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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17, 2017

Place: Web conference

Time: 6:00pm

Attendance:

Teagan Gahler, President

Jamie Czerwinski, Vice President External

Margaret Clappison, VP Operations & Finance

Steve Green, VP Academic

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Shawn Ang, Faculty of Business Representative

Peter Chan, Faculty of Business Representative

Patrick Corbett, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Shanna Rowney, Centre for Distance Education Representative

Lindsay McNena, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

Komal Kumar, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Lisa Gray, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Robert Janzen, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Michelle Halle, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Absent:

Vanessa Colettas, Faculty of Business Representative

Mahsati Abdul, Centre for Distance Education Representative

Susanna Suchak, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Regrets:

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1.0 Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm MDT.	

<p>2. Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the agenda as distributed.</p> <p>(McNena, Rowney)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</p>	<p>Motion: To accept the minutes of December 7 as distributed. (Corbett, McNena)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>4. Reports</p>		
<p>4.1 Executive Reports</p>	<p>All executive members presented their reports as distributed. Highlights include:</p> <p>President: A bit quieter in December as the two week session of holidays. Board of Governors was very busy in December.</p> <p>Appointed to committee to reappoint the Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.</p> <p>VPOF: Short meeting with IT Governance committee at AU. No new projects.</p> <p>Email for students is still up in the air.</p> <p>VPEX: Jamie worked primarily with abGPAC in preparing the submission for the Alberta Government funding review. Also a submission to GOA on their budget. There was a follow-up meeting with Ministers. They indicated no new funding or new spending at Post-Secondary.</p> <p>Looked at reducing education tax credits in favor of more research funding.</p> <p>Coordinating audit with abGPAC.</p> <p>CASA- acting as Grad Council Chair and policy committee. Steve wondered if the Federal Minister</p>	

	<p>change had any effect on lobbying. Jamie has not heard anything.</p> <p>VPA: Attended regular meetings when I was able. The OGSA work was busy last month.</p> <p>Attended the Opencon online meeting in December.</p> <p>Steve had family medical issues in December.</p>	
4.2 Financial Report	Margaret presented her financial reports for December 2016.	
5. Election		
5.1 Election 2017	<p>Ross gave an overview of the election process and what to watch for in February. We are looking for two non-returning members to AUGSA Council to serve on the Elections and Referenda Committee. We are also looking for a member at large to serve.</p> <p>All of the information for the election process will be in the February newsletter.</p>	
5.2 Contracting Chief Returning Officer	<p>Executive Director</p> <p>Motion: To approve the hiring of Chris Fukushima as Chief Returning Officer for the 2017 Election. (VPA, McNena)</p>	
6.0 New Business		
6. Old Business		

7. Other Business		
7.1 Bargaining Committee	VPA: Bargaining committee meeting is scheduled for January 24.	
8. Other Business		
8.1 Update from Faculties	There were no updates from Faculties.	
9. Adjournment	Motion: To adjourn the meeting (Ang, McNena) Carried unanimously Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm Next meeting: February 14, 2017	

Teagan Gahler, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval