



## February 2016 News

### President's Message:



February Newsletter

These are exciting times at Athabasca University!

We are now officially in a search for our next President of Athabasca University. Currently a search consultant and the Presidential Search Committee are meeting with university stakeholders to gather input on the qualities needed in a new president to best address the priorities of the university. They will be meeting with AUGSA Council on February 9th, please contact us if you have any input to share.

AUGSA will also be electing a new President, as well as VP's and Faculty Representatives for Council. More details below, but I encourage each of you to consider running for a position. Serving as a council member and President has been some of the most rewarding work of my time as a graduate student. Please get in touch with me if you are considering getting involved and have questions.

Finally, thank you to everyone who participated in our satisfaction survey. We will be reviewing your responses and creating an action plan to address gaps in our services and the details will be in our March Newsletter.

Cynthia Gordon  
President  
Athabasca University Graduate Students' Association

## **Elections 2016- Positions and deadlines:**

Each year we open our nominations process to students that plan to be with us at Athabasca University next year. We will be opening nominations in February for positions on Executive and in March for positions on Council. Please see our website ([augsa.com](http://augsa.com)) for this information.

Our Executive and Council have been excellent this year and we want to have an equally effective group take over on May 1, 2016.

Our Chief Returning Officer is Sheldon Fougere. Sheldon worked with us last year as the CRO and is excited to be back for this year's election process.

We still need a "student at large" to sit on the Elections and Referenda Committee. The committee work is not onerous, but is important. Interested students are asked to contact Ross at [ed@augsa.com](mailto:ed@augsa.com).

Nomination Form For Election:

If you are returning as a student next year, you may nominate yourself for positions on Executive and Council. The Nomination Form is found on our website along with the front page article on the election 2016.

## **Journal of Integrated Studies**

The Journal of Integrated Studies is run by volunteer graduate students and all the work is created and submitted by graduate students as well. You can check it out at: [jis.athabascau.ca](http://jis.athabascau.ca).

**Student Life Line:** This service offered to you on behalf of AUGSA.

Student Life Line offers monthly links to help you in a number of areas of your life.

Click the link below to access a PDF e-flyer containing a description of the topic, as well as your link to the resource. This month's topic is Achieving Your Goals:

[PDF](#) [PowerPoint](#) [HTML](#)

Also this month we have a feature on student financial resilience:

**Student feature: Financial Resilience**

[PDF](#) [PowerPoint](#) [HTML](#)

There is much more at the website. Simply log in **user name: AUGSA and password: wellness** to log in to your program website. Ceridian EAP/EFAP is here for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with expert help for work, life and everything in between.

See Student VIP options at: <https://www.studentvip.ca/augsa/>

**OohLaLa Mobile App:** Just a reminder to download the Athabasca University Students mobile app to your smart phone if you have not already done so. Simply search **Athabasca University Students** at your app store. We are very pleased at the number of students accessing this free resource offered by AUGSA and AUSU to our students.

## Faculty of Graduate Studies News:

### [AU Student Awards](#)

#### **Important New Award!!**

#### **Award for Indigenous Graduate Students**

**Deadline: February 15, 2015**

Indigenous Graduate Awards (Doctoral and Masters)

<http://registrar.athabascau.ca/studentawards/alpha.php#178>

<http://registrar.athabascau.ca/studentawards/alpha.php#179>

**Apply Now!!**

For more information contact [awardsinfo@athabascau.ca](mailto:awardsinfo@athabascau.ca)

or call 1-800-788-9041, extension 6197

As a reminder, AU's Students Awards Program offers the following two awards to support dissemination/presentation opportunities for AU graduate students:

[Graduate Level Student Travel Awards](#)

[Profiling Alberta's Graduate Students](#)

More information on these two awards is available at

[Student Awards](#).

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