last sem with a social event with Med, Law, and Nursing. Opened a new prayer space in ECHA with Med, Dent, Nursing. This semester, MPSC is working on accommodations for Ramadan and planning an Iftar (when everyone comes together to break their fast). Are also planning weekly events during Ramadan. Looking to work with Faculty for accommodations for 4th year students on rotation during Ramadan. Doing well in terms of budget.

CSHP - Started semester with student symposium, had their Drug Utilization session that was really engaging. Day in the Life of a Hospital Pharmacist event also went well, had a wide variety of pharmacists attend. Future Professional Award is coming up, deadline is next week (winner gets free registration to the Banff Seminar in March). Summer Student Panel will be happening on Monday, applications for summer student positions will close next Friday. February is their Host Program where students can connect one-on-one with a hospital pharmacist. Will also be having a couple events during PAM. Turnout at events has mostly been good. Also doing well budget-wise.

LGBTQ+PhSc - Last semester there were a couple of events, turnout was pretty good. Haven’t had their winter meeting yet, but some upcoming ideas are a creative writing session and wanting to do something with the U of A Pride week in March. In February, looking at doing a different fundraiser but more info TBD.
10. APSA Bear - [Rebecca] (2 mins)
  - a. Presented by Rebecca (VP External) to Isabella (IP Director) for all her hard work in bridging the gap between med students and pharm students to plan the inaugural Pharm v. Med Volleyball Game.
11. Additions to the Agenda:
  - a. Basketball Event with Med Students - Isabella
    1. This is in the works, will likely be some time this semester

- b. Undergraduate Research Initiative - Dr. Cor
    - 1. Conference is put on in March, if you have worked on any research project in the past year, you can apply with a 250 word abstract and if accepted will be able to present it at the conference. Deadline to apply is January 22nd.
12. Adjournment (5:01pm)
- Motion:** To adjourn  
First: Zach, Second: Isabella