

**Council Meeting** – July 18, 2023 – 6:00pm MT

Microsoft Teams

**Present:**

Russell Rupok	Chair	Voting Member
Brittany Hollett	Vice-Chair	Voting Member
Skyler Todd	Council Member	Voting Member
Kyra Johnston	Council Member	Voting Member
Khagendra Bhandari	Council Member	Voting Member
Rayees Kahan	Council Member	Voting Member
Meaghan Sullivan	Executive Director	Non-Voting

**Regrets:**

Jason Kauenhofen	Council Member	Voting Member
Lindsay McNena	Council Member	Voting Member

**Agenda Item**

**1.0 Call to Order:**

R. Rupok called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2.0 Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories:**

R. Rupok gave the Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories.

**3.0 Conflict of Interest Check:**

R. Rupok inquired if any Council Members had any real or perceived conflict of interest. No conflicts were declared.

**4.0 Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:**

To approve the agenda as presented.

**B. Hollett/K. Johnston  
6-0-0  
Motion Carries**

*The motion was approved by general consent.*

**5.0 Adotion of Previous Minutes:**

**5.1 Regular Minutes of the Council from June 20, 2023.**

**Motion:**

To approve the minutes as circulated.

**B. Hollett/S. Todd  
6-0-0**



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**Motion Carries**

*The motion was approved by general consent.*

**6.0 Required Approvals:**

No business was conducted in the current meeting.

**7.0 Items for Discussion:**

**7.1 Ends**

R. Rupok discussed an email sent by J. Kauenhofen on July 12 recapping the work done by the Council on July 11th regarding developing Organizational Ends. The email gave an overview of work done to date on developing Organizational Ends but that the Council must provide feedback over the next few weeks. The Council is aiming for 2-3 Ends policies. M. Sullivan noted A. Bergen with the Governance Coach will be able to review the work in August once Council has an opportunity to review. The Council will be meeting again on Tuesday, August 29th at 6:00pm MT to discuss this governance objective further.

**7.2 Executive Limitations**

The Council is working on a Financial Conditions policy. M. Sullivan noted the draft on AUGSA template of the Financial Conditions policy, as requested, will be sent to Council sometime next week.

**7.3 Governance Process**

No business was conducted in the current meeting.

**7.4 Board-Executive Director Relationship**

No business was conducted in the current meeting.

**8.0 Ownership Linkage:**

Council Members delivered their reports as presented. No further discussion took place.

**9.0 Monitoring Executive Director Performance:**

M. Sullivan explained that AUGSA has achieved some milestones this past month to achieve compliance in accordance with the new policy governance model. This included the submission of the annual CRA filings, signing an HR support agreement with Salopek & Associates to offer support services such as the employee hotline effective January 1, 2024, as well as assistance in development of key HR policies for staff in the interim.

Additionally, the development and publishing of the travel and related expenses policy for staff and Council members has been completed and is available on the website in preparation for Council Members travelling on advocacy business.

The release of the student survey seeking membership feedback took place on June 30th and is live until July 31st with the likelihood of extension to end of August. On the topic of seeking student feedback and advocacy, it is important to note that 18 bursaries



were approved and distributed to support graduate students this past month. AUGSA is experiencing higher than normal funding requests from graduate students and this is a potential topic of advocacy with the University and provincial government.

M. Sullivan reminded the Council we need a minimum of 12 graduate students to attend the Annual General Meeting next week. All Council Members should be in attendance and to encourage other graduate students to attend as well.

**10.0 Self-Evaluation & Governance Process**

R. Rupok explained this agenda item is an opportunity to discuss how we can work together as a team. The Council discussion was very positive. With members located all across Canada in varying time zones, it was noted that efficient meetings are important to respect each others time.

**11.0 Information Requested by the Board**

No business was conducted in the current meeting.

**12.0 In-Camera Session**

With no required business the Council elected to not have an in-camera session.

**13.0 Questions/Adjournment**

**Motion:**

To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by general consent.

**R. Rupok/K. Bhandari**  
**6-0-0**  
**Motion Carries**

