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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 19, 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
Peter Chan, Faculty of Business Representative
Steve Green, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Josh McKeown, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Ian-Michael Anthony, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Shanna Rowney, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Justin Litun, Faculty of Business Representative
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative
Kathleen Kelava, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Mona Abou Taka, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative
Ross Tyson, Executive Director
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council
Absent:
Julia Radke, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Regrets:
Eric George, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

The first part of the meeting was a Question and Answer time with President Peter MacKinnon.

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
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 distributed. (VPOF, Whale)	

	Carried Unanimously	
3.0 Approval of Previous Minutes	Motion: To accept the minutes of December 8 as distributed. (VPOF, Green) Carried Unanimously	
4.0 –Reports		
4.1 – Executive Reports	All executive members presented their reports as distributed. Highlights include: President: The most important event is the hiring of a new President for AU. VPOF: Preparing for year end. Attended the ICT Investment Governance Committee at AU. VPA: Had a student engagement meeting that talked about student information packages. More work on this item. Worked toward bringing Student Life Line to the AU website.	
4.2- Financial Reports	VPOF Kat shared reports with the group. Year end is under way and the audit process is next. There were some anomalies that are probably having two years in one for a category.	
4.3 Faculty Reports		
4.3.1- Faculty of Business	Peter Chan The faculty had five meetings across Canada. Peter attended the Edmonton one. For January there will be six information sessions for potential students. The new program is Manufacturing Management Certificate. There will be two new scholarships for students: one in accounting and one for first nation’s students.	

	<p>There is a new Intermediate Microeconomics 2 course for undergrads.</p> <p>Margaret ad Clappison added that there was going to be a Doctoral student contest with a cash award. There is also a bursary program that has not been well accessed.</p>	
4.3.2- Faculty of Health Disciplines	Kathleen reported on a new program in the Master of Counselling for School Psychology.	
4.3.3- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences	Josh McKeown noted that December was very quiet, so not much to report.	
4.3.4-Centre for Distance Education	Ian-Michael still working on getting a group set up on the mobile app.	
4.3.5 –Faculty of Science and Technology	Mona Abou Taka: The department is sending weekly emails (it started recently) to the students with latest faculty news and ALL grad awards that one can possibly apply to and their deadlines. However, it would be nice if they send out announcements to specific awards geared towards the students in the department of science and technology, because many of the awards announced the students in S&T are not eligible to apply to.	
5.0 – New Business		
5.1-Chief Returning Officer	Sheldon Fougere has signed a contract as the CRO for the 2016 election process.	
5.2- Elections Committee	<p>We will need two Council members to serve on this committee: Opened the floor for nominations.</p> <p>Ian-Michael Anthony was willing to serve. There will be one position open.</p> <p>Motion: To appoint Mr. Anthony to the Elections and Referenda Committee (VPOF, Clappison)</p> <p>Motion carried Unanimously.</p>	

<p>5.3- Marketing and Communications Plan</p>	<p>Kat presented the Marketing and Communication Plan.</p> <p>Motion: To adopt the Marketing and Communications Plan (VPOF, Rowney)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>6.0 Old Business</p>		
<p>7.0 – Other Business</p>	<p>President Cynthia added the Student Satisfaction Survey which will go out this month. Cynthia took us through the survey questions.</p>	
<p>8.0 - Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion: To adjourn the meeting (VPOF, Litun)</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting is February 9 and the President reminded us to log in early for the added discussion.</p>	

Cynthia Gordon, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval