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## Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 30, 2014

**Place:** Web conference

**Time:** 5:00pm

**Attendance:**

Amanda Nielsen, President  
Phil Ferguson, VP Operations & Finance  
Julia Radke, VP External  
Kurt Spady, Faculty of Business Representative  
Maria Greaves, Faculty of Business Representative  
Lynde McKinley, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Caitlin Cummins, 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:**

Louis Watson, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Steve Harris, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

**Absent:**

Sofia Nteliopoulou, Centre for Distance Education Representative

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<b>1.0 – Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 5:00pm MT.	
<b>2.0 – Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.</b> (McKinley / Hill) Unanimously carried.	
<b>3.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes</b>	<b>MOTION: That the previous meeting's minutes be approved.</b> (Cummins / Hill) Unanimously carried.	
<b>4.0 – Declaration of Conflicts</b>	No conflicts of interest were declared.	

<b>of Interest</b>		
<b>5.0 – Reports</b>		
<b>5.1 – Financial Report</b>	The VPOF presented the 2013 financials to-date, noting that they have not yet been audited (but that the audit process is currently underway).	
<b>6.0 – Unfinished Business</b>		
<b>6.1 – AUGSA Representative on Graduate Student Research Fund (GSRF) Committee</b>	<b>MOTION: To appoint Lynde McKinley as the representative on the GSRF committee.</b> (President / Cummins) Unanimously carried.	
<b>6.2 – MOU for New Graduate Provincial Advocacy Group</b>	After discussion, it was agreed that having a full-time staff member for the new provincial advocacy group as soon as possible is important to AUGSA. It was also agreed that rotating audits (one year external, the next year internal) was agreeable.	
<b>7.0 – Other Business</b>		
<b>7.1 – FHSS Strategic Planning Retreat</b>	<b>MOTION: That the GSA Council select Ms. Hill and Ms. Cummins to attend the FHSS faculty on behalf of AUGSA and to cover any costs that are not covered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.</b> (President / McKinley) Unanimously carried.	
<b>7.2 – AUGSA Elections &amp; Encouraging Qualified Candidates to Run</b>	A discussion about how to attract qualified candidates to run in AUGSA elections, particularly for executive positions, ensued. It was agreed that this item would be added to the next council meeting agenda so that council would have time to think about it before discussing it at length.	
<b>8.0 – Adjournment</b>	<b>MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.</b> (Cummins / Sekulich) Unanimously carried.  Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.	

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Amanda Nielsen, President

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Adam Snider, Coordinator

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Date of Approval