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AUGSA Minutes

October 10, 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

Vanessa Colettas, Faculty of Business Representative

Christopher Rudan, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Max Jajszczok, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Patrick Corbett, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Shelby Guidi, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Bob Cole, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

Absent:

Melanie Fuller, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Emma Johnston, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Robert Janzen, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Reva Ramsden, Centre for Distance Education Representative

Steve Swettenham, Faculty of Business

Regrets:

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| 1.0 | Call to Order | Speaker |
| 2.0 | Approval of Agenda | <p>1) Motion 2.0: To approve the agenda as distributed. (VPEX, VPOF)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> |
| 3.0 | Approval of Previous Minutes | <p>1) Motion 3.0: To approve the minutes of September 12, 2017 as distributed. (President, VPOF)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> |
| 4.0 | Reports and Presentations | |
| | 4.1 Presentation from the Dean | Dr. Pamela Hawranik presented a report along with a PowerPoint presentation. The PPT will be sent out to AUGSA Exec and Faculty Reps. |
| | 4.2 Executive Reports | Executive Committee presented their reports as distributed. |
| | 4.3 Financial Report | VPOF |
| | 4.5 AU Sue and Derrick Rowlandson Memorial Award for Service Excellence Committee Report | Emma Johnston was absent Motion to defer to next meeting (President, Cole) Carried Unanimously |
| 5.0 | New Business | |
| | 5.1 Appointment of Max Jajszczok to Council | <p>1) Motion 5.1: Be it resolved that AUGSA Council appoints Max Jajszczok as Faculty of Health Disciplines AUGSA Council Representative. (President, VPEX)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> |

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| | 5.2 AU FGS Awards Committee Call for Volunteers | President Jamie said that this does not apply to students at this time, but we could nominate. Interested in serving: Send an email to Jamie |
| 6.0 | Old Business | |
| | 6.1 Tuition Payment Options Advocacy Plan | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Motion 6.1: Be it resolved that AUGSA Council approves the Tuition Payment Options Advocacy Plan as distributed. (President, VPOF) 2) Shawn Ang thought that we should be a little more proactive: speak with VPA Provost 3) Bob Cole thought that a grassroots communication campaign could be devised in order to get some of the students organized themselves. Email program directors directly 4) Jamie thought that it would be best for Exec to communicate directly with AU senior staff. 5) OGSA, AbGPAC members, CASA are all under a more traditional model of payment. (no credit cards) 6) Some courses will allow credit cards but these are usually different than regular program tuition. 7) Jamie was looking for more specifics. 8) Shawn thought that we really need to listen to other schools as well. 9) The survey will go out and we will continue to monitor for changes to policy. <p>Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Next steps: Jamie will send an email with some ideas regarding the survey. Looking</p> |

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| | | for feedback. We have some time to do a good job. |
| 7.0 | Other Business | |
| 8.0 | Adjournment | Motion 8.1 Motion to adjourn (Ang, Cole) Carried Unanimously Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. |

Jamie Czerwinski, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval