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**AUGSA Minutes**

August 15, 2017, 6:00pm

Web conference

**Attendance:**

Jamie Czerwinski, President  
Lindsay McNena, Vice President External  
Margaret Clappison, VP Operations & Finance  
Ross Tyson, Executive Director  
Mira Singh, VP Academic  
Shawn Ang, Faculty of Business Representative  
David Newman, Faculty of Business Representative  
Reva Ramsden, Centre for Distance Education Representative  
Melanie Fuller, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Christopher Rudan, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Patrick Corbett, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative  
Bob Cole, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative  
Shelby Guidi, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative  
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

**Absent:**

Steve Swettenham, Faculty of Business  
Robert Janzen, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative  
Emma Johnston, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

**Regrets:**

Vanessa Colettas, Faculty of Business Representative

<b>INDEX</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.0 Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm MT.	

<p><b>2. Approval of Agenda</b></p>	<p><b>1) Motion: To approve the agenda as distributed.</b> (VPEX, Corbett )</p> <p><b>Carried Unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</b></p>	<p><b>1) Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 11 as distributed</b> (VPEX, Fuller)</p> <p><b>Carried Unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>4. Reports</b></p>		
<p><b>4.1 Presentation: Ontario Graduate Students' Alliance (OGSA) Presentation</b></p>	<p>Luke Dotto, Executive Director, gave an overview of the organization.</p> <p>He covered formation, mandate, history of organization, policy process, and advocating with Government of Ontario.</p> <p>Non-partisan actions regardless of Government of the day.</p> <p>Covered the successes to date considering the organization has only been around for four years.</p> <p>Talked about priorities for upcoming year:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Election likely this year.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Partnering with CASA.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mental Health, Ancillary fees, student housing, minimum funding guaranteed, international students, and student/advisor relationships.</p>	

	<p>Recently Provincial Court ruled against York University on copyright laws with Universities.</p> <p>Ten hour maximum for work hours of Grad students needs work.</p> <p>Undergrads need support for students with disabilities. Probably a bill for GOO.</p> <p>International fees are a problem.</p> <p>Discussion ensued on mental health and student aide. (tax credits, student loans)</p>	
<p><b>4.2 Executive Reports</b></p>	<p>Jamie presented his President’s report as distributed.</p> <p>Margaret presented her report as distributed.</p> <p>Lindsay presented her report as distributed.</p> <p>Mira presented her report as distributed. The big items under the budget meeting with AU: no textbooks, cutting tuition cost fees by \$50 per course. (Undergraduate students) The second was not being able to use Credit cards to pay tuition on line any more. These changes will come in slowly. Mira talked about the student survey as well.</p> <p>President Jamie stated that our next Exec meeting will bring up this item as well.</p>	
<p><b>4.3 Financial Report</b></p>	<p>VPOF Margaret presented the financials. The organization is in good financial shape. We do need to move some money into a reserve fund.</p>	
<p><b>4.4 AU Sue and Derrick Rowlandson Memorial Award for</b></p>	<p>Emma Johnston was absent.</p>	

<b>Service Excellence Committee Report</b>	Motion: <b>To defer this item to the next council meeting.</b> ( VPEX, Corbett) Carried Unanimously	
<b>5. New Business</b>		
<b>6. Old Business</b>	There was no old business.	
<b>7. Other Business</b>	Christopher Rudan reported on the health and safety excellence award. There was only one nominee. The committee was confident in that person's abilities so they decided to move forward. This individual will be honored in September. They have not been advised as yet, so no name.	
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	Motion: <b>To adjourn the meeting. (Ang, VPEX)</b>  Carried Unanimously The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.	

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Jamie Czerwinski, President

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Ross Tyson, Executive Director

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Date of Approval