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AUGSA Council/2021 AGM Minutes

Date: October 12th, 2021 - 6:00pm MDT

Place: Web conference

Attendance :

Executive Committee: Julia Cornester (President), Kelli Buckreus (VP External)

Faculty of Business Representatives: David Newman, Ian Chitwood, Margaret Clappison

Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives: Sabrina Martin, Kayleigh Dodge,

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative: Heather McGilvary, Sarah James, Alice Kang

Faculty of Science and Technology: Ajibade Shodunke, Russell Rupok

Staff: Meaghan Sullivan (Executive Director)

Guests: Adam Segal (AU Communications & Stakeholder Engagement Lead, ILE)

Regrets: Chris Edwards (VP Operations & Finance), Kareena Hart (VP Academic), Sarah Reid

		PRESENTER	ACTION
1.0	Call to Order	President	The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm MT.
2.0	Athabasca University ILE Presentation	Adam Segal	AU released a prototype of the new Integrated Learning Environment (ILE) in August. The ILE will help remove technical debt (13 Moodle platforms, IBM Notes, and a bunch of backend systems that do not talk to each other). A survey went out that had a good representational balance between undergraduate and graduate learners. The survey

			<p>results were favourable results where students demonstrated they found the system easy or very easy to use. Faculty ranked the system well also but were slightly more critical. General feedback and survey results were shared to demonstrate the progress of the Learning Management System (LMS) and how stakeholder feedback is being considered in the on-going development of the LMS. The University is trying to create a unified experience for students (i.e., taking multiple courses from AU that feel like they are from the same institution). Accessibility feedback is be collated and the team will be doing iterations as feedback is built in. The system is intended to be more interactive.</p> <p>Upon completing the Start-up Phase, Phase Two (Expansion Phase) is to take the feedback received to date and optimize the design. The vendor is D2L, and the system is called Bright Space. The final phase is Get Ready to Go Live. The go-live date is tentatively targeted for Fall 2022.</p>
3.0	Approval of Agenda	President	<p>Motion 2.0 To approve the agenda as distributed. Moved: Margaret Clappison Seconded: Alice Kang Motion carried without opposition.</p>
4.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	President	<p>Motion 3.0 To approve the minutes of September 14th, 2021 as ammended. Moved: Russell Rupok Seconded: Sabrina Martin Motion carried without opposition.</p>
5.0	Reports and Presentations		
	5.1 President		<p>The Conference took place on October 1st & 2nd, meaning a lot of planning took place in September. The conference was a great success.</p> <p>Julia Cornester has been involved on the ILE, with many meetings and progress made to date.</p>

	5.2 VP Academic		
	5.3 VP External		<p>The Get Out The Vote campaign has come to a close with the federal election. The CASA e-plenary session took place in September as well.</p> <p>Most of the month of September was taken up by abGPAC work. This included the monthly board meeting, advocacy and outreach, work plan task groups including Multi-Year Strategic Priorities, Alberta 2030, and Childcare. Other external activities included attending the COPPOA Fall Forum with Student Leaders to represent Athabasca University Graduate Students.</p> <p>Additionally, several activities took place the week of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, a Childcare Now workshop, and discussions on micro credentialing.</p>
	5.4 VP Operations & Finance		
6.0	Financial Reports		No reports to present at this time.
7.0	GSRC Update		<p>Meaghan Sullivan thanked Council for contributing to a successful event. Feedback to date is that this was the best conference delivered to date. As our 10th annual conference, Council should be very proud. Already looking to the future, we are identifying ways to improve upon the assets we built this year. The post-conference survey is currently live. For those who attended, be sure to fill it out. A reminder to conference attendees will be going out tomorrow.</p>
8.0	Website Redesign		<p>Motion 8.0: to approve the Website redesign quote from MORAD of \$8437.00.</p> <p>Motion: Margaret Clappison Seconded: Sarah James Motion carried without opposition.</p>

9.0	Committee Updates		
	9.1 Governance Committee		
	9.2 Awards Committee		The Awards Committee met yesterday to adjudicate a list of bursary applications.
	9.3 Engagement Committee		The Engagement Committee is meeting tomorrow to discuss options for the Welcome Package that are ever-green and environmentally friendly.
	9.4 Finance Committee		
	9.5 Strategic Planning Committee		The Strategic Planning Committee is meeting to bring ideas forward on the direction for AUGSA based on feedback from students.
	9.6 Other Committees		<p>Ajibade Shodunke brought forward details from the Digital Governance Committee (DGC). At the DGC, it was noted the ILE initiative is planned to be completed in Fall 2022, but no specific percentage for completion was stated, yet percentage completion rates were provided for other projects.</p> <p>David Newman presented the meeting notes from the AU Mental Health Advisory Group meeting. There was a discussion on SharePoint and websites for learners and staff. The meeting was short due to the announcement of the new President. The group did review the AU Mental Health Gap Analysis report in the agenda for discussion during the next scheduled meeting.</p>
10.0	Upcoming Events		There are no scheduled upcoming events.
11.0	New Business		Next month, AUGSA Executive will be asking Council at the Council meeting for any feedback, student concerns, and priorities they have heard from students. They can also offer strategies or potential solutions that AUGSA can address for students.
12.0	Old Business		

13.0	Other Business		
14.0	Adjournment		Motion 17.0: To adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Moved: Ajibade Shodunke Seconded: Ian Chitwood Carried without opposition.

Julia Cornester, President

Meaghan Sullivan, Executive Director

Date of Approval