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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 27, 2010

Place: Teleconference

Time: 5:30pm

Attendance: Amanda Nielsen, President
Denise Ferris, VP External
Michael Balaski, VP Academic (entered at 5:46pm)
Ric Wheeler, VP Student Life
Lorna Howieson, MBA Rep
Melissa Seaborg, GCAP Rep
Greta Kirstein, GDHERM Rep
David Keene, MAIS Rep
Adam Snider, Coordinator

Regrets: Nathaniel Ostashewski, VP Operations & Finance

Absent: Lawrence Poon, MSc Rep

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 5:33pm.	
2.0 – Approval of the Agenda	MOTION: Ric moved to approve the agenda as presented; Melissa seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.	
3.0 – Approval of the August 19, 2010 Minutes	MOTION: Amanda moved to approve the August 19 minutes as presented and Melissa seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.	
4.0 – Old Business		
4.1 – Project Updates	President's Updates – Still trying to schedule meetings	

	<p>with various AU departments.</p> <p>Looking into differences between Boards of Governors and Governing Councils. Looking into how the appointment of alumni member to GC works, since AU has no Alumni Association.</p> <p>Looking into setting up a “Big Listen” event (see 5.1).</p> <p>Made note of Barry Walker’s letter in response to her inquiry as to whether or not AU President, Frits Pannekoek’s contract is public.</p> <p>GCAP Rep’s Report – Had portrait taken for website and sent picture in to Coordinator.</p> <p>Other Reports – No other updates.</p>	
4.2 – Awards	<p>MOTION: Melissa moved to increase student awards to \$1,000 each and offer them 3 times per year; Amanda seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Melissa presented the awards criteria (see attached).</p> <p>MOTION: Melissa moved to approve the award system as presented and David seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Michael entered the meeting at this point.</p>	
4.3 – Transition Package	Ric reported that he will have a revised and updated version of the transition package ready for Monday.	Ric – Aug 30
4.4 – Copyright Stance / Letter	<p>Lorna presented a PowerPoint presentation about copyright issues (see attached).</p> <p>After discussion it was decided that Lorna will draft letters outlining AUGSA’s stance on these issues and Amanda will find out who, specifically, the letters need to be sent to.</p>	Amanda / Lorna – Sept 10
4.5 – CASA Information	MOTION: Amanda moved to table this discussion and hold a separate meeting for the sole purpose of discussing this information. Melissa seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.	
4.6 – Discussion Forums	Greta presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining information and options regarding setting up web	

	<p>discussion forums (see attached).</p> <p>After discussion, Greta was asked to get a more firm proposal from BluFyre about setting up a forum, and to ask about which software options (vBulletin vs Joomla) will be best for AUGSA's needs and will be the easiest/least expensive to maintain in the long term.</p>	
5.0 – New Business		
5.1 – Alberta Party “Big Listen” Event	<p>Amanda noted that hosting a Big Listen event will provide us with an opportunity to give feedback to the Alberta Party and potentially help to influence their policies.</p> <p>This event is only open to Alberta residents, but if a non-Albertan would be willing to take minutes, it would be appreciated, as this would allow Adam to fully participate in the discussion. Please email Amanda if you are able to take minutes.</p> <p>We are not able to hold a Big Listen specifically about student issues, but please try to make these issues a priority when speaking during the meeting.</p> <p>Amanda will send out a Doodle invite to schedule this meeting.</p>	
5.2 – Teleconference Proposal	<p>AUGSA currently uses an AU teleconference line. AU has asked that we find out own teleconferencing solution.</p> <p>The WIMP Committee presented their research into possibly solutions.</p> <p>MOTION: Amanda moved to purchase a GoToMeeting subscription at a base cost of \$948 per year. Melissa seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>	
5.3 – Social Media Policy	<p>MOTION: Amanda moved to approve the social media policy as presented and Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
5.4 – Password & Account Legacy Policy	<p>MOTION: Michael moved to approve the password and account legacy policy as presented and Greta seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	

<p>5.5 - Letter to Robbie Chernish Regarding Facebook Group Ownership</p>	<p>MOTION: Michael moved to approve the letter as presented and Melissa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The letter will be sent by WIMP Committee Chairperson, Rob Janzen as soon as he is informed that the motion has carried.</p>	
<p>5.6 – Video / Video Blogs</p>	<p>MOTION: Melissa moved that Amanda look into the requirements and options for producing videos and/or video blogs (“vlogs”) for AUGSA. Greta seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>	
<p>5.7 – Meeting Reminders</p>	<p>Amanda requested that everyone reply to the Doodle meeting invites she has sent out so that we can finalize dates for September meetings.</p>	
<p>6.0 – Other Business</p>		
<p>6.1 – Alberta Party AGM Attendees</p>	<p>MOTION: Amanda moved that Ric and Amanda attend the Alberta Party AGM as voting members of the party; David seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p>	
<p>6.2 – Staff / Councillors with Disabilities</p>	<p>Adam will follow-up with Lawrence regarding the AU staffer who looks after accommodations for students with disabilities to see if she has any advice to offer.</p> <p>Michael will also look into this, because he has HR experience.</p>	
<p>7.0 – Adjournment</p>	<p>MOTION: David moved to adjourn the meeting and Ric seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.</p>	

Amanda Nielsen, President

Adam Snider, Coordinator

Date of Approval