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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 7, 2015

Place: Web conference

Time: 7:00pm

Attendance:

Cynthia Gordon, President
Kaitlyn Hillier, VP Operations & Finance
Teagan Gahler, VP Academic
Ken McKinnon, VP External
Peter Chan, Faculty of Business Representative
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative
Justin Litun, Faculty of Business Representative
Julia Radke, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Kathleen Kelava, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Nicole Whale, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Ryan Dexter, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Steve Green, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Josh McKeown, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Eric George, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative
Ian-Michael Anthony, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Shanna Rowney, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Ross Tyson, Executive Director
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

Absent:

Regrets: Mona Abou Taka, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

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1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm MT.	
2.0 Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the agenda as presented. (VPOF, Kelava)	

	Carried Unanimously	
3.0 Audit Report	Jay Chatha was present to present the 2014 audit report to Council. Motion: (Green, Clappison) To accept the audit report for 2014. Carried Unanimously	
3.1 Appointment of Auditor for 2015 audit	Motion: (President, Clappison) To appoint Chatha and Associates as our auditors for 2015. Carried Unanimously	
3.2 Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes (April 3, 2015)	Motion: To accept the minutes of June 9 as circulated. (VPOF /Green) Carried Unanimously	
4.0 –Reports		
4.1 – Executive Reports	All executive members presented their reports as distributed. Steve asked for additional reading on the AU sustainability report. Margaret suggested a plagiarism discussion at conference. Nicole agreed to send a digital tool to Teagan regarding plagiarism from U of L.	
4.2- Financial Reports	VPOF gave a report on finance at this time and the organization is financially sound.	
5.0 – New Business		
5.1- Committee Updates	Awards Committee: Teagan reported the first committee meeting will be in a couple of weeks and a call has gone out for more nominations for the available awards.	

	<p>Governance Committee: Cynthia reported on the committee working on dispute resolution policy and elections handbook along with some bylaw changes as a result. Julia will take comments about the Dispute Resolution policy that is being developed.</p> <p>Engagement Committee: Kat reported that the first meeting is planned for July 16. We will need volunteers for the conference.</p>	
6.0 Old Business		
6.1		
7.0 – Other Business		
7.1-	<p>Cynthia reminded us that the Outlook function puts the GTM’s on the calendar.</p> <p>Ian-Michael is having difficulty receiving emails and was counselled to use Explorer and that worked.</p> <p>Kat suggested revisiting committee sign up. There is room on the engagement committee. (Needs two more people) Ian-Michael and Shanna put their names forward for the committee.</p> <p>Motion (President, VPOF) To accept Ian-Michael and Shanna on the engagement committee.</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>	
8.0 - Adjournment	<p>Motion: To adjourn the meeting (VPOF, Dexter)</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.</p>	

Cynthia Gordon, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval