

**AUGSA Council Meeting Minutes**  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 6:00pm MST  
Microsoft Teams

**Attendance**

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

**Faculty of Business Representatives:** Ian Chitwood, Margaret Clappison

**Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives:** Charlie Salter, Kelly DeCoste, Sarah Atkinson, Sabrina Martin, Heather McGilvary,

**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative:** Angelo Delli Santi, Kangendra Bhandari, Jillian Nickel

**Faculty of Science and Technology:** Rayees Khan, Russell Rupok

**Staff:** Meaghan Sullivan (Executive Director)

**Regrets:** Gordon Chandler

		<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	President	The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm MT.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	President	<b>Motion 2.0 To approve the agenda as presented.</b> Moved: Sabrina Martin Seconded: Dennis Delgado Motion carried without opposition.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	President	<b>Motion 3.0 To approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 as presented.</b> Moved: Rayees Khan Seconded: Angelo Delli-Santi Motion carried without opposition.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Reports and Presentations</b>		Reports presented as distributed.
	<b>4.1 President</b>		Chris Edwards noted an email about the positive work happening between the province and AU on the topic of the AU crisis. It appears promising



		<p>that progress could be made with a positive outlook.</p> <p>abGPAC had a board meeting and Chris Edwards attended. There is uncertainty about when the advocacy week will take place, either in November or in the new year.</p> <p>Chris Edwards has continued to work on the bylaws project, revising the bylaws to embrace the new governance structure. The hopes is this is sent to SGM in December.</p>
	<b>4.3 VP Academic</b>	<p>The Awards Committee met on October 1st and approved 12 bursary applications. Some applicants provided feedback on how streamlined our application process is in comparison to the University, which often presents itself as a barrier. It was nice to hear that students notice our process is intended to be streamlined and to remove barriers.</p> <p>Sarah Reid attended the regularly scheduled monthly meetings on GFC, academic appeals, awards, and more.</p> <p>The University met with the students to select a new student email sub domain. The University selected @learn.athabascau.ca, which was recommended as the new subdomain by AUGSA's Meaghan Sullivan.</p>
	<b>4.4 VP Operations &amp; Finance</b>	<p>Dennis Delgado noted the Governance Committee is still working on the bylaws in preparation for membership review.</p>



			<p>The Bargaining Committee met with the University, which included Abey Arnaout and two new HR members. The primary discussion was about changes to the pay rates of research assistants. The University also wants to change the date range of the collective agreement, increasing it to 4 years to synchronize with other agreements at the University. The next meeting is on the 23rd of November. Meaghan Sullivan is assisting Dennis Delagdo through this process.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Financial Reports</b>		No further updates.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Updated on Governance Revisions</b>		<p>The bylaws draft was presented to Council, reviewing the new Council structure, which includes 8 Council members with a Chair and Vice-Chair.</p> <p>The Council reviewed the voting clause of the Council and agreed that the Chair should have a tie breaker vote given there are only 8 members on the proposed Council.</p> <p>The Council discussed doing a legal review, specifically regarding terminations. Meaghan Sullivan explained the policy on terminations would be in the accompanying policy document. However, the governance policy that accompanies this document is not ready for legal review yet and may cause red flags during the legal review given this half of the work is still not complete. Council noted this and requested to take just the section on terminations and remuneration to the lawyer, with this context in mind.</p>



		<p>Heather McGilvary noted the 4 year term may exclude current members from the new structure. Chris Edwards noted that the 4 year term limitation would begin effective the new governance structure and as such would not exclude anyone who has served long term to date.</p> <p><b>Motion: To propose the new bylaws to members at SGM pending legal review on the termination and remuneration clauses (6.8-6.14 and 14.9).</b></p> <p>Motion: Heather McGilvary Secunder: Sabrina Martin Motion carried without opposition.</p>
	<b>2023 Budget Review</b>	<p>Chris Edwards presented the 2023 budget to Council. This budget presented for approval will be for the proposed new governance structure, should it be approved at the SGM.</p> <p><b>Motion: to approve the 2023 budget as presented.</b></p> <p>Motion: Sabrina Martin Secunder: Russell Rupok Motion carried without opposition.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Committee Updates</b>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<p>The GSRC event was a great event with 109 attendees and 57 concurrent attendees online at once as our peak in attendance. 54 attendees watched the Warren Mcdonald presentation, meaning the presentation was well attended and a great addition to the conference. Currently the team is working on project close out, including</p>



			the post-conference survey, financial reports, sending out door prizes, and the planning for next years conference.
9.0	Old Business		
10.0	New Business		
11.0	Other Business		Russell Rupok gave an update on the Faculty of Science and Technology Student Orientation. Overall the presentation went very well.
12.0	Adjournment		<b>Motion 11.0: To adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm.</b> Moved: Jillian Nickel Seconded: Khagendra Bhandari Motion carried without opposition.

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Chris Edwards, President

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Meaghan Sullivan, Executive Director

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Date of Approval

