

## APSA Executive Council Meeting November 19th, 2024 @4:00pm, ECHA 1-468

- 1. Call to order (4:03pm)
- Roll call (2 min): Dr. Ravina Sanghera, Gauhar, Megan, Kevin, Jin, Brent, Nathaniel, Amy, Jayden, Julie, Rebecca

a. Regrets: None

3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)

*Motion*: To approve the agenda First: Rebecca, Second: Nathaniel

Minutes of the last meeting (1 min)

*Motion*: To approve the previous meeting minutes

First: Amy, Second: Jayden

## **New Business:**

- 5. Conversation with the Dean of Students (Dr. Ravina Sanghera) (15 mins)
  - a. Description: Roundtable discussion about engagement with the Office of the Dean of Students.
  - b. Notes: Pharmacy students are eligible to use all the services provided by the Office of the Dean of Students, there may be a wait, but they will navigate these situations with each student on a case by case basis. If students have an issue, they are welcome to approach either Student Services or the Office of the Dean of Students, and will receive support regardless. By going directly to the Dean of Students, they may loop in Student Services (or vice versa) to provide the best support for the student. Student Services may also refer to the Office of the Dean of Students in situations where they cannot provide adequate support on their own. Website for ODS is currently undergoing an overhaul, but Dr. Sanghera will provide some PDFs with clearer information about available resources and has requested us to disseminate information to the students.
  - c. ACTION ITEM: Brent to coordinate with Dr. Sanghera/Dr. Grewal for a dermatology lunch & learn.
- 6. Review of previous meeting's Action Items
  - a. Nathaniel APSA lounge photo collage update?
  - b. Waiting on class photos to be printed consider tabling this for winter break
- 7. Menstrual Product Petition (Dedicated Fee Unit)- Nathaniel (15 mins)
  - a. Description: Information/update regarding the talk to provide menstrual products to all students. Information from the UASU.
  - b. Notes: Club Periodically has a menstrual product initiative trying to get a \$1 fee added to student tuition to fund menstrual products on campus. Students will be able to opt-out of this fee. Looking at a 5-yr timeline for which after that the University would hopefully take it over.

- They need 5500 signatures on this petition to even bring it to a vote (i.e. a signature wouldn't guarantee that this initiative will go through).
- c. ACTION ITEM: Nathaniel to share a photo of the poster with the petition on the APSA Instagram, Discord, and share with Class representatives to send in class-specific Discord channels and via class email.
- 8. Safe Sex Supplies Update Nathaniel (15 mins)
  - a. Description: Update and request for thoughts on safe sex supply distribution
  - b. Notes: Products received from HIV Edmonton internal condoms, external condoms, and dental dams (in a plastic bag consider stapling it closed to prevent tampering). Considering where to put them in the APSA lounge? Don't want it to be too visible but also not too hidden.
  - c. **ACTION ITEM:** Nathaniel to create a post/QR code with information on where the safe sex supplies will be located (likely in the bathrooms)
- 9. Awards Rubric Criteria Amy (10 mins)
  - a. Description: Historically, awards rubrics have not been shared with anyone (including VP Academic) until the day of awards deliberation to keep things fair for all applicants. Awards rubrics tend to be very brief (see image below) and we discussed last year how they were not suitable to make a fair decision. Awards Committee this year was wanting to edit the rubrics. For the sake of fairness, I propose that rubrics be shared publicly on the APSA website so students know what we are looking for when we are doing awards deliberations
  - b. Notes: Could consider rewording the application form itself to better reflect what's in the rubric, this way it avoids sharing the "actual" rubric with the students in case it ends up being modified slightly over time. May want to be more specific about what a 1 vs what a 5 vs what a 10 means.
- 10. Additions to the Agenda: None

Motion: To adjourn

11. Adjournment (4:52pm)

First: Kevin, Second, Rebecca