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AUGSA April Meeting Minutes

Date: April 14, 2020 6:00 pm

Place: Web conference

Attendance :

Executive Committee: David Thomson (VP Academic), Meaghan Sullivan (President), Mary-Anne Parker (VP External), Heather DeBoer (VP Operations & Finance)

Faculty of Business Representatives: Judd Asoyuf, Margaret Clappison, David Newman

Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives: Nicole Klix, Lindsay McNena,

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative: Ashley Ravenscroft, David Cloutier, Linda Perschonke, Kelli Buckreus

Faculty of Science and Technology: Liliana Quyen Tang, Philip Kirkbride

Staff: Bob Cole, Ross Tyson (Executive Director)

Additional attendees: Bernard Kikechi, Scott Howell, Brandon Simmons, Crys Vincent, Julia Cornester

Regrets: Christopher Rudan

		Presenter	ACTION	TIME
1.0	Call to Order	President	The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm MST.	6:03

2.0	Approval of Agenda		<p>Motion2.0 To approve the agenda as amended. Moved: David Cloutier Seconded: Nicole Klux Motion carried without opposition.</p>	6:04
3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes		<p>Motion 3.0: To approve the minutes of March 10 Council meeting. Moved: Lindsay McNena Seconded: Mary-Anne Parker Carried without opposition</p>	
4.0	Reports and Presentations			6:09
	4.1 Executive Reports		<p>Reports are attached. Heather apologized for the updated T4A's from honoraria. All T4A's have been sent out now.</p>	6:15
	4.2 Financial Report		<p>Heather gave a report on our financial situation. All is good. We discussed a larger than normal payment in February and decided it was due to an increase in registrations.</p>	
5.0	Executive Director Recruitment		<p>Mary-Anne reported that Meaghan Sullivan was the successful applicant. Congratulations Meaghan Sullivan.</p>	6:20
6.0	Graduate Student Research Conference		<p>Ross reported that we will be holding a virtual conference this year with a free registration.</p>	
7.0	Pandemic Response	Strike Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CAGS/SSHRC roundtable events. 2. COVID-19 Working group <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. scope b. bursaries - including matching from AU c. professional development d. Motion7.0: To amend the 2020 budget so that a minimum of \$15, 000 to a maximum of \$20,000 be set aside from our operating budget to be used towards emergency covid-19 bursaries. 	6:25

			<p>Moved by: David Cloutier</p> <p>Seconded by: Nicole Klix</p> <p>Carried without opposition</p> <p>Motion 7.1: To approve the following members to the Covid-19 Committee- David Cloutier, Mary-Anne Parker, Julia Cornester, Lindsay McNena, Nicole Klix</p> <p>Moved by: Lindsay McNena</p> <p>Seconded by: Judd Asoyuf</p> <p>Carried without opposition</p>	
8.0	Committee Updates			
	8.1 Elections Committee		<p>Motion 8.1 To approve the members of Council for 2020-2021 as distributed.</p> <p>Moved by: Mary-Anne Parker</p> <p>Seconded by: Lindsay McNena</p> <p>Carried without opposition</p>	6:30
	8.2 Awards Committee		<p>David referred to his report. (Attached)</p> <p>We will be working on additional application forms for each award or bursary. There are additional funds this year for awards. Thanks to the committee for their work this year.</p>	6:40
	8.3 Engagement Committee		<p>Mary-Anne updated and thanked the team for their patience. We did not have a March meeting. Thanks to the members for their work this year.</p>	6:45

	8.4 Labour Relations Committee		<p>Ashley updated: we did not meet in March. She asked for another update from Executive to detail their job descriptions via email. David commented that some members have a challenge reading the documents because they have need for technology. Each of the points on the screen are big areas of change. We need to look at the cost of the changes to AUGSA. We also need this information well in advance so that they can be reviewed. Meaghan added that there is lots of specifics and some of the actions need thoughtful timelines. Ashley felt that the changes could align with the quarters. Meaghan reminded us that Exec created work plans.</p>	<p>We now need to put the three motions put forward for the next meeting.</p>
	8.5 Governance Committee		<p>David: Ashley will be chairing the committee next year. We will need to change the bylaws to recommend changes to the number of representatives on Council for each Faculty. The awards committee will become a standing committee. The Code of Conduct will be developed and implemented.</p>	<p>6:55</p>
9.0	Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (abGPAC) Report		<p>Lindsay updated: recently we have been having COVID-19 meetings describing Provincial and Federal Government changes to policy. Some very important items have been recommended to the Provincial Government. (attached) This weekend</p>	
10.0	Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Report		<p>Lindsay updated: We had our advocacy week with MP's and Senators in Ottawa. We brought forward advocacy items, three of which were adopted. COVID-19 has changed some of our timelines and thrusts.</p> <p>We are trying to get a more engaged graduate student committee working at CASA.</p>	<p>7:10</p>

			We hope to hear some more current information from Governments soon.	
11.0	Upcoming Events	Council Transition and committee placements. May meeting.	Committee sign-ups will take place at the May meeting.	7:15
12.0	Old Business			
13.0	Other Business		Thanks to Council and Exec for their work this year. Meaghan complimented all on their fabulous work this year. We should be proud as a group. Meaghan thanked Ross for his work. David thanked Meaghan for her work as President.	
14.0	Adjournment		Motion 14.0: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by: David Thomson Seconded by: Judd Asoyuf Carried without opposition	7:20
15.0	In-Camera			

Meaghan Sullivan, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval