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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 9, 2016

Place: Web conference

Time: 7:00pm

Attendance:

Cynthia Gordon, President
Kaitlyn Hillier, VP Operations & Finance
Teagan Gahler, VP Academic
Nicole Whale, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Julia Radke, 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
Shanna Rowney, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Justin Litun, Faculty of Business Representative
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative
Kathleen Kelava, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Eric George, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative
Ross Tyson, Executive Director
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council
Absent:
Mona Abou Taka, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative
Ian-Michael Anthony, Centre for Distance Education Representative

Regrets:

The first part of the meeting was a discussion with the Presidential search committee from AU.

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
Consultation regarding Presidential Hiring Committee	AU Search Committee/ Consultant/Students	
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 distributed. (VPOF, Rowney) Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>3.0 Approval of Previous Minutes</p>	<p>Motion: To accept the minutes of January 19 as distributed. (VPOF, Chan) Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p>4.0 –Reports</p>		
<p>4.1 – Executive Reports</p>	<p>All executive members presented their reports as distributed. Highlights include:</p> <p>President: Attended Board of Governors meeting and a significant agenda item was the search for a new President. Also met with the new Associate Dean of FGS. Dr. Lin looking at a sharing vision of courses amongst the CARI Universities in Alberta. Met with the Dean of the Faculty of Business and learned how they engage students.</p> <p>VPOF: T4 and T4A finished, audit documents being done.</p> <p>VPA: There was an outage in Moodle today. Discussion around a change in MOODLE and the investment involved. Have all texts integrated into the program rather than having them shipped to us.</p> <p>Present enrolment- decrease in pace but positive numbers.</p> <p>Meeting with Karen Thompson and AUSU to talk about the gaps.</p>	
<p>4.2- Financial Reports</p>	<p>VPOF Kat shared reports with the group. Year end is under way and the audit process is next.</p>	
<p>4.3 Faculty Reports</p>		

4.3.1- Faculty of Business	<p>Peter Chan: There are six information sessions. Tomorrow there will be a mixer of faculty and alumni. Peter will attend.</p> <p>Margaret Clappison: International tutorial in Halifax in June. Abstract deadline is March 16.</p>	
4.3.2- Faculty of Health Disciplines	No report	
4.3.3- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences	No Report	
4.3.4-Centre for Distance Education	Shanna Rowney: working on getting a CDE group onto the app. Working with Diana from Ooh La La.	
4.3.5 –Faculty of Science and Technology	No Report	
5.0 – New Business		
5.1-2016 Elections	Cynthia: we need another Council member on the elections committee. Nominations for Executive positions open on Feb 21, close on Feb 28	
5.2-Survey Results 2016	<p>Almost 400 people responded. Terrific results.</p> <p>Cynthia went over some of the results and highlighted the data.</p> <p>Next step is to show members the main points and what we are doing to address them.</p>	
6.0 Old Business		
7.0 – Other Business		
8.0 - Adjournment	<p>Motion: To adjourn the meeting (VPOF, Litun)</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>	

	Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next meeting is March 8	
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Cynthia Gordon, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval