

April Newsletter- Faculty Representative Election Issue



President's Message

Hello AUGSA!

This is my last President's Message to you. I would like to make it an opportunity to reflect on what I have learned in the last two years as an AU graduate student and AUGSA executive.

First, AU is an amazing institution. As Canada's Open University, AU makes opportunities available where there would otherwise be none. All of our stakeholders – students, faculty, staff, and others – genuinely believe in this mission. Take full advantage to the opportunities made available to you as an AU student – they are abundant.

Second, the importance of being constructive. Civil discourse has become so divisive. It can be extremely difficult to intentionally focus on constructive progress – but it can also be very rewarding. Working with AUGSA has taught me the value of aiming for positive, common ground goals, and focusing on a constructive, collaborative, open process for getting there. We all need to work hard to put our egos aside and strive for the common good. Let's be part of the solution.

Finally, the tremendous diversity and similarity of individuals. Working with AUGSA has taught me how different yet similar we all are. Our differences make us endlessly interesting and are so fun to explore, while our similarities give us common ground and a foundation for collaboration. This social fabric is incredibly rich – embrace and explore it!

Cheers,

Jamie Czerwinski
President, AUGSA

Faculty Representative Election- April 3,4

Polls open tomorrow and Wednesday to vote for Faculty Representatives in two faculties- Business and Health Disciplines. If you are a member of either of these Faculties you can proceed to vote tomorrow.

The election polling link will be active on April 3 and April 4:

<https://secure.ballotbox.ca/intro.html>.

Have a look at the candidates for these two faculties:

http://www.augsa.com/media_files/election/2018/Faculty-Representative-Candidates-for-Health-and-Business-2018.pdf

Student Lifeline – Free Counselling and Help Services for AU Students

Student Lifeline is a 24-hour help service available to all AU graduate students. Student Lifeline provides a variety of counselling and support services, free of charge. Access Student Lifeline online or by telephone:

URL: <https://app.lifeworks.com>

Username: AUGSA

Password: wellness

Telephone: 1-877-418-1537

April AUGSA Council Meeting

AUGSA Council's next regular meeting is on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00pm Mountain Time. AUGSA members are welcome to attend the meeting! To join the meeting, control and click here: [Join Skype Meeting](#)

The 2018 Graduate Student Conference

Imagine: Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities

The 2018 Graduate Student Conference will be held virtually and in-person in Edmonton on October 12 - 14, 2018.

For more information please visit: <https://augradconference.athabascau.ca/>