

AUGSA Council Meeting Minutes
October 11th, 2022 – 6:00pm MST
Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Executive Committee: Chris Edwards (President), Sarah Reid (VP Academic),

Faculty of Business Representatives: Gordon Chandler, Ian Chitwood

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

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

Faculty of Science and Technology: Rayees Khan, Russell Rupok

Staff: Meaghan Sullivan (Executive Director)

Regrets: Dennis Delgado (VP Operations & Finance), Sabrina Martin, Margaret Clappison

		PRESENTER	ACTION
1.0	Call to Order	President	The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm MT.
2.0	Approval of Agenda	President	Motion 2.0 To approve the agenda as presented. Moved: Russell Rupok Seconded: Charlie Salter Motion carried without opposition.
3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	President	Motion 3.0 To approve the minutes of September 13, 2022 as presented. Moved: Jillian Nickel Seconded: Angelo Delli-Santi Motion carried without opposition.
4.0	Reports and Presentations		Reports presented as distributed.
	4.1 President		Chris Edwards reported that there was recent turnover with the Athabasca University Board of Governors, as noted in the most recent news release. There is very little to update on the AU



			<p>crisis beyond that it is still ongoing and that we are waiting to hear of anything from either the University or the government.</p> <p>The AUGSA Executive met with AU and the Athabasca University Students' Union this month for the third student consultation meeting regarding tuition, strategic planning, and student priorities. The meeting lasted one hour and discussed a range of student priorities and the financial decisions ahead for AU given the current environment.</p>
	4.2 VP External		No report at this time.
	4.3 VP Academic		<p>Sarah Reid attended routine meetings at the University, which have picked up in September.</p> <p>The Awards Committee did not meet in September but have meetings in October given the bursaries and awards deadlines passing and applications to be reviewed.</p>
	4.4 VP Operations & Finance		No report at this time.
5.0	Financial Reports		Chris Edwards reviewed the financial reports, outlining our financial position is as expected and likely on track for a surplus this year despite some added costs this year.
6.0	Updated on VP External Vacancy		<p>The AUGSA VP External position has a vacancy.</p> <p>The Council discussed the role, its duties, and the potential to not backfill the position given some upcoming governance changes. The plan to have Chris Edwards and Jillian Nickel continue their work with representation at abGPAC was discussed, with coordination to have AUGSA represented at the November meetings.</p>



			<p>Motion 6.0: To approve the plan to not backfill the VP External position for the 2022-2023 term. Moved: Gordon Chandler Seconded: Khangendra Bhandari Motion carried without opposition.</p>
7.0	Committee Updates		
	Strategic Planning Committee		<p>No update at this time.</p> <p>The committee hopes to review the annual membership satisfaction survey in the next month or so.</p>
	Awards Committee		<p>The Awards Committee did not meet in September but is meeting in October to review bursaries and awards.</p>
8.0	Upcoming Events		<p>The Graduate Student Research Conference is this weekend. Meaghan Sullivan is working on the final loose ends and then will be travelling to Edmonton to be on site delivering the conference live. Meaghan Sullivan encouraged all AUGSA members and representatives to attend and contribute to the overall engagement of the event.</p>
9.0	Old Business		
10.0	New Business		
11.0	Other Business		
12.0	Adjournment		<p>Motion 11.0: To adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm. Moved: Jillian Nickel Seconded: Kelly DeCoste Motion carried without opposition.</p>





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Date of Approval



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