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## Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 21, 2012

**Place:** Web conference

**Time:** 6:00pm MST

**Attendance:** Amanda Nielsen, President  
Greta Kirstein, VP External  
Rob Janzen, VP Academic  
Nathaniel Ostashewski, VP Operations & Finance  
Adam Chisholm, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) Rep  
Margot Van Sluytman, FHSS Rep  
Ric Wheeler, Faculty of Business Rep  
Lorna Howieson, Speaker of Council  
Eric Lavoie, Faculty of Health Disciplines Rep  
Adam Snider, Coordinator

**Guest(s):** Olivia Meyia (incoming VP Academic)

**Absent:** Jade Clarke, Centre for Distance Education Rep  
Sarah Gauvreau, Centre for Distance Education Rep  
Wilson Ho, Faculty of Business Rep

**Regrets:** Steve Harris, Faculty of Science and Technology Rep  
Meg Andronowska, Faculty of Health Disciplines Rep  
Moiz Bhamani, Faculty of Business Rep (*attended, but had to leave before quorum was reached and meeting official began*)

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:35pm MST.	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	<b>MOTION: To amend the agenda so that “New Business” would be moved to start of the agenda and so that item 5.2 would be moved to the end.</b> (Chisholm / Kirstein) Unanimously carried.	

<b>3.0 – New Business</b>		
<b>3.1 – AUGSA Representatives for AU Staff Awards Committees</b>	<b>MOTION: That the President accepts the position on the AU Staff Awards Committee (Wheeler / Ostashewski).</b> Unanimously carried.	
<b>3.2 – FHSS Faculty Council – Graduate Student Representation</b>	<b>MOTION: That the AUGSA appoint Margot van Sluytman and Amanda Nielsen as interim representatives for the April 4th, 2012 meeting of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Council meeting to represent graduate students in order to ensure graduate students will still be represented at that meeting with the goal of appointing permanent members to the Council in May 2012 (Janzen / Lavoie).</b> Unanimously carried.	
<b>3.3 – Appointment Process for Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative (Discussion Item)</b>	<p><b>MOTION: That the Council move to Committee of the Whole.</b> (Nielsen / Janzen) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>Discussion on the topic of whether to appoint a representative to the open Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative seat or to hold a by-election was held.</p> <p><b>MOTION: That the Council exit Committee of the Whole.</b> (Ostashewski / Wheeler) Unanimously carried.</p> <p><b>MOTION: That AUGSA solicit interest from the Faculty of Health Disciplines to fulfill the vacancy on the GSA Council for the 2012/2013 term, and aim to appoint a student to the Council at the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Council Meeting at the decision of the Council (Ostashewski / Kirstein).</b> Unanimously carried.</p>	
<b>3.4 – Motion Regarding Executive Transition Meeting</b>	<p><b>MOTION: That the AUGSA spend up to \$4000 for the AUGSA Incoming Executive Transition and Training meeting to be held in Athabasca, Alberta. This includes travel, meals, thank you gifts for AU staff for meeting with us for training, accommodation, a mini "Meet and Greet" with AU staff, etc.</b> (Nielsen / Lavoie). Unanimously carried.</p> <p>Quorum was lost following this item. All remaining items were tabled until the next meeting as a result.</p>	
<b>3.5 – Alumni Awards Selection Committee</b>	Tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.	

<b>3.6 – Chief Returning Officer’s Recommendations &amp; Elections/Referenda Process (Discussion Item)</b>	Tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.	
<b>3.7 – Motion Regarding Health &amp; Dental Plan Referendum</b>	Tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.	
<b>4.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes</b>	Tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.	
<b>5.0 – Reports</b>		
<b>5.1 – Executive Reports</b>	Tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.	
<b>5.2 – Financial Reports / Audit Update</b>	Tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.	
<b>5.3 – Awards Committee Report</b>	Tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.	
<b>6.0 – Other Business</b>	Tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.	
<b>7.0 - Adjournment</b>	<b>MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned</b> (Nielsen / Janzen). Unanimously carried.  Adjourned at 7: 35pm.	

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Amanda Nielsen, President

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Adam Snider, Coordinator

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Date of Approval