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AUGSA Council

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

Place: Web conference

Attendance :

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

Faculty of Business Representatives: Margaret Clappison

Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives: Sarah Reid, 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: Kareena Hart (VP Academic), Ruby Tano, Sabrina Martin, Kayleigh Dodge, Ian Chitwood

		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: Russell Rupok Seconded: Sarah James Motion carried without opposition.

3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	President	<p>Motion 3.0 To approve the minutes of February 8, 2022 as presented.</p> <p>Moved: Margaret Clappison Seconded: Ajibade Shodunke Motion carried without opposition.</p>
4.0	Reports and Presentations		
	4.1 President		<p>The Executive Committee met this month to work on the strategic plan work plans, and preparations for upcoming transition. Additional topics and brainstorming includes gaps in student services, expansion of awards and bursaries, and a better direction for investments.</p> <p>The President was involved in advocacy this month internally at AU representing Doctor of Education students, and spent the remainder of the month working extensively on contributions to the Graduate Student Research Fund (GSRF) application reviews.</p>
	4.2 VP Academic		
	4.3 VP External		<p>The VP External supported the advocacy representation for the Doctor of Education program, participated on presentations regarding EDI at the International Distance Learning forum, and continued her work at abGPAC where work is being done on a multi-year strategic plan as well as human resource reviews.</p>
	4.4 VP Operations & Finance		<p>The audit was prepared in February for submission today. Further work on policies has taken place for upcoming approvals. The Executive Director's performance</p>
5.0	Financial Reports		<p>The financial reports were presented and business is as usual.</p>
6.0	Committee Updates		
	6.1 Governance Committee		No further updates.
	6.2 Awards Committee		
	6.3 Engagement Committee		No further updates.

	6.4 Finance Committee		No further updates.
	6.5 Strategic Planning Committee		The Strategic Plan is working on a new survey for graduate students that includes more informed data that allows AUGSA to better advocate for students.
	6.6 Elections Committee		Executive Committee election voting open tomorrow, March 9 th and 10 th . Faculty Representative election nomination period is now open. Everyone is encouraged to spread the word and submit a nomination if they are interested in being involved with AUGSA for the 2022-2023 term.
	6.7 Bargaining Committee		
	6.8 Other Committees		Mental Health Committee: The student mental health advisory group met last month to discuss the student mental health & well-being gap identification report done by Dr. Cheryl Pollard, Tanya Heuver, Lisa McKendrick Calder. An assessment was done on AU's mental health and well-being framework set by the Canadian Mental Health Association and Canadian Mental health Commission of Canada to determine if gaps exist that could affect students' mental health and well-being. Key highlights include: Many of the recommendations and gaps surrounded the need for regular assessments, evaluative processes, and knowledge exchange of AU's strategies and initiatives to the broader post-secondary community. Teams are actively working on the recommendations from the report, and a plan for an evaluation framework, suicide, or students in distress plan is underway.
7.0	Upcoming Events		3MT: The 3MT event is taking place on March 23 rd . Please check out the FGS website for the event details and come on out to support your fellow graduate students. Graduate Student Research Conference (GSRC): The GSRC planning is underway. Most recent activity included confirming the attendance of

			event speakers as well as identifying potential motivational speakers to include this year.
8.0	New Business		
9.0	Old Business		
10.0	Other Business		
11.0	Adjournment		Motion 11.0: To adjourn the meeting at 6:17pm. Moved: Chris Edwards Seconded: Sarah James Carried without opposition.

Julia Cornester, President

Meaghan Sullivan, Executive Director

Date of Approval