



April 2019 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello AU Graduate Students!

Well, this is my last President's message for the newsletter. On May 1, Meaghan Sullivan as President and the rest of the new executive team will be taking over. I wish them the best of luck, and am looking forward to seeing the remarkable work they will get done over the next year.

AUGSA has meant a lot to me over the last 3 years. Starting as a Faculty Rep for Health Disciplines, I was excited to see the hard work that goes on behind the scenes and the passion of the people involved. This inspired me to run for VP External, which was an amazing experience as well as a crash course in everything from federal advocacy to governance to provincial government and being introduced at the Legislature. As President, I was lucky enough to work more closely with the administration at AU, from the President and executive team to the Board of Governors to being involved in the new mental health initiatives. I cannot express how valuable these experiences have been, and how lucky we are to attend this school, and encourage anyone thinking about it to become involved with AUGSA next year.

I also think it is worth noting that Athabasca University offers amazing opportunities that a lot of us wouldn't have otherwise. One thing I've noticed throughout my experiences is the passion for the university; whether it's coming from the students, the executive at the school, professors, or other stakeholders, so many people believe in this university and its mission. Take advantage of the chances offered and become a part of the AU community; there are amazing people out there and so much to learn.

All the best,

Lindsay McNena

President, AUGSA

Elections 2019

Here is a list of the nominations for Faculty Representative Positions with AUGSA. The polls will be open April 3 and 4 for voting on these important positions for the Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty: Kelli Buckreus, Bernard Kikechi, Erika Sanabria Medina, Ashley Ravenscroft and Arun Smith- Photos and bios: [Nominations](#)

Here are the elected (by acclamation) members to date:

Faculty of Health Disciplines (3)
Nicole Klix
Lindsay McNena
Christopher Rudan
Faculty of Business (3)
Judd Asoyuf
David Albert Newman
Margaret Clappison
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (5)
David Cloutier
Mary-Anne Parker
Linda Perschonke
Science and Technology (2)
Liliana Quyen Tang
Philip Kirkbride

Congratulations to those Faculty Representatives that have been acclaimed to council.

To vote for the final two seats on Council on April 3, 4 Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences students only go to: [vote](#)

[AU/ AUGSA 2019 Research Conference:](#)

We have started organizing our upcoming Research Conference in September 2019. Please mark September 13,14,15 on your calendars to attend this conference in Edmonton at the beautiful [Executive Royal Hotel](#) at the Edmonton International Airport. Watch our newsletter and additional posts on our [website](#).

[Faculty of Graduate Studies](#)

The latest update from the Faculty of Graduate Studies is [here](#).

[Funding Opportunities](#)

Several external graduate awards are advertised on the FGS website.

More info on these opportunities can be found on the FGS Funding Opportunities Page:
<http://fgs.athabascau.ca/opportunities/index.php>