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## Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 23, 2013

**Place:** Web conference

**Time:** 6:00pm MST

**Attendance:**

Amanda Nielsen, President  
Olivia Meyia, VP Academic  
Wilson Ho, VP Operations & Finance  
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative  
Moiz Bhamani, Faculty of Business Representative  
Maria Greaves, Faculty of Business Representative  
Adam Chisholm, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative  
Mandy Nielsen, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative  
Caitlin Cummins, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Eric Lavoie, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Julia Radke, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Rob Janzen, Faculty of Science and Technology Representative  
Steve Harris, Faculty of Science and Technology Representative  
Sean Sommerfeld, Centre for Distance Education Representative  
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council  
Adam Snider, Operations Coordinator

**Guests:**

Dr. Pamela Hawranik, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (AU)

**Regrets:**

Jade Clarke, Centre for Distance Education Representative

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:15pm MST.	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	<b>MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented.</b> (Janzen / Greave) Unanimously carried.	
3.0 – Approval of Previous Minutes	<b>MOTION: That the previous meeting's minutes be approved as presented.</b> (Cummins / Greaves)	

	Unanimously carried.	
<b>4.0 – Declaration of Conflicts of Interest</b>	None declared.	
<b>5.0 – Reports</b>		
<b>5.1 – Executive Reports</b>	The Executive team presented the written reports to Council.	
<b>5.2 – Financial Reports</b>	The VPOF presented a fiscal report for both December 2012 and the 2012 Fiscal Year.	
<b>6.0 – New Business</b>		
<b>6.1 – AU Graduate Student Conference Theme</b>	<p><b>MOTION: That the Council enter Committee of the Whole.</b> (President / Chisholm) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>The Council entered Committee of the Whole for open discussion.</p> <p>After discussion, the following motion was made:</p> <p><b>MOTION: That the AUGSA formally recommend that the AU Graduate Student Conference theme for 2013 be AU Ingenuity.</b> (Radke / Clappison)          Unanimously carried.</p>	
<b>6.2 – AU Graduate Student Conference Funding</b>	<p><b>MOTION: That the AUGSA Council approve hiring a Conference Coordinator for the 2013 AU Graduate Student Conference and providing a \$5,000 honorarium for this position.</b> (Greaves / Clappison)          Unanimously carried.</p> <p><b>MOTION: That the AUGSA Council approve spending up to \$10,000 to host the opening reception for the 2013 AU Graduate Student Conference on Friday, September 13, 2013.</b> (Harris / Bhamani)          Unanimously carried.</p>	
<b>6.3 – Volunteer opportunities for AU Graduate Student Conference (Discussion Item)</b>	The President requested that members of Council contact the Operations Coordinator to let him know what committees they are interested in sitting on so that we can nominate people at a future date.	
<b>6.4 – Increasing AUGSA</b>	<b>MOTION: That the AUGSA increase its</b>	

<p><b>Fees</b></p>	<p><b>membership fees from \$12 per credit to \$13 per credit, effective September 2013. (VPOF / Harris)</b>          Unanimously carried.</p>	
<p><b>6.5 – Division of Salary for Executives External Work</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION: That the AUGSA will divide up the VP External salary as follows for December 2012:</b></p> <p><b>President – 50%</b></p> <p><b>VP Academic – 25%</b></p> <p><b>VPOF – 25%</b></p> <p>(Cummins / Harris)</p> <p><b>MOTION: That we rescind the motion relating to VP External pay, and distribute VP External pay on a monthly basis for the remainder of the 2013 term (ending in April 2013) based on 10% increments, and that Executive members be compensated in accordance to their amount of externally-related work. (Clappison / Greaves)</b></p> <p><b>MOTION: That the motion be amended to add the words “December 2012” after the words “That we rescind the” and that the “demonstrated” be added before the words “amount of externally-related work.” (Greaves / Harris) Unanimously carried.</b></p> <p>The main motion now reads:</p> <p><b>MOTION: That we rescind the December 2012 motion relating to VP External pay, and distribute VP External pay on a monthly basis for the remainder of the 2013 term (ending in April 2013) based on 10% increments, and that Executive members be compensated in accordance to their demonstrated amount of externally-related work. (Clappison / Greaves) Unanimously carried.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION: That we allocate what was voted (80% to the President and 10% to the VP Operations and Finance), while the remaining is deferred. (Harris / Clappison) Unanimously carried.</b></p>	
<p><b>6.6 – Replenishing Graduate Student Seat on</b></p>	<p>The President nominated Maria Greaves to fill the vacant graduate student seat on the Faculty of Business</p>	

<p><b>Faculty of Business          Faculty Council</b></p>	<p>Faculty Council. Ms. Greaves accepted the nomination. No other nominations arose.</p> <p><b>MOTION: That AUGSA appoint Maria Greaves to replace Lisa Barrett on the Faculty of Business Faculty Council. (VPOF / Harris) Unanimously carried.</b></p>	
<p><b>6.7 – Travel Costs for Ignite Conference</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION: That the AUGSA approve paying travel and accommodation costs to have one AUGSA Council member attend the Ignite Conference from February 21-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. (President / Cummins) Unanimously carried.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION: That the AUGSA approve paying the travel and accommodation costs to have up to two AU graduate students attend and present at the Ignite Conference from February 21-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 to showcase AU graduate students to the government and other key stakeholders who will be attending the conference. (President / Harris) Unanimously carried.</b></p>	
<p><b>6.8 – Manning Conference</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION: That the AUGSA approve sending two members of the AUGSA Executive Committee to the Manning Networking Conference in Ottawa from March 7-9, 2013 to network with members of both the federal and provincial government who will be in attendance at the conference. (President / Greaves) Unanimously carried.</b></p>	
<p><b>7.0 – Other Business</b></p>		
<p><b>7.1 – Faculty of Science and Technology Faculty Council Report</b></p>	<p>Mr. Harris reported that he attended a Faculty of Science and Technology Faculty Council Meeting on January 16, 2013. There was some talk of setting up a graduate committee to look at the competitiveness of AU graduate degrees coming out of the Faculty, and they are actively looking for members to sit on the committee.</p> <p>The Faculty Council also discussed a Doctorate in Information Systems (still before government for consideration / approval) and a post-graduate certificate in IT Security (still in the investigation phase).</p>	

<b>8.0 – Adjournment</b>	<b>MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.</b> (Greaves / Meyia) Unanimously carried.  The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm MST.	
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Amanda Nielsen, President

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Adam Snider, Coordinator

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Date of Approval