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AUGSA Council/2021 AGM Minutes

Date: February 8th, 2022 - 6:00pm MDT

Place: Web conference

Attendance :

Executive Committee: Julia Cornester (President), Kelli Buckreus (VP External), Chris Edwards (VP Operations & Finance), Kareena Hart (VP Academic)

Faculty of Business Representatives: Ian Chitwood, Margaret Clappison

Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives: Sabrina Martin, Kayleigh Dodge, Sarah Reid, Ruby Tano, Charlesly Salter

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)

Regrets:

		PRESENTER	ACTION
1.0	Call to Order	President	The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm MT.
2.0	Approval of Agenda	President	Motion 2.0 To approve the agenda as amended. Moved: Ian Chitwood Seconded: Sarah Reid Motion carried without opposition.

3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	President	<p>Motion 3.0 To approve the minutes of January 11, 2022 as presented.</p> <p>Moved: Sabrina Martin Seconded: Ruby Tano Motion carried without opposition.</p>
4.0	Reports and Presentations		
	4.1 Frontline Learner Services Transformation (FLST) project presentation		<p>Carla Yeaman, Raza Hussain, and Kerri Michalczuk presented on the FLST project. With currently 28 front doors or access points to the University, the project is re-imagining the student portal, creating a more concergie service with as close to a single entry point to the University for students as possible. The FLST team is seeking graudate students to participate in a focus group on March 15th for approxilmately 1.5 hours.</p>
	4.2 Integrated Learning Environment (ILE) project presentation		<p>Adam Segal presented on the ILE project. The tentative go-live for the Initial Launch is Fall 2022. The vendor is D2L and the product is BrightSpace. The system will replace all prior systems (i.e., Moodle, and IBM Notes).</p>
	4.3 President		<p>The past month has been focused on strategic planning and planning for the Executive Retreat. Several advocacy initiatives took place with the University, in particular with Deans and Program Heads.</p>
	4.4 VP Academic		<p>The VP Academic has been working with a group of students in the FHSS program, coordinating and advocating on behalf of the group.</p> <p>Bargaining efforts ramped up in January with the committee meeting to discuss strategy and to understand the current needs of the existing collective agreement.</p>
	4.5 VP External		<p>January included meeting with the new AU President, Prof. Peter Scott.</p> <p>Additionally, there are activities being worked on at abGPAC, which include the communications plan as well as the organizations strategic plan for the next three years.</p>

	4.6 VP Operations & Finance		The past month included working independently on AUGSA policy as well as reviewing financials.
5.0	Financial Reports		Chris Edwards share the year end statements as well as statements to date for 2022. Financials look good and nothing to report.
6.0	Committee Updates		
	6.1 Governance Committee		No further update at this time.
	6.2 Awards Committee		<p>The Awards Committee did not meet in January; however, they will be reviewing applications in February. In January, the focus was moreso on the work being done on the Trans Research Award with AU.</p> <p>Motion 4.4: To approve the addition of \$5,000 for the AUGSA Award in Trans Research.</p> <p>Moved: Kareena Hart Seconded: Julia Cornester Motion carried without opposition.</p>
	6.3 Engagement Committee		No further update at this time.
	6.4 Finance Committee		No further update at this time.
	6.5 Strategic Planning Committee		No further update at this time.
	6.6 Elections Committee		<p>A reminder that the elections nomination period is coming up. The campaigning period is March 4th to March 10th for Executive position only. Faculty representative campaigning takes place March 23rd to March 29th. A reminder was given that it is against the rules to campaign outside the campaigning period. The Executive Director highlighted some of the rules of campaigning but directed the Council and Executive to review the elections policy from page 31 to 35 in the policy handbook. Some reminders included not using AUGSA resources. An AUGSA resource would include AUGSA meetings, AUGSA e-mail, or other resources obtained via your position with AUGSA.</p>

			Aside from this, we are all set to manage the elections. The CRO has been re-hired and our voting system provider is on standby.
	6.7 Bargaining Committee		No further update at this time.
	6.8 Other Committees		
7.0	Upcoming Events		The Graduate Student Research Conference (GSRC) steering committee selected the theme “Better Together” for the 2022 conference. Project planning is running smoothly at this time.
8.0	New Business		
9.0	Old Business		
10.0	Other Business		Brand standards: Effective immediately, please use the new AUGSA brand. The website goes live on April 6th, 2022. The Executive Director will email the Council some marketing assests should they require any.
11.0	Adjournment		Motion 11.0: To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Moved: Chris Edwards Seconded: Sarah Reid Carried without opposition.

Julia Cornester, President

Meaghan Sullivan, Executive Director

Date of Approval