APSA General Council Meeting
May 7th, 2024 @8:00pm, online (Google Meets)

1. Call to order (8:08pm)

2. Roll call (2 min): Gauhar, Megan, Rebecca, Amy, Kevin, Nathaniel, Julie, Jayden, Brent, Angela, Isabella, Mike, Kirsten, Fiona, Max, Julia, Zach, Vincent, Matthew
   a. Regrets: Don, Aisosa

3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)
   Motion: To approve the agenda
   First: Nathaniel, Second: Max

4. Minutes of the last meeting (1 min)
   Motion: To approve the previous meeting minutes
   First: Amy, Second: Mike

New Business:
5. **APSA Affiliated Groups (Megan) - 5 mins**
   a. Description: From the outgoing council, they wanted to discuss how councillors felt about APSA affiliated groups only requiring students leading it to be APSA members, and other members of the groups are not required to be members. This is related to APSA being an advocacy body for all students, not just APSA members.
      1. Right now constitution says members of the groups do not have to be APSA members
      2. If we wanted to make a change, this would need to be updated in constitution for next year - might be best to table for now

   Notes:
   - It was thought that the idea could possibly increase APSA memberships, but may also just cause the groups to dwindle if we add a barrier to joining.
   - Could potentially get a breakdown from group leaders of members vs non-members that are apart of these groups
   - General sentiment is against the idea, possibly could revisit another time.
   - This feedback will be made available to the Constitution and Policy Committee.

6. **[Discord Probe Report](#) (Mike) - 5 mins**
   a. Description of test channel on Discord for council members

Notes:
- A third party can make & run a bot called "Chronicle bot" to link APSA calendar to discord, council would continue to use the calendar and it will announce events for us and post reminders in the Discord.
- The bot has a free feature that would be sufficient for now, or could pay $60/year for the advanced version if we needed more features.
- Matt will connect Mike with a bot developer to explore customization options.
- No concerns noted for the Chronicle bot in terms of privacy.
- This will be an ongoing topic requiring continuous council feedback.

7. **By-election and Committee Recruitment (Megan) - 2 mins**
   a. Description: General Council will be allowed to discuss and vote on by elections and committee applications.
      1. Note: CSHP position is still unfilled, if anyone has someone in mind please get them to reach out to Megan or Gauhar about it.

Notes:
- Results will be shared at a later date.

8. **FoPPS Research Day May 29th (Vincent) - 5 mins**
   a. Description: Dr. Velazquez is requesting advertisement and volunteers

Notes:
- Just making council aware of research day and when/what it is. Volunteer opportunities and can sign up for a talk and abstract presentation.

9. [Transition Meeting Talk](#) **(Megan) - 2 mins**
   a. Description: If you have not been contacted yet by the outgoing councillor for your role, please contact Gauhar, Prerna, or Sarah Ho.

Notes:
- Nothing to add. Councillors can reach out to Gauhar or Megan any time if they have questions or need support.

10. Adjournment (9:00pm)
    Motion: To adjourn
    First: Mike, Second: Zach