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APAGS Full Committee Meeting 5/14/2026

Participants:

Executive Committee: Lamia Bagasrawala (Chair)
Members-at-Large: Vanessa Anyanso, Jasmine Bigelow, Dan O'Connell, Maya Hubbard, Samira Sainsurin
Subcommittee Chairs: Devon Kardel (ACT), Marisa Moorhouse (Convention), Yoscaira Gomez (CARED), Roksana Dobrin-De Grace (VC - Science), Tom Schlechter, Marianne Chirica (Science). Dionne Regis (VC-ACT)
Staff: Heather Dade, Amber Roopan, Ritu Kapur, APA Staff
Guests: Todd Jenkins, Nadi Paranamana, APA EDI Office
Elizabeth Louis, APAGS BoD liaison

Minutes

Visit with APA EDI Office

- Drs. Jenkins and Paranamana joined the APAGS Committee to discuss EDI initiatives across the association, as well as challenges facing graduate students and ways that EDIO and APAGS could potentially work together in the future.

Update on Conversation with Dr. Wendi Williams

- APAGS EC met with Dr. Williams last month to discuss student engagement and graduate student leadership within APA.
- Goal to discuss how APA leadership is thinking about developing leadership pipelines and building capacity of student leaders
- Building structured pipelines for student leaders to be more involved in APA leadership
- Would like to bring together student leaders (broadly, to include student seats as well as APAGS leaders) and APA leaders to discuss engagement within APA for student leaders
- Dr. Williams was receptive to more engagement and interested in knowing how they can strengthen student engagement
- Next step—bring formal proposal about how we can better engage with leadership; identifying what that would look like
- Who would be engaging in this work? Student Engagement work group?

Breakout Rooms (Small Group Discussions)

- What are some ideas you have for bringing together these multiple voices so we can identify priorities for these structural changes? For example, this could be a forum, summit, or a town hall. What feels most useful?
- As we think about these ideas, we want to be mindful of not creating an additional workgroup. How might we best move this forward? Does it make sense for the Student Engagement Workgroup to take this on, or are there individuals who would be interested in helping develop this proposal?

Report Out from Breakout Rooms

- Town hall and gathering students at Convention (hybrid for students that are not attending)
- Would have to be for 2027 as planning is done for 2026
- Suggestion to have this be the work of the Student Engagement Work Group

Closing/Next Steps

- The Chair/EC will be in touch via email with more information about next steps.