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Council Meeting

Date: May 18, 2011

Place: Web conference

Time: 6:00pm

Attendance: Amanda Nielsen, President
Greta Kirstein, VP External
Rob Janzen, VP Academic (entered at 6:23pm)
Nathaniel Ostashewski, VP Operations & Finance
Denise Ferris, VP Student Life
Adam Chisholm, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) Rep
Margot Van Sluytman, FHSS Rep
Moiz Bhamani, Faculty of Business Rep
Wilson Ho, Faculty of Business Rep
Jade Clarke, Centre for Distance Education Rep
Sarah Gauvreau, Centre for Distance Education Rep
Meg Andronowska, Faculty of Health Disciplines Rep

Absent: Abdul Wadood, Faculty of Health Disciplines Rep
Ric Wheeler, Faculty of Business Rep

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:07pm.	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	MOTION: Jade moved to approve the agenda as presented and Sarah seconded; motion carried unanimously.	
3.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes	MOTION: Nathaniel moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented and Denise seconded; motion carried unanimously.	

4.0 – Old Business	No old business	
5.0 – New Business		
5.1 – Council Orientation		
5.1.1 – Introduction to the Landing	<p>Nathaniel presented an introduction to using the Landing for AUGSA discussions.</p> <p>It was noted that the Landing will be the main communication method for AUGSA business that involves the entire Council. For smaller groups, email is the more appropriate medium.</p>	
5.1.2 – Meeting Etiquette	Adam gave a presentation about meeting etiquette (see attached).	
5.1.3 – AUGSA Background & History	Amanda gave a historical background on AUGSA: when the Association began and an outline of major events between then and now.	
5.1.4 – Council Introductions	The new members of Council introduced themselves to one another and gave a brief outline of why they wanted to join the AUGSA Council.	
5.1.5 - Questions	There were some technical questions regarding the Landing; these were dealt with on an individual basis.	
5.2 – Reports		
5.2.1 – Executive Reports	The returning Executive members presented their April 2011 reports (see attached).	
5.2.2 – Staff Reports	The Coordinator presented his April 2011 report (see attached).	
5.3 – Lobby Training Conference	<p>Amanda raised the possibility of sending a member of Council to the Canadian Institute’s Government Relations & Lobbying conference (or of paying for a portion of the cost).</p> <p>Nathaniel advised that we should not take on the cost at this time.</p>	
5.4 – AUGSA Swag	Greta presented some information regarding possible AUGSA promotional items. It was agreed that discussion of this item would be moved to the Landing.	

5.5 – Registering AUGSA with Alberta Campus of Technologies	There is no cost associated with registering. MOTION: Nathaniel moved that AUGSA be registered with the Alberta Campus of Technologies and Moiz seconded; motion carried unanimously.	
5.6 – Litigation Insurance	Tabled until the next meeting.	
5.7 – Hiring a Corporate Lawyer	Tabled until the next meeting.	
5.8 – Privileged/Sensitive Information	Adam gave a brief presentation on the handling of sensitive information, highlighting the importance of following the AUGSA Privacy Policy and of ensuring that private student data remains private.	
6.0 – Other Business	No other business	
7.0 – Adjournment	MOTION: Greta moved to adjourn the meeting and Moiz seconded; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.	

Amanda Nielsen, President

Adam Snider, Coordinator

Date of Approval