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Council Meeting

Date: July 20, 2011

Place: Web conference

Time: 5:45pm, MST

Attendance:

Amanda Nielsen, President
Greta Kirstein, VP External
Rob Janzen, VP Academic
Nathaniel Ostashewski, VP Operations & Finance (arrived at 6:15pm)
Denise Ferris, VP Student Life
Adam Chishom, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Rep
Margot van Sluytman, FHSS Rep
Moiz Bhamani, Faculty of Business Rep
Wilson Ho, Faculty of Business Rep
Ric Wheeler, Faculty of Business Rep
Jade Clark, Centre for Distance Education Rep
Sarah Gauvreau, Centre for Distance Education Rep
Adam Snider, Coordinator

Regrets:

Meg Andronowska, Faculty of Health Disciplines Rep
Carol Neuman, Executive Director of ASEC

Guests:

Duncan Wojtaszek, Executive Director of CAUS
Bethany Tynes, President of AUSU

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 5:54pm.	
2.0 – CAUS & ASEC Presentations	Carol from ASEC was unable to attend the meeting and will reschedule her presentation at a future date. Duncan from CAUS gave a presentation about the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS), including how CAUS is, what they do, and what some	

	of their key advocacy points are.	
3.0 – Approval of Agenda	MOTION: Ric moved to approve the agenda as presented and Greta seconded; motion carried unanimously.	
4.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes	MOTION: Rob moved to approve the previous meeting’s minutes as presented and Margot seconded; motion carried unanimously.	
5.0 – Monthly Reports		
5.1 – Executive Reports	The Executive Committee presented their monthly reports (attached).	
5.2 – Staff Reports	The Coordinator presented his June report (attached).	
6.0 – Old Business		
6.1 – Health Plan	<p>Amanda gave a presentation about the proposed AUGSA health and dental plan. The rates are set and the technical details have been worked out with the university and the insurance provider, so we are now ready to go to a referendum and see if the student body at large wants this plan.</p> <p>Denise noted that the group rate plan proposed is better than the rates for individualized plans that she looked at for comparison.</p>	
7.0 – New Business		
7.1 – Survey Discussion	<p>Greta discussed a survey that she has been working on with Denise and Amanda. The survey is designed to get feedback from AU grad students to help determine what our lobby positions and student life issues (i.e., services) for the next year should be.</p> <p>MOTION: Greta moved to have Council review the questions and provide their feedback by 5pm on July 21st and Amanda seconded; motion carried by a vote of 11 to one.</p>	All – July 21
7.2 – Gift card motion	MOTION: Denise moved that the AUGSA purchase five \$50 Chapters gift cards to be used to randomly award five survey participants and Nathaniel seconded;	

	motion carried unanimously.	
7.3 – Calgary Meet & Greet	Tabled until the next meeting.	
8.0 – Other Business		
8.1 – Speaker of Council	<p>This job posting has been up since October of 2010 and so far only one person has expressed possible interest (and then did not apply).</p> <p>MOTION: Nathaniel moved to drop the search for Speaker and have the Executive of 2012-2013 reconsider it at that time; Ric seconded the motion, which was defeated by a vote of six to five.</p> <p>MOTION: Amanda moved to increase the pay for the Speaker position to \$75 per meeting and Greta seconded; motion carried by a vote of seven to three.</p> <p>Adam will update the job posting to include the new pay scale.</p>	Adam – July 21
9.0 – Adjournment	<p>MOTION: Ric moved to adjourn the meeting and Denise seconded; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.</p>	

Amanda Nielsen, President

Adam Snider, Coordinator

Date of Approval