

AUGSA Council Meeting Minutes

July 12th, 2022 – 6:00pm MST

Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Executive Committee: Chris Edwards (President), Dana Montgomery (VP External), Sarah Reid (VP Academic), Dennis Delgado (VP Operations & Finance)

Faculty of Business Representatives: Gordon Chandler, Margaret Clappison

Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives: Jillian Nickel, Sabrina Martin, Charlie Salter, Sarah Atkinson, Kelly DeCoste

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative: Heather McGilvary, Angelo Delli Santi, Kangendra Bhandari

Faculty of Science and Technology: Russell Rupok, Rayees Khan

Staff: Meaghan Sullivan (Executive Director)

Regrets: 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 presented. Moved: Angelo Delli-Santi Seconded: Sabrina Martin Motion carried without opposition.
3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	President	Motion 3.0 To approve the minutes of June 14, 2022 as presented. Moved: Russell Rupok Seconded: Jillian Nickel Motion carried without opposition.
4.0	Reports and Presentations		Reports presented as distributed.
	4.1 President		Chris Edwards thanked everyone who is working on helping AUGSA pursue its objectives and goals.



		<p>Attending the IDEA Lab this past month, Chris highlighted that it was a fantastic experience available to graduate students.</p> <p>Strategic planning is underway. Additionally, meetings were held with AU & AUSU for consultation on student priorities that can be built into Athabasca University's financial and strategic plan.</p> <p>The AU Board of Governors has a new Chair.</p> <p>The Graduate Student Research Conference (GSRC) is on track in terms of timeline and planning. There are additional sessions planned for students on how to write an abstract and how to present at a conference to assist them in being successful at the GSRC this year.</p> <p>The Executive were involved in helping two students navigate issues at the University with their studies. Chris Edwards thanked Sarah Reid for her work on this.</p>
	4.2 VP External	<p>Dana Montgomery met with the University for the student consultation session. Additionally, she is planning to attend the abGPAC student retreat for strategic planning. The goal is to set the advocacy priorities, and what is currently impacting graduate students.</p>
	4.3 VP Academic	<p>Sarah Reid dealt with some student advocacy request this month which ended with positive resolutions.</p>



			The Awards committee approved 25 bursary applications on July 7th. These applications are currently being processed.
	4.4 VP Operations & Finance		<p>Dennis Delgado explained that the HR Committee has met a few times so far to discuss HR related items.</p> <p>Dennis Delgado had several meetings so far to get up to speed on the bargaining committee. The bargaining committee met last week. The committee is not prepared to meet with the University just yet. The plan is that Dennis will prepare a collective agreement document prior to the meeting to send to the University in advance.</p> <p>The GSRC Sponsorship Committee has approved the sponsorship package. To date, \$11,000.00 has been raised to support the conference.</p>
5.0	Financial Reports		No reports presented.
6.0	Committee Updates		No further updates.
7.0	Upcoming Events		<p>The GSRC is scheduled for October 14th & 15th, 2022. The theme is 'Better Together' and registration has just gone live. We are now accepting abstracts and so far have almost achieved our sponsorship goal of \$14,000.</p> <p>Additionally, we have scheduled sessions for the graduate students to optionally attend to better support them on their journey to presenting at the GSRC. This includes 'How to Write an Abstract' and 'How to Present at a Conference'.</p>
8.0	Old Business		



9.0	New Business		
10.0	Other Business		<p>The AUGSA survey is live. We currently have about 270 responses. We are targeting over 600. The Council is encouraged to each reach out to 10 fellow colleagues/students at AU to complete the survey on their graduate student experience.</p> <p>The survey closes on July 31st.</p>
11.0	Adjournment		<p>Motion 11.0: To adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm. Moved: Gordon Chandler Seconded: Margaret Clappison Motion carried without opposition.</p>

Chris Edwards, President

Meaghan Sullivan, Executive Director

Date of Approval

