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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 13, 2015

Place: Web conference

Time: 7:00pm

Attendance:

Cynthia Gordon, President
Kaitlyn Hillier, VP Operations & Finance
Teagan Gahler, VP Academic

Julia Radke, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Kathleen Kelava, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Peter Chan, Faculty of Business 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
Ross Tyson, Executive Director
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council
Justin Litun, Faculty of Business Representative
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative
Eric George, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Absent: **Ken McKinnon, VP External**
Nicole Whale, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Regrets: Shanna Rowney, Centre for Distance Education Representative

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1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm MT.	
2.0 Approval of Agenda	Motion:	

	<p>To amend the agenda to include: (President, VPA)</p> <p>1) Item 7.1 Ministry Input</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> <p>To approve the agenda as amended</p> <p>. (VPOF, Litun)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>3.0 Approval of Previous Minutes</p>	<p>Motion: (To accept the minutes of September 15 as distributed. (VPOF, Green)</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>President: Cynthia reported the big event was the Research Conference which was a big success. Results from the survey are amazing.</p> <p>CASA approved a policy asking for reinstatement of the long form census.</p> <p>There is a group looking at learning outcomes assessment. She will keep us up to date on that.</p> <p>AbGPAC has a new logo.</p> <p>Board of Governors passed the Annual Report.</p> <p>VPOF- Month end finance, conference preparation for both attendance and presentation.</p> <p>A draft budget has been prepared and Cynthia and Ross will help with the draft for Council.</p> <p>Kat met with the IT investment Committee. (AU) Talked about an email account for all students.</p> <p>Pleased with the way Conference went.</p>	

	<p>VPA: Teagan echoed the comment about the conference. GFC meetings: had five meetings this month. Student appeals have been a common theme on plagiarism especially.</p> <p>Working with Alain May and the Registrar's office to improve new student engagement- we asked AU for lists of students who were new each month.</p>	
4.2- Financial Reports	VPOF gave a report on finance at this time and the organization is financially sound.	
4.3 Faculty Reports	.	
4.3.1- Faculty of Business	Business: Peter Chan reported that there are five events for the MBA information sessions. Additional sessions on B Comm and CPA are also being presented. Alumni and student mixers in Houston and Markham this month	
4.3.2- Faculty of Health Disciplines	Kathleen followed up on the student question about alumni and the library- with Cynthia's help the alumni do have that capacity.	
4.3.3- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences	Josh: strategic launch by faculty (Steve and Josh attended) Enlightening opportunity to be involved in the planning session. Also were able to sit in on the research symposium.	
4.3.4-Centre for Distance Education	Ian-Michael had nothing to report from the CDE. Suggested however that there be a group set up on the APP for CDE.	
4.3.5 –Faculty of Science and Technology	Science would like a group as well. Eric suggested that the students are busy, but posted a survey on the Landing recently regarding new courses suggested and level of satisfaction with curriculum. Will report on the results of the survey later.	
5.0 – New Business		

<p>5.1 Changes to Executive Membership</p>	<p>Motion: to move in camera. (President, VPOF) Carried.</p> <p>Motion: to move out of in camera session. (President, Anthony) Carried</p> <p>No motion is required after discussion</p>	
<p>5.2- Committee Updates</p>	<p>Awards Committee – lots of applications for the Graduate Citizenship Award, awards committee will meet to go over those shortly</p> <p>Engagement Committee – meeting October 14</p> <p>Governance Committee – met early this month, Council will vote on Bylaws and policies approved this evening. At the next meeting will look at a Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct Policy</p>	
<p>5.2.1-Governance Committee Membership</p>	<p>Motion: to appoint VPOF to Governance Committee (President, Clappison) Carried</p>	
<p>5.3 AUGSA Bylaw</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the amended AUGSA Bylaw. (President, Clappison) Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>5.4 Election Policy</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the Election Policy (President, VPOF) Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>5.5 Dispute Resolution Policy</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the Dispute Resolution Policy (President, Radke) Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>5.6 Conference Feedback</p>	<p>Presented in Executive reports</p>	
<p>5.7 GOTV Prizes</p>	<p>Prizes will be awarded to only to students, cross referenced against active student list and drawn randomly. Campaign is going very well.</p>	
<p>6.0 Old Business</p>		
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<p>7.0 – Other Business</p>		
<p>7.1-</p>	<p>Letter from the Ministry – received earlier today (Oct 13) asking for feedback on proposed changes to the</p>	

	PLSA relating to graduate students right to strike or be locked out in labour negotiations. President will circulate to council and request feedback within a week	
8.0 - Adjournment	Motion: To adjourn the meeting (Chan, Anthony) Carried unanimously Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.	

Cynthia Gordon, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval