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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 15, 2013

Place: Web conference

Time: 7:00pm MT

Attendance:

Amanda Nielsen, President
Phil Ferguson, VP Operations & Finance
Julia Radke, VP External
Sheri Oberman, VP Academic
Maria Greaves, Faculty of Business Representative
Kurt Spady, Faculty of Business Representative
Caitlin Cumming, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Lynde McKinely, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Louis Watson, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Nicole Hill, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Cynthia Gordon, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Steve Harris, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative
Gerry McDonald, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative
Slade Sekulich, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Adam Snider, Operations Coordinator

Guests:

Pat Joyce, Candidate for Speaker of Council
Eric Snow, Candidate for Speaker of Council

Absent:

Corina Hollingworth, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Sofia Nteliopoulou, Centre for Distance Education Representative

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:00pm MT.	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented. (Harris / Cummins) Unanimously carried.	
3.0 – Approval of Previous	MOTION: That the previous meeting's minutes be	

Meeting's Minutes	approved as presented. (Radke / Greaves) Unanimously carried.	
4.0 – Declaration of Conflicts of Interest	Mr. Spady declared that he is the Conference Coordinator for the AU Ingenuity Conference and will be abstaining from any votes relating to the conference.	
5.0 – Interviews & Selection of Speaker of Council	The AUGSA Council interviewed Mr. Joyce and Mr. Snow using the attached interview questions. After conducting the interviews and deliberating as a Council, AUGSA decided to appoint Mr. Snow as AUGSA's Speaker of Council for the 2013/14 academic year. MOTION: That we accept Eric Snow as the Speaker of Council for the 2013-2014 academic year. (President / VP External) Unanimously carried.	
6.0 – Reports		
6.1 – Explanation of Executive Reports & Bonus Process	The Operations Coordinator explained the Executive Compensation System (see attached) to the Council.	
6.2 – Executive Reports	The Executive Committee provided verbal overviews of their attached written reports.	
6.3 – Selection of Executive Compensation Committee	MOTION: That Maria Greaves, Louis Mark Watson, Lynde McKinley, Cynthia Gordon, and Nicole Hill be appointed to the Executive Compensation Review Committee. (VP External / Cummins) Unanimously carried.	
7.0 – New Business		
7.1 – Motion to Consider Removal of VP Academic from Office	MOTION: That Council consider the removal of Sheri Oberman from her position as AUGSA Vice President Academic for an accumulation of actions that have contributed to a hostile work environment. VPOF / VP External) At this point, the council moved to go in camera (see item 7.2)	
7.2 – Motion to Enter In	MOTION: That the meeting enter an in camera session such that only members of AUGSA Council	

<p>Camera Session</p>	<p>and the following individuals may be present during discussion: The Speaker of Council, Adam Snider (as AUGSA Coordinator), Dana Gregoire (as Council's Governance Consultant). (VPOF / VP External)</p> <p>The meeting when <i>in camera</i> at this time for a discussion of the motion under consideration in item 7.1.</p>	
<p>7.3 – Motion to Exit In Camera Session</p>	<p>MOTION: That the meeting exit the in camera session. (Cummins / VP Academic) Motion defeated by a vote of 10 to 3.</p> <p>The meeting remained in an <i>in camera</i> session for further discussion of item 7.1.</p> <p>MOTION: That the meeting exit the in camera session. (Cummins / McKinely) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>Council exited the <i>in camera</i> session and voted in favour of the main motion under consideration in item 7.1 (see above) by a vote of 12 to 1.</p> <p>As a result, no sooner than 21 days from now the AUGSA Council will be able to entertain a motion to remove Sheri Oberman from her position as AUGSA VP External and from the AUGSA Council for contributing to a hostile workplace.</p>	
<p>8.0 – Other Business</p>	<p>No other business.</p>	
<p>9.0 – Adjournment</p>	<p>MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned. (Cummins / Greaves) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 10:18pm MT.</p>	

Amanda Nielsen, President

Adam Snider, Coordinator

Date of Approval