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## Council Meeting Minutes (Finance Meeting)

**Date:** June 01, 2010

**Place:** Teleconference

**Time:** 6:15pm

**Attendance:** Amanda Nielsen, President  
Denise Ferris, VP External  
Michael Balaski, VP Academic  
Nathaniel Ostashevski, VP Operations & Finance  
Lorna Howieson, MBA Rep  
Lawrence Poon, MSc Rep  
Melissa Seaborg, GCAP Rep  
Greta Kirstein, GDHERM Rep  
David Keene, MAIS Rep  
Adam Snider, Coordinator

**Guests:** Keith Shustov, AUGSA Legal Counsel

**Regrets:** Ric Wheeler, VP Student Life

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:19pm	
2.0 – Approval of the Agenda	<b>MOTION:</b> Nathaniel moved to approve the agenda and Denise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.	
3.0 – Old Business		
3.1 – Payment Options for Council	Nathaniel presented his proposal to use a fellowship system (see attached). Keith presented his opinion (see attached). A discussion ensued and several members of council	Adam & Keith – June 11, 2010

	<p>expressed concern regarding the fellowship system.</p> <p>Keith exited the meeting at 7:06pm and, following further discussion, a vote was held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 votes in favour of paying council members and executives a salary.</li> <li>• 2 votes in favour of using a scholarship system.</li> <li>• 1 abstention.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that elected board members do not pay EI or CPP, but clarification was needed as to whether or not they pay WCB.</p> <p>Adam noted that earlier research indicated that WCB for elected members was optional, but expressed concern that this information may no longer be accurate, as the research was conducted several months ago. Amanda requested the Adam and Keith look into this issue.</p> <p>It was noted that we do not currently have money in the bank to pay people's salaries during the summer months. Everyone indicated that they are comfortable with not being paid until September.</p> <p>After discussion, it was decided that a lump sum for March to August will be paid in September. After that, members will be paid on a monthly basis.</p>	
<p><b>4.0 – New Business</b></p>		
<p><b>4.1 – Awards Budget Discussion</b></p>	<p>Tabled until after the Awards Planning Committee meeting.</p>	
<p><b>4.2 – Extra Council Member Budget Discussion</b></p>	<p>Amanda noted that Council currently lacks a Nursing rep and an Education rep.</p> <p>There are currently two Arts reps on council, so hiring an Education rep would require money not originally budgeted for, unless one of the Arts reps was removed from Council.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Nathaniel moved that he cover the interests of distance education students, instead of adding another distance ed council rep, and will do so at no cost beyond his current executive pay; Melissa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	

	It was noted that we will continue to seek a Nursing representative, and Michael noted that there used to be a Nursing rep on Council who may be interested in returning if we can get in contact with her.	
<b>5.0 – Other Business</b>		
<b>5.1 – Scheduling Bylaw Meeting</b>	After discussion, a meeting was scheduled for June 08, 2010 at 1pm to approve or amend the items that were tabled during the May 31, 2010 bylaw meeting.	
<b>5.2 – AUSU Meeting</b>	A meeting with AUSU has been schedule for June 16, 2010 at 6:15pm. Denise, Nathaniel, Amanda, Greta and Adam will attend this meeting.  It was requested that Adam send out a list of all upcoming meetings for the month of June to Council.	Adam – June 02, 2010
<b>5.3 – Privacy Policy</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> Nathaniel moved to approve the privacy policy as presented (see attached) and Denise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.	
<b>6.0 – Adjournment</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> David motioned to adjourn and Melissa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.	

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Amanda Nielsen, President

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Adam Snider, Coordinator

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