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## Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 12, 2012

**Place:** Web conference

**Time:** 6:00pm MDT

**Attendance:** Amanda Nielsen, President  
Lisa Barrett, VP External  
Olivia Meyia, VP Academic  
Wilson Ho, VP Operations & Finance  
Maria Greaves, Faculty of Business Representative  
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative  
Adam Chisholm, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative  
Greta Kirstein, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative  
Caitlin Cummins, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Eric Lavoie, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Steve Harris, Faculty of Science and Technology Representative  
Jade Clarke, Centre for Distance Education Representative  
Sean Sommerfeld, Centre for Distance Education Representative  
Adam Snider, Operations Coordinator  
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

**Regrets:** Mandy Nielsen, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative  
Rob Janzen, Faculty of Science and Technology Representative

**Absent:** Moiz Bhamani, Faculty of Business Representative

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
<b>1.0 – Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 6:00pm MDT.	
<b>2.0 – Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>MOTION: To adopt the agenda as presented.</b> (Cummins / Clappison) Unanimously carried.	
<b>3.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes</b>	<b>MOTION: To adopt the minutes as presented.</b> (Sommerfeld / Cummins) Unanimously carried.	

<b>4.0 – Declaration of Conflicts of Interest</b>	No conflicts of interest were declared.	
<b>5.0 – Reports</b>		
<b>5.1 – Executive Reports</b>	The Executive Committee presented their written reports.	
<b>5.2 – Financial Report</b>	The VPOF presented the monthly financial report.  Ms. Clappison asked if the information could be condensed into a “surplus sheet” and the VPOF confirmed that he will look into this.	
<b>6.0 – New Business</b>		
<b>6.1 – Additional Compensation for Policy Researcher</b>	<b>MOTION: That the AUGSA agree to compensate Mark Coffin for a total of 110 hours of work done researching and developing a report on Open Educational Resources.</b> (President / Sommerfeld) Unanimously carried.	
<b>6.2 – Beyond Content Open Educational Resources Conference</b>	<b>MOTION: That we send the President to the Beyond Content conference in Vancouver, BC from October 16 – 18, 2012.</b> (VP Academic / Cummins) Unanimously carried.	
<b>6.3 – CAGS Conference</b>	<b>MOTION: That the AUGSA send two delegates, one being the President and one being the VP Academic, to the Canadian Association of Graduate Studies (CAGS) Conference in Ottawa from November 4 – 7, 2012.</b> (VP External / Cummins) Unanimously carried.	
<b>6.4 – Non-Mandatory Health and Dental Plan</b>	<b>MOTION: That the AUGSA provide its members with the ability to access non-mandatory health and dental plans through C&amp;C Insurance.</b> (President / Chisholm) Unanimously carried.	
<b>6.5 – Determining Second OGC Delegate</b>	Election Buddy was used to elect the second OGC delegate and it was then formally moved to send her.  <b>MOTION: That Maria Greaves be appointed as the second AUGSA delegate to the OGC conference.</b> (Kirstein / Cummins) Unanimously carried.	
<b>6.6 – Open Access Policy</b>	<b>MOTION: That the AUGSA spend up to \$800 to craft a provincial open access policy for government</b>	

<b>Research</b>	<b>relations use with ASEC, AGC, and other meetings.</b> (President / Greaves) Unanimously carried.	
<b>6.7 – Sending Staff to Ontario Graduate Council Meeting</b>	<b>MOTION: That the AUGSA approve sending the AUGSA Operations Coordinator to the Ontario Graduate Council meeting in December 2012.</b> (President / Sommerfeld) Unanimously carried.	
<b>7.0 – Other Business</b>		
<b>7.1 – Alberta Congress Board Conference</b>	<p><b>MOTION: To send the AUGSA President to the upcoming Annual Workplace Alberta Conference.</b> (VPOF / Clarke)</p> <p><b>MOTION: That the motion be amended to strikeout “Annual Workplace Alberta Conference” and replace with “Alberta Congress Board Conference 2012.”</b> (President / Cummins) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>With the amendment, the main motion now reads:</p> <p><b>MOTION: To send the AUGSA President to the Alberta Congress Board Conference 2012.</b> (VPOF / Clarke) Unanimously carried.</p>	
<b>7.2 – Executive Compensation Review</b>	<b>MOTION: That there be a presentation to Council on the current state of affairs for Executive performance and compensation (minimum hours for each Executive member, compensation for Executive members, past work of Executive members, etc), and then discuss some of the broad issues with the current system (and ideas on how to improve it) with Council through an informal Committee-as-a-whole conversation. Following this discussion, a Committee should be formed consisting of two AUGSA Executive Committee members, and three members-at-large from Council to review the system, and make recommendations for improvement. This Committee should report back to the AUGSA Council by December 2012 at the latest such that recommendations can be considered for adoption prior to the 2013 AUGSA Executive elections.</b> (Clappison / Chisholm) Unanimously carried.	

<b>8.0 – Adjournment</b>	<b>MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.</b> (Cummins / Greaves) Unanimously carried.  Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.	
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Amanda Nielsen, President

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Adam Snider, Coordinator

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Date of Approval