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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: June 14, 2012

Place: Web conference

Time: 5:00pm MDT

Attendance:

Amanda Nielsen, President
Lisa Barrett, VP External
Olivia Meyia, VP Academic
Wilson Ho, VP Operations & Finance
Maria Greaves, Faculty of Business Representative
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative
Adam Chisholm, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative
Greta Kirstein, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative
Mandy Nielsen, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative
Caitlin Cummins, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Rob Janzen, Faculty of Science and Technology Representative
Jade Clarke, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Sean Sommerfeld, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Adam Snider, Operations Coordinator

Regrets:

Meg Andronowska, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Absent:

Eric Lavoie, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Moiz Bhamani, Faculty of Business Representative
Steve Harris, Faculty of Science and Technology Representative

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 5:05pm MDT.	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented. (Clarke / Sommerfeld) Unanimously carried.	
3.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes	MOTION: To approve the previous meeting's minutes as presented. (Kirstein / Janzen) Unanimously	

	carried.	
4.0 – Welcomes and Introductions	The members of the council introduced themselves to one another.	
5.0 – Reports		
5.1 – Executive Reports	The members of the Executive Committee presented their monthly reports to council.	
5.2 – Financial Report	The Vice President (Operations & Finance) gave a brief oral report, noting that the AUGSA budget is on track and that AU enrolment has gone up, rather than down as originally projected. As a result, the AUGSA is in a better position financially than previously expected. The VPOF will provide a more comprehensive report at the June 27 th council meeting.	Ho – June 27
6.0 – Unfinished Business	No unfinished business.	
7.0 – New Business		
7.1 – Transition: History of AU & AUGSA	At the request of the President, the Operations Coordinator gave a presentation on the history of Athabasca University and the Athabasca University Graduate Students' Association. MOTION: That the GSA Executive create a PowerPoint presentation that is more robust than the History of AU and AUGSA presentation given to council, to be shared with students. (Greaves / Sommerfeld) Unanimously carried. Mr. Snider was assigned to complete the presentation by June 22 nd .	Snider – June 22
7.2 – Transition: How to be an effective AUGSA council member	The President gave a presentation to the council on how to effectively engage in their roles as faculty and centre representatives.	
7.3 – Transition: Intro to Robert's Rules of Order	The President gave a short presentation on Robert's Rules of Order, noting that a more in-depth presentation will be given at the June 27 th council meeting.	Nielsen – June 27
7.4 – Transition: Faculty Councils	At the request of the President, the Operations Coordinator gave a presentation to council on the role of	

	<p>Faculty Councils at AU and encouraging members of council to stand for nomination to their respective Faculty Councils.</p>	
<p>7.5 – Appointing Speaker of Council</p>	<p>MOTION: That the meeting move <i>in camera</i>. (Clappison / Sommerfeld) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>The council moved <i>in camera</i> at this point to discuss the matter of appointing a Speaker of Council.</p> <p>MOTION: That the meeting move <i>ex camera</i>. (Cummins / Janzen) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>The council moved <i>ex camera</i> at this point.</p> <p>MOTION: That the AUGSA Council offer the role of Speaker of Council to Mr. Snow for the 2012/2013 year. In the event that Mr. Snow does not accept the position, the Council grants authority to the Executive to offer the role to the runner up. (Clappison / Sommerfeld) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>Mr. Snider will draft a letter of offer for review by the Executive.</p>	<p>Snider – June 15</p>
<p>7.6 – Approval of GRA/GTA Survey</p>	<p>MOTION: That the AUGSA Council approve the draft survey to consult students on collective agreements to inform the AUGSA Executive in bargaining with the university for graduate student collective agreements. (Meyia / Janzen)</p> <p>MOTION: To amend the main motion by adding the words “with the first question amended to insert the words ‘collective bargaining’ before the word ‘contract.’” (Chisholm / Kirstein) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>With the amendment, the main motion now reads:</p> <p>MOTION: That the AUGSA Council approve the draft survey to consult students on collective agreements to inform the AUGSA Executive in bargaining with the university for graduate student collective agreements with the first question amended to insert the words “collective bargaining” before the word “contract.” (Meyia / Janzen) Unanimously carried.</p>	

	MOTION: To extend the meeting by 20 minutes. (Chisholm / Clappison) Unanimously carried.	
8.0 – Other Business		
8.1 – Membership in ASEC (information item)	The President gave a presentation on ASEC, with the aim to vote on join ASEC at the June 27 th council meeting. At the request of the VP External, the VPOF will present the total cost of membership fees in outside organizations at the next meeting, based on what they would be if we join ASEC.	Ho – June 27
8.2 – CASA Report	The VP External presented a report on the CASA Western Transition meeting that she and the President attended on May 28 and 29.	
9.0 – Adjournment	MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned. (Kirstein / Cummins) Unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm MDT.	

Amanda Nielsen, President

Adam Snider, Coordinator

Date of Approval