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AUGSA Minutes

Date: March 12, 6:00pm

Place: Web conference

Attendance :

Executive Committee: Lindsay McNena (President), Muhammad Kamran (VP Operations & Finance), Heather DeBoer (VP External), Meaghan Sullivan (VP Academic)

Faculty of Business Representatives: David Thomson, Margaret Clappison, David Newman

Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives: Kathleen (Katie) Bradley, Crystal (Crys) Vincent

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative: Debbie Yee

Faculty of Science and Technology: Jamie Czerwinski, Patrick Corbett

Additional: Ashley Ravenscroft; Nicole Klix, David Cloutier, Judd Asoyuf, Philip Kirkbride,

Staff:

Kallista Chayil, Speaker, Ross Tyson (Executive Director)

Regrets: Reva Bond Ramsden, Juanita Marshall, Mary-Anne Mary-Ann Parker,

Absent: Emma Paige

		Presenter	ACTION	TIME
1.0	Call to Order	Speaker	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm MDT.	6:00

2.0	Approval of Agenda	Speaker	<p>Motion 2.0: To move the agenda as amended.</p> <p>Moved: Margaret Clappison</p> <p>Seconded: David Newman</p> <p>Motion carried without opposition</p>	6:04
3.0	Welcome to new Council members	President	President Lindsay welcomed the new members.	
4.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	Speaker	<p>Motion 4.0: To approve the minutes of March 12, 2019 as distributed.</p> <p>Moved: Patrick Corbett</p> <p>Seconded: Crys Vincent</p> <p>Motion carried without opposition</p>	6:06
5.0	Reports and Presentations			
	5.1 Executive Reports	Executive Committee	<p>President Lindsay went over her report. FGS retreat was attended by both Lindsay and Meaghan.</p> <p>President Lindsay will serve on AbGPAC next year as a council member.</p> <p>AUGSA serving as an advisory committee to CASA board.</p>	6:15
	5.2 Financial Report	VPOF	Muhammad presented his reports as distributed.	6:20
6.0	New Business		There were no outstanding business items to discuss	
	6.1 CASA update and specific federal Budget wins	President	<p>President Lindsay reported that the budget dropped the day before the CASA meeting. We were encouraged that many of the items were on the budget that we had lobbied for. Very big win!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in student researchers • 26.5 M per year for NSERC • 500 more scholarships at Master's level 	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 167 more scholarships at Doctoral level. • Integrated learning- 631 M over 5 years for pilot • 150m over 4 years partnerships with business for learning opportunities • Student loan interest rates- reduction this coming year to prime instead of prime plus 2.5% • Interest rate to prime plus 2% instead of prime plus 5% • Students with disabilities- from 8K to 20k per year. Permanent disabilities will get extra help attending schools after a long absence. Greater than five years. • Interest free from six to eighteen months. • Parental leave capped at six months currently and moving to twelve months for students with grants. • Metis nation student financial strategy • International education strategy. Canadian student investment of 147 million over 5 years. • Training incentive- retraining purposes to a max of \$5000 	
	6.2 Awards extension to May 15	VP Academic	Our awards deadline was extended to May 15. We will do some extra advertising. Ross will update the bursaries information on the website to make it more accessible.	
	6.3 Blogs for abGPAC	President	abGPAC would like any blogs from students that you think are important to put up on social media. Contact Lindsay, Meghan or Greg. (500-1000 words)	
	6.4 Motion		Motion to Approve 2019-20 executive: Meaghan Sullivan President; Heather DeBoer	

			VPOF; Greg Vilk VP External; David Thomson VP Academic Moved: David Thomson Seconded: Margaret Clappison Motion carried without opposition.	
7.0	Old Business			6:35
	7.1 Research Conference Coordinator Position	President	Lindsay reported that we are having to replace our hired coordinator. Camille MacRae has accepted the position.	6:40
8.0	Other Business		Smashing job by Executive and Council.	
9.0	Adjournment		Motion 9.0: To adjourn the meeting. Moved: Meaghan Sullivan Seconded: President Lindsay McNena Motion carried without opposition The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm MDT	6:50 pm

 Lindsay McNena, President

 Ross Tyson, Executive Director

 Date of Approval