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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 2016

Place: Web conference

Time: 7:00pm

Attendance:

Cynthia Gordon, President
Kaitlyn Hillier, VP Operations & Finance
Teagan Gahler, VP Academic
Nicole Whale, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Julia Radke, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Peter Chan, Faculty of Business Representative
Steve Green, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Josh McKeown, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Justin Litun, Faculty of Business Representative
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative
Eric George, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative
Mona Abou Taka, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative
Ross Tyson, Executive Director
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council
Absent:
Ian-Michael Anthony, Centre for Distance Education Representative

Regrets:

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1.0 Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm MT.	

2. Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the agenda as distributed. (VPOF, VPA) Carried Unanimously	
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Motion: To accept the minutes of March 8 as distributed. (VPOF, Kelava) Carried Unanimously	
4. Reports		

<p>4.1 Executive Reports</p>	<p>All executive members presented their reports as distributed. Highlights include:</p> <p>President: Attended a meeting regarding Professional Development Courses that may or may not be required to graduate. Cost, content, still an issue.</p> <p>Student Conference just started. Abstracts can be submitted shortly.</p> <p>The budget was not able to be passed by the Board.</p> <p>Conferenced with Minister of Advanced Ed.</p> <p>Started a second job this month....a little hectic.</p> <p>VPOF: Audit was the order of business this month.</p> <p>VPA: Our meeting with the Minister of Advanced Ed was good. AU is not going anywhere.</p>	
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<p>4.2 Financial Reports</p>	<p>VPOF Kat shared reports with the group. We had to pay insurance payments this month.</p> <p>All else is good.</p>	
<p>4.3 Faculty Reports</p>		
<p>4.3.1 Faculty of Business</p>	<p>Peter Chan: Margaret Clappison:</p> <p>Not much happening this month. Two Exec MBA sessions on the 20th.</p> <p>Thanks from Peter.</p> <p>Margaret reported that the Department sent information regarding our conference this year.</p>	
<p>4.3.2 Faculty of Health Disciplines</p>	<p>Kathleen thanked us for a great two years. Some of the AU students presented in Hawaii.</p>	
<p>4.3.3 Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences</p>	<p>Steve reviewed FHSS news. Some symposiums coming up.</p> <p>Josh thanked us for a great year.</p>	
<p>4.3.4 Centre for Distance Education</p>	<p>Shanna reported: (1) CDE put out a call for presentation abstracts for their Education Innovation and Research Symposium (which is on June 9th & 10th in Edmonton). Keynote will be by Dr. Mohammed Ally about mobile learning. Abstracts are due by May 15. (2) CDE still does not have a group on the app (*shakes fist*)! (3) I am looking forward to working with all of you in this next year again.</p>	

<p>4.3.5 Faculty of Science and Technology</p>	<p>Eric George The Graduate Student Research fund application deadline is May 10.</p> <p>Research Without Borders coming up.</p>	
<p>5. New Business</p>		
<p>5.1 Update on Sustainability of AU</p>	<p>Cynthia- Meeting with the Minister of Advanced Ed and stated that he supports Athabasca U and keeping it in Athabasca Alberta. Suggest that the next Council keep an eye out for how the changes will effect out of province students.</p> <p>Steve asked if there were examples of fee increases. The answer is no.</p> <p>We shared the concept of sharing best practices across the country and suggested that we have an agreement across the country.</p>	
<p>5.2 Transition Process</p>	<p>Cynthia updated us about the executive transition April 22 - 25</p>	
<p>6. Old Business</p>		
<p>7. Other Business</p>	<p>Thanks from Cynthia for a great run. Kat thanks everyone as well.</p>	
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion: To adjourn the meeting (Green, Whale)</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting is new Council</p>	

Cynthia Gordon, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval