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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2013

Place: Web conference

Time: 7:15pm MT

Attendance:

Amanda Nielsen, President
Phil Ferguson, VP Operations & Finance
Julia Radke, VP External
Sheri Oberman, VP Academic
Kurt Spady, Faculty of Business Representative
Maria Greaves, Faculty of Business Representative
Lynde McKinley, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Nicole Hill, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Cynthia Gordon, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Gerry McDonald, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative
Slade Sekulich, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Adam Snider, Operations Coordinator
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

Regrets:

Caitlin Cummins, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Louis Watson, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Absent:

Corina Hollingworth, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Sofia Nteliopoulou, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Steve Harris, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

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| 1.0 – Call to Order | Meeting called to order at 7:19pm MT. | |
| 2.0 – Approval of Agenda | MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented. (Greaves / Sekulich) Unanimously carried. | |
| 3.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes | MOTION: That the previous meeting's minutes be approved. (Greaves / McKinley) Unanimously carried. | |

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| 4.0 – Declaration of Conflicts of Interest | No conflicts of interest were declared. | |
| 5.0 – Reports | | |
| 5.1 – Executive Reports | The Executives gave oral overviews of their written reports. | |
| 6.0 – New Business | | |
| 6.1 – Motion to Approve Commercialization of Research Policies | MOTION: That AUGSA approve the Commercialization of Research Policies Entitled “Optimizing Programs for Commercialization and Technology Transfer in Canada” and “Government Leadership on Commercialization and Technology Transfer in Canada” for submission to CASA. (VP External / Sekulich) Unanimously carried. | |
| 6.2 – Motion to Add Scores of Zero to Executive Rubrics | MOTION: To add marks of “zero” to the AUGSA compensation and performance rubric to reflect appropriate scoring when Executive officers are not performing satisfactorily or meeting minimum standards. (McKinley / Greaves) Unanimously carried. | |
| 6.3 – Professional Development Session: Robert’s Rules of Order | The Speaker of Council provided the council with an informational session to review Robert’s Rules of Order. | |
| 6.4 – Future PD Sessions for Council Members (Discussion Item) | <p>The idea of presenting a PD session of 20 – 45 minutes at every second council meeting was discussed. The idea was favourably received by council.</p> <p>The Executive team will move forward with planning and arranging sessions. Ideas for sessions that were raised during the discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective government relations • Conflict management • The government landscape in Alberta, Ontario and Canada • Governance-related topics • Leading without authority | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How budgets are prepared: the basics <p>Council was asked to share additional ideas for sessions with the President by email.</p> | |
| 6.5 – Update on Situation Regarding the Motion to Consider the Removal of the VP Academic | <p>A discussion of the legal situation around the motion to consider the removal of the VP Academic occurred.</p> <p>It was noted that the special meeting will be held on September 26 and that, once council has made its decision, it will be effective immediately.</p> | |
| 7.0 – Other Business | | |
| 7.1 – Performance Rubric | <p>The VP Academic suggested that the performance rubric might be improved by including a section regarding the dynamic/interaction between Executives and suggested that the Compensation Review Committee may wish to look into this in the future.</p> | |
| 8.0 – Adjournment | <p>MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned. (VPOF / Greaves) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.</p> | |

Amanda Nielsen, President

Adam Snider, Coordinator

Date of Approval