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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 26, 2013

Place: Web conference

Time: 6:00pm MT

Attendance:

Amanda Nielsen, President
Phil Ferguson, VP Operations & Finance
Julia Radke, VP External
Sheri Oberman, VP Academic
Kurt Spady, Faculty of Business Representative
Maria Greaves, Faculty of Business Representative
Lynde McKinely, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Caitlin Cummins, 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
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

Guests:

Brian Curial, AUGSA Legal Counsel

Regrets:

Louis Watson, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

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 6:08pm MT.	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented. (Cummins / Hill) Carried by a vote of 12-1. Ms. Oberman noted her opposition to moving in	

	camera, as she felt it would not allow for a transparent process.	
3.0 – Declaration of Conflicts of Interest	No conflicts of interest were declared.	
4.0 – New Business		
4.1 – MOTION: To remove the VP Academic from office	<p>VP Academic went on record indicating that she does not feel it is appropriate for the other members of the Executive to be included in the vote on the motion to remove, as she feels that are not open minded on the matter. The Speaker indicated that there is no justification in the bylaws or Robert’s Rules of Order not to allow the other executives to vote on the matter and made a formal ruling to that effect.</p> <p>MOTION: That Sheri Oberman be removed from her position as the AUGSA Vice President Academic and from the AUGSA Council effective immediately. (VPOF / VP External)</p>	
4.1.1 – MOTION: To move in camera	<p>MOTION: That the meeting enter an in camera session such that only members of the AUGSA Council and the following individuals may be present during discussion: the Speaker of Council, the AUGSA Operations Coordinator, Brian Curial (as AUGSA’s legal counsel) and the VP Academic’s legal counsel (if present). (McKinley / Cummins) Motion carried by a vote of 12-1.</p> <p>The meeting went <i>in camera</i> at this point.</p>	
4.1.2 – Discussion of the Removal of the VP Academic from Office (in camera)	An in camera session was held to discuss the removal of the VP Academic from office.	
4.1.3 – MOTION: To leave the in camera session	<p>MOTION: That the meeting leave the in camera session. (Spady / Greaves) Motion carried by a vote of 10-3.</p> <p>The meeting left the in camera session at this point and a vote on the main motion occurred. The motion, once again, was as follows:</p>	

	MOTION: That Sheri Oberman be removed from her position as the AUGSA Vice President Academic and from the AUGSA Council effective immediately. (VPOF / VP External) Motion carried by a vote of 11-1.	
5.0 – Adjournment	MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned. (Greaves / McKinley) Unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.	

Amanda Nielsen, President

Adam Snider, Coordinator

Date of Approval