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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 19, 2011

Place: Web conference

Time: 6:00pm

Attendance: Amanda Nielsen, President
Greta Kirstein, VP External
Rob Janzen, VP Academic
Nathaniel Ostashevski, VP Operations & Finance (exited at 6:55pm)
Adam Chisholm, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) Rep
Margot Van Sluytman, FHSS Rep
Moiz Bhamani, Faculty of Business Rep
Wilson Ho, Faculty of Business Rep
Ric Wheeler, Faculty of Business Rep
Jade Clarke, Centre for Distance Education Rep
Steve Harris, Faculty of Science and Technology Rep
Meg Andronowska, Faculty of Health Disciplines Rep
Eric Lavoie, Faculty of Health Disciplines Rep
Lorna Howieson, Speaker of Council

Regrets: Sarah Gauvreau, Centre for Distance Education Rep
Denise Ferris, VP Student Life

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented. (Kirstein / Wheeler) Carried unanimously.	
3.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes	MOTION: That the previous meeting's minutes be approved as presented. (Andronowska / Wheeler) Carried unanimously.	

4.0 – Meeting Procedure		
4.1 – Rules/guidelines for use of GoToMeeting chat-box	<p>The Speaker requested that meeting attendees use the chat-box only to request that they be added to the speaker’s list or if they are unable to be heard audibly (due to a malfunction mic, for example).</p> <p>Any other comments made in the chat-box will be considered unofficial and will not be considered as part of the debate or as official votes.</p>	
4.2 – Procedure for referring to meeting attendees	MOTION: Be it resolved that first names be used to refer to meeting attendees. (Nielsen / Janzen) Carried unanimously.	
5.0 – Unfinished Business		
5.1 – Course Pack Flyers	MOTION: Be it resolved that the AUGSA approve the expenditure of \$1400 for minor editing on the current template and the reprint of 5000 copies of the 'AUGSA Handout for Course Packs' and that the final wording be decided by the Executive Committee. (Kirstein / Nielsen) Carried unanimously.	
5.2 – CAGS Conference Motion	MOTION: Be it resolved that the AUGSA send our president to the 49th Annual CAGS conference with an expenditure of up to \$1700 to ensure our members are represented in that body and to assist in the formation of an AUGSA opinion on the possibility of our lobby groups joining CAGS. (Kirstein / Chisholm) Carried unanimously.	
5.3 – AUGSA Policy Research – Step 2 (Discussion)	<p>After discussion, the following motion was made:</p> <p>MOTION: That we spend \$500 of the president’s project money for the advancement of the following four policy directions: fair copyright law/open access, digital infrastructure, graduate student representation on AUGC, and part time student loans. (Kirstein / Harris) Carried unanimously.</p>	
6.0 – New Business		
6.1 – Winnipeg Meet & Greet	MOTION: Be it resolved that AUGSA schedule a Meet & Greet for Sept 28th in Winnipeg at a cost of no more than \$20 per person up to a total of \$500.	

	(Ostashewski / Janzen) Unanimously carried.	
6.2 – Learning Resources Question	<p>MOTION: That the AUGSA seek to develop a position on the learning resources question, and tasks the AUGSA VP Academic to develop a background research paper on the topic - including history of this matter, policy options, pros and cons, and his recommendations - to enable the AUGSA Council to form an opinion on this topic. (Nielsen / Lavoie) Carried unanimously.</p> <p>The VPOF exited the meeting at this point.</p>	
7.0 – Other Business		
7.1 – Course Pack Flyer Contest	<p>Discussion around the idea of creating a contest involving the course pack flyers ensued.</p> <p>MOTION: That this discussion be tabled and added to the agenda for the next meeting. (Kirstein / Van Sluytman) Carried unanimously.</p>	
7.2 – Motions & Voting on the Landing	<p>MOTION: That we use the Landing for discussion and votes, and send out email notifications for all new topics (discussion or votes). If there is a urgent vote to be made, the email sent out must include a timeline for voting (ideally three business days, when possible). Votes not submitted within that time frame will be counted as an abstention. (Nielsen / Lavoie).</p> <p>MOTION: To table the main motion until the next meeting. (Nielsen / Kirstein) Carried unanimously.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Meg will start a conversation around this topic on the Landing.</p>	Meg – Sept 23, 2011
8.0 – Adjournment	<p>MOTION: That the meeting to be adjourned. (Clarke / Wheeler) Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.</p>	

Amanda Nielsen, President

Adam Snider, Coordinator

Date of Approval