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Council Meeting

Date: June 16, 2011

Place: Web conference

Time: 6:00pm

Attendance: Amanda Nielsen, President
Greta Kirstein, VP External
Rob Janzen, VP Academic
Nathaniel Ostashevski, VP Operations & Finance
Denise Ferris, VP Student Life
Adam Chisholm, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) Rep
Margot Van Sluytman, FHSS Rep
Moiz Bhamani, Faculty of Business Rep
Ric Wheeler, Faculty of Business Rep
Jade Clarke, Centre for Distance Education Rep
Sarah Gauvreau, Centre for Distance Education Rep
Meg Andronowska, Faculty of Health Disciplines Rep

Absent: Wilson Ho, Faculty of Business Rep

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:08pm.	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	MOTION: Greta moved to approve the agenda as presented and Moiz seconded; motion carried unanimously.	
3.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes	MOTION: Sarah moved to approve the May 29 meeting minutes as presented and Ric seconded; motion carried unanimously.	
4.0 – Reports		

4.1 – Executive Reports	The members of the Executive Committee presented their reports (see attached).	
4.2 – Financial Report	<p>The VPOF presented a financial update. The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two cheques bounced in June as a result of money from AU being transferred later than usual. • Recommends never going below \$30,000 in the bank account, so that there is always enough money to cover at least two months of payroll. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The President noted that she would like to see a larger reserve, perhaps \$50,000. • Current available funds (above the \$30,000 reserve): \$6,998.00. 	
4.3 – Staff Reports	The Coordinator presented his report (see attached).	
5.0 – Old Business		
5.1 – AUGSA Swag	<p>The Vice President (External) presented information regarding potential AUGSA swag (see attached).</p> <p>MOTION: Greta moved that we focus on external organizations for this swag purchase and that we get the engraved metal pens and a minimum order of leather padfolios; Moiz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.</p> <p>Greta will check with the vendors to determine what the minimum order numbers are.</p>	Greta – June 22
5.2 – Speaker of Council Update	<p>The Coordinator noted that the search for a Speaker of Council has so far turned up only one inquiry (which did not result in an application) and requested that all members of Council share the information with their faculty (via Moodle, the Landing, etc.).</p> <p>After discussion, it was decided that the deadline for the job competition would be changed from “until filled” to “June 30, 2011.” Adam will update the job ad.</p>	Adam – June 22
6.0 – New Business		

<p>6.1 – Awards Committee</p>	<p>MOTION: Denise moved to allocate \$5,000 to the AUGSA Awards Committee to allocate as the Committee chooses between student, staff, and faculty awards; Sarah seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: Ric moved to appoint Meg, Jade, and Ric to the AUGSA Awards Committee; Greta seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>	
<p>6.2 – Vacant Council Seats: By-election vs Appointments</p>	<p>MOTION: Rob moved to have a by-election to fill the vacant seats on Council and Jade seconded; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: Nathaniel moved to pay \$300 to a Chief Returning Officer and first offer the role to our CRO from the most recent election (Mandy Nielsen), before opening it to the general student body; Rob seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.</p> <p>Adam to contact Mandy regarding the CRO role.</p>	<p>Adam – June 17</p>
<p>6.3 – Leaders Hall for Executives</p>	<p>After discussion it was determined that it is not financially feasible to send someone to Leaders Hall this year, but the Executive noted that someone should be sent in future years, if it is feasible to do so.</p>	
<p>6.4 – Provincial Priorities (AGC)</p>	<p>The discussion of this item was moved to the Landing. Amanda will setup the Landing thread.</p>	<p>Amanda – June 18</p>
<p>7.0 – Other Business</p>	<p>No other business.</p>	
<p>8.0 – Adjournment</p>	<p>MOTION: Meg moved to adjourn the meeting and Margot seconded; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.</p>	

Amanda Nielsen, President

Adam Snider, Coordinator

Date of Approval