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Council Special Meeting Minutes

Date: April 27, 2017

Place: Web conference

Time: 6:00pm

Attendance:

Teagan Gahler, President

Jamie Czerwinski, Vice President External

Margaret Clappison, VP Operations & Finance

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Patrick Corbett, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

Lisa Gray, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Shanna Rowney, Centre for Distance Education Representative

Robert Janzen, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Michelle Halle, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Peter Chan, Faculty of Business Representative

Mahsati Abdul, Centre for Distance Education Representative

Lindsay McNena, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Absent:

Steve Green, VP Academic

Vanessa Colettas, Faculty of Business Representative

Shawn Ang, Faculty of Business Representative

Komal Kumar, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Susanna Suchak, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Regrets:

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1.0 Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm MDT.	

<p>2. Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the agenda as presented. (Abdul, Gray) Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the minutes of March 14. (Gray, Corbett) Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>4. New Business</p>		
<p>4.1 Approval of budget amendment</p>	<p>Motion: To amend 2017 Budget: (VPEX, Chan) Carried Unanimously Be it resolved that the 2017 Budget be amended as follows: <i>Income > Gifts from Other Charities: Increase by \$50,000 annually</i> <i>Expenses > Payroll > Payroll expenses: Increase by \$25,900 annually</i> <i>Expenses > Payroll > Council Honorariums: Increase by \$9,900 annually</i></p>	
<p>4.2 Amending Course Payment Policy</p>	<p>Motion: To amend Course Payment Policy: (VPOF, Gray) Carried Unanimously Be it resolved that the first paragraph of the Course Payment Policy be amended from: <i>"AUGSA will pay up to \$2,000 worth of graduate fees at Athabasca University per</i></p>	

	<p><i>executive council member during each single term in office, provided that each Executive Council member can verify that his or her program costs this amount or more per year.”</i></p> <p>To:</p> <p><i>“AUGSA will pay up to \$2,500 worth of graduate fees at Athabasca University per executive council member during each single term in office, provided that each Executive Council member can verify that his or her program costs this amount or more per year.”</i></p>	
<p>4.3 Faculty and Centre Reps policy</p>	<p>Motion: To amend Faculty & Centre Representatives Compensation Policy: (VPEX, VPOF)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Be it resolved that the Faculty & Centre Representatives Compensation Policy be amended from:</p> <p><i>Faculty and Centre Representatives will be paid on a per-meeting basis, along with compensation for monthly communications, with a cap of \$200 per month.</i></p> <p><i>Council members will receive compensation as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) Communication allotment- \$50 per month</i> <i>b) Council Meeting attendance- \$75 per meeting per month (In the event that there is no Council meeting in a month then the honorarium is paid to all Representatives.)</i> <i>c) Committee meeting- \$75 per meeting per month.</i> 	

	<p><i>a. Until committees are formed then all Faculty Representatives will receive \$75</i></p> <p><i>b. Once committees are formed then committee members will receive the honorarium in the event there are no meetings for that committee planned.</i></p> <p><i>c. Honoraria are not paid for missed meetings.</i></p> <p>To:</p> <p><i>Faculty and Centre Representatives will be paid on a per-meeting basis, along with compensation for monthly communications, with a cap of \$250 per month.</i></p> <p><i>Council members will receive compensation as follows:</i></p> <p><i>a) Communication allotment- \$50 per month</i></p> <p><i>b) Council Meeting attendance- \$100 per meeting per month (In the event that there is no Council meeting in a month then the honorarium is paid to all Representatives.)</i></p> <p><i>c) Committee meeting- \$100 per meeting per month.</i></p> <p><i>a. Until committees are formed then all Faculty Representatives will receive \$100</i></p> <p><i>b. Once committees are formed then committee members will receive the honorarium in</i></p>	
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	<p><i>the event there are no meetings for that committee planned.</i></p> <p>c. <i>Honoraria are not paid for missed meetings.</i></p>	
<p>4.4 Council and Executive Contracts for 2017-2018</p>	<p>Motion: To approve Council and Executive Contracts: (VPEX, VPOF)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Be it resolved that incoming Faculty & Centre Representatives and Executive Committee Members be offered contracts as attached.</p>	
<p>4.5 Governance Committee</p>	<p>Motion: To direct Governance Committee to develop a Compensation Policy: (VPOF, Corbett)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Be it resolved that Governance Committee develop a Compensation Policy that governs how officials of the association are compensated.</p>	
<p>5. Other Business</p>		
<p>6. Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion: To adjourn the meeting: (Corbett, Gray)</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm</p> <p>Next meeting: May 16 (Council Retreat), 2017</p>	

Teagan Gahler, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval