

PASA Re-Opening

August 2021 Announcement

1 Introduction and Disclaimer

Thank you for your patience with the release of PASA's plan for the Fall 2021 term. The executive team has built this plan from the most recent guidelines and limitations set by the province, the University of Calgary, and Students' Union as of Sunday, August 29, 2021. These changes take effect under the authority of PASA's Emergency Clause and in order to meet restrictions placed upon us by the province, the University of Calgary, Students' Union, and communication with the Faculty. Please note that these external guidelines and limitations may change suddenly, and thus the plan and rules for PASA presented here may change with little to no notice. While the executive team will do our best to communicate any upcoming changes as soon as possible, external circumstances may require snap changes. The information and rules contained within this document stand until an official announcement from the executive team is made that says otherwise.

2 Membership

Membership fees will be reinstated for the 2021/2022 school year. A valid membership is required to use the PASA room, attend PASA events (unless otherwise stated in the event description), and be a part of the PASA discord server. If you will not be in Calgary for the Fall semester but would like to remain part of PASA through our discord server, please email Gabby (gabriella.gelinas@ucalgary.ca) or Andy (andreas.smit@ucalgary.ca). To ease SU mandated attendance tracking at events, phone numbers will now be collected as part of membership registration, but will not be used as a mode of PASA communication. **Just as purchase of a membership signifies agreeing to the code of conduct, purchase of a membership this term indicates agreement to following the rules and guidelines presented in this document.**

As a reminder: for anyone second year and up, full-year memberships are \$10 each. First year students who buy a membership in the month of September are eligible for a full-year membership for \$5. Semester long memberships can be purchased for \$5 each. We are only able to accept cash payments.

3 Room Use and Sanitizing

3.1 Room Presence and Events

PASA's physical club space will be open again as of the morning of Tuesday, September 7, 2021. This means that the room will be available for regular member use throughout the day without a room capacity. Some PASA events will return to being held within the PASA room, with the likely possibility of hosting some high turnout events in external rooms in the university to allow for attendees to distance to their comfort level.

3.2 Masking

As long as the University issued mask mandate stands, everyone inside the PASA room and at in person PASA events will be required to abide by it. Masks must be worn in PASA, and must be done so that it covers the wearer's nose, mouth and chin. All masks used must meet the standards set by the University of Calgary ("Neck gaiters, face shields, and masks with exhalation valves or vents are not recommended, unless required as an alternative to a mask for accommodation purposes", <https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/covid-19-response/return-campus-safety>).

Members may remove their masks if they are sitting alone at a table or standing directly beside an empty table, while they remain in that area. If another member enters who needs to use the space that was once

empty, the previously unmasked member must put their mask back on to allow the greatest number of people to use the PASA space at a time.

Members may remove their mask to eat or drink only if they are seated and have at least 2 meters space (or about 2 chairs worth of space with any members sitting across a table from them at a diagonal) between their self and other members, or are standing directly beside an empty table and able to maintain 2 m of distance from others. Members must put their masks back on immediately upon finishing eating/drinking. Once again, if the space a member was previously using as a distancing buffer so they can remove their mask to eat/drink is needed for the use of other members, the member eating/drinking must put their mask back on to allow maximum usage of the PASA space.

In recognition of the high demand for PASA during midday, **there will be no eating or drinking in PASA between the hours of 11:30 am and 1:30 pm** to allow maximum usage of the PASA space.

3.3 Sanitization

Hand sanitizer, disinfecting cleaning solution, and disinfectant wipes will be provided. **All members are required to sanitize their hands upon entering PASA, and disinfect their immediate area before leaving PASA.** Please make use of the cleaning solution whenever possible, and save the wipes for areas that the cleaning solution cannot be used on such as the couches and printer. Please do not use the cleaning solution or disinfectant wipes on the whiteboards or blackboards. Areas with restrictions on disinfecting after use will be indicated in the PASA room. In the simplest terms, before leaving PASA, members are expected to wipe down their seat and the immediate part of the table they used.

3.4 Cubbies

Cubbies will once again be available to be won at Cubby Brawl. Important personal and academic items should not be left in cubbies or in the PASA room more generally overnight, as the PASA room may have to close with little to no notice due to external restrictions and limitations.

4 Events

The Students' Union Clubs Office is now requiring liability waivers be signed for many events, and as such you may be required to sign a liability waiver from the SU to attend certain PASA events. If the event will require you to sign such a waiver, it will be mentioned in the event's announcement. Presence at such an event will require signing the waiver: this includes simply using the PASA space for other purposes during an event's time, if the PASA room is being used to host said event. You must sign in with a designated executive upon entering the event to both sign in for SU mandated attendance tracking, and to fill out your waiver.

The requirement for sign ins and waivers implemented by the SU means that some events will have a restriction on entrance times to ensure that all attendance tracking is correct and thorough. If you wish to attend an event with such a restriction but are unable to make it during the posted entrance times, you must notify an executive ahead of the event and approach an executive to sign in immediately upon arriving at the event. This and any other rules implemented for the safety of attendees must be followed to continue your presence at the event.

5 Unsafe Conduct

Serious or repeated actions that jeopardize the health and safety of the PASA community and go against the guidelines/rules presented here, or actions within PASA spaces that violate the guidelines set by the University of Calgary, the Students' Union, or the province will not be tolerated and will be treated the same way as code of conduct violations are. Just as is done with code of conduct violations, the definition of "serious actions" will be determined on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the executive team.

Note: Treating violations of this agreement on the same level as code of conduct violations as described here will be voted on at the next AGM to be fully inline with the restrictions of the Emergency Clause. This will not be a vote on a matter of if this document will be enforced, but rather of giving the executive team the same authority of enforcement as with code of conduct violations where they may do so as an executive team, instead of having to act alongside the authority of the SU or other external body.