

APAGS Fall Consolidated Meeting

Oct 26, 2024, 12:00pm ET

Minutes

Participants:

APAGS EC: *Aldo Barrita (Chair), Quincy Guinadi (Past Chair), Ana Urena-Rosario (Chair-Elect)*

APAGS Members-at-Large: *Janavi Pandya, Briana Baker, Serena Bradshaw, Elizabeth Espinal, Jenee Edgerton*

APAGS Subcommittee Chairs: *Megha Nagaswami (ACT), Francesca Folio (Convention), Laura Ligouri (CARED), Lamia Bagasrawala (Science), Troy Kearse (CSOGD)*

APAGS Subcommittee Vice Chairs: *Kaley Davis (Science), Vardha Kharbanda (Convention)*

APA Staff: *Heather Dade, Ritu Kapur, Aliza Epstein (Governance Office),*

Guests: *Kate Brown (APA Board of Directors liaison to APAGS)*

Time	Discussion
10 Mins.	Introductions <i>Discussion Leader: Barrita</i>
30 Mins.	2024 Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap of 2024 Work Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presidential Student Vote and Town HallOperating Procedures ready for discussion and voteCurrent Climate – Voter Ed, Student Voice, AdvocacyAffordabilityOperating Procedures, 15 minutes Both <i>Discussion Leader: Barrita</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">Action Item

- APAGS Operating Procedures have not been updated since 2020. The Operating Procedures work group was tasked with updating the procedures in 2024.

- Major changes included clearer definitions, clarification of election process and filling vacancies, updates to meeting schedules.

- Procedures will be reviewed by the EC and staff yearly and will be updated as needed.

- Main Motion: The Full Committee approves the updated APAGS Operating Procedures as presented. Motion passes – 13 yes, 1 no

- **Affordability Discussion, 5 minutes Rltu**

Discussion Leader: Urena-Rosario

- Group met throughout the summer, did a lit review. A lot of information currently available
 - Overlapping themes in terms of difficulties and suggestions
 - Start the year with identifying the new work group, begin thinking about next steps for year 2, awareness campaign.
 - Awareness can include presentations to APA
 - Multiyear process, look at new goals in 2026

- **APA Comments, 5 minutes – Heather**

Discussion Leader: Barrita

- Continue to volunteer for comments throughout the rest of the year. Appreciate the volunteers for comments thus far. Represent the student voice well.
 - Request to send out sheet about how to add commenting to the CV – in APAGS Google Drive
 - Request that people send feedback about how to improve process or any suggestions

- **APAGS Elections Update, 5 minutes – Heather**

Discussion Leader: Guinadi

- Good turn out for applications
 - Encourage folks to vote, voting period ends soon
 - Subcommittee leaders appointed, notification letters to go out soon.
 - Some members getting a voting error every time they try to vote. - Aliza will let vendor know
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- **Voter Education, 5 minutes - Ritu**

Discussion Leader: Barrita

- APAGS resharing APA information on voter education, misinformation, etc.
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- Shared the Voter Ed Guide from Advocacy Office
 - Suggestion to share with networks
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10 Mins.

APAGS 2025 Workplan - HD

Discussion Leader: Urena-Rosario

- Review draft of 2025 workplan
 - Affordability again on 2025 plan – continue work around raising awareness
 - 2nd goal – providing comments
 - 3rd goal – Student Engagement, gives flexibility in terms of types of things APAGS can do, includes leadership development, APAGS becoming more visible,
 - Committee should feel free to continue providing feedback as the year goes on
 - Suggestion to make the metrics more specific for last goal. Target number for increase we are looking for, specifics tend to help. Engaging students on boards and committees, 75% of graduate students on B&Cs engaged, attendance for subcommittee events, look at target audience
 - Suggestion to incorporate subcommittees into the workplan
 - Third bullet would be the place to engage subcommittees
 - Expand the definition of engagement, to include recognizing the enormous effort on the part of the subcommittees.
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5 Mins.

Announcements & Closing Ritu

Discussion Leader: Barrita

- December Business Meeting
 - One more full committee meeting
 - Staff to send a poll for a time for 1.5 hours for the final APAGS business meeting- 30 minutes for business, second half will be a meet and greet for new members and goodbye for outgoing members
 - Outgoing members should let us know if they cannot attend so they can be recognized in other ways
 - Be sure to complete Doodle, will be first week in December.
 - There will also be an Orientation call sometime in Dec
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