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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 18, 2015

Place: Web conference

Time: 7:00pm

Attendance:

Cynthia Gordon, President
Kaitlyn Hillier, VP Operations & Finance
Teagan Gahler, VP Academic
Ken McKinnon, VP External
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative
Justin Litun, Faculty of Business Representative
Julia Radke, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Kathleen Kelava, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Peter Chan, Faculty of Business Representative
Ryan Dexter, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Steve Green, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Josh McKeown, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative
Mona Abou Taka, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative
Ian-Michael Anthony, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Shanna Rowney, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Ross Tyson, Executive Director
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

Absent:

Eric George, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative
Nicole Whale, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Regrets:

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1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm MT.	

<p>2.0 Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the agenda as presented. (VPOF, Rowney)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>3.0 Approval of Previous Minutes</p>	<p>Motion: (Anthony, Chan) To accept the minutes of July 7 as distributed.</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>4.0 –Reports</p>		
<p>4.1 – Executive Reports</p>	<p>All executive members presented their reports as distributed.</p> <p>Cynthia pushed the Get Out the Vote campaign by CASA.</p> <p>Teagan told us that the new registrar is Richard MacLeod. There are two orientation sessions in the fall; Sept 13 at 6 pm, Sept 14 at noon.</p>	
<p>4.2- Financial Reports</p>	<p>VPOF gave a report on finance at this time and the organization is financially sound.</p>	
<p>5.0 – New Business</p>		
<p>5.1- Committee Updates</p>	<p>Awards Committee: Teagan reported the first committee meeting. We are suggesting that two students will be receiving awards. Ross will supply the certificate and cheque. Non-academic staff Vikki Bellerose will be given this award.</p> <p>Motion: (VPA, Radke) To approve the adoption of two recipients Dr. Paul Jerry and Dr. Anshuman Khare for the 2015 AUGSA Academic Staff Award.</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Engagement Committee: Kat reported that the first meeting happened this month. We are planning for the</p>	

	<p>conference, attending meetings, updating social media including the mobile app.</p> <p>Governance Committee: We have approved an election handbook and made other changes to Bylaw 2.</p>	
5.2- Election Handbook review and approval	<p>Motion: To adopt the elections handbook along with the accompanying changes to Bylaw 2 as presented (President, Clappison)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>	
5.3-Bylaw 2 approval	See above	
5.4- Orientation	This was covered in the report by VPA. Both orientation sessions will be online in September.	
6.0 Old Business		
6.1		
7.0 – Other Business		
7.1- People’s Platform	<p>Cynthia demonstrated the People’s Platform which is a web-based platform for input on issues that we would like the Federal Government to concentrate on.</p> <p>Cynthia suggested that committee members browse the site and get involved.</p>	
8.0 - Adjournment	<p>Motion: To adjourn the meeting (Radke, Kelava)</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.</p>	

Cynthia Gordon, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval