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## Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 22, 2013

**Place:** Web conference

**Time:** 7:00pm MT

**Attendance:**

Amanda Nielsen, President  
Phil Ferguson, VP Operations & Finance  
Julia Radke, VP External  
Sheri Oberman, VP Academic  
Kurt Spady, Faculty of Business Representative  
Maria Greaves, Faculty of Business Representative  
Caitlin Cumming, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Lynde McKinely, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Louis Watson, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Nicole Hill, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative  
Cynthia Gordon, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative  
Gerry McDonald, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative  
Slade Sekulich, Centre for Distance Education Representative  
Adam Snider, Operations Coordinator  
Patrick Joyce, Guest Speaker of Council

**Regrets:**

Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

**Absent:**

Corina Hollingworth, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative  
Sofia Nteliopoulou, Centre for Distance Education Representative  
Steve Harris, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:02pm MT.	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.	
3.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes	<b>MOTION: That the previous meeting's minutes be approved.</b> (President / Sekulich) 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 executives gave oral overviews of their written reports.	
<b>5.2 – Financial Report</b>	The VPOF presented the July financials and an oral review of his written financial report.	
<b>6.0 – New Business</b>		
<b>6.1 – Motion to Increase Travel Budget</b>	<b>MOTION: That the AUGSA Council increase the 2013 travel budget to \$15,000.</b> (VPOF / Cummins) Unanimously carried.	
<b>6.2 – Motion to Increase Consulting Budget</b>	<b>MOTION: That the AUGSA Council increase the 2013 consulting budget to \$10,000.</b> (VPOF / Greaves) Unanimously carried.	
<b>6.3 – Operations Coordinator Contract</b>		
<b>6.3.1 – Motion to Move In Camera</b>	<b>MOTION: That the meeting move in camera.</b> (Greaves / Cummins) Unanimously carried.  The meeting moved in camera and the Operations Coordinator left the meeting at this point.	
<b>6.3.2 – Discussion of Operations Coordinator Contract</b>	An in camera discussion of the Operations Coordinator’s contract ensued.	
<b>6.3.3 – Motion to Move Out of Camera</b>	The meeting returned from the in camera session and the Operations Coordinator returned to the meeting.  <b>MOTION: To maintain the current Operations Coordinator on with AUGSA as an hourly, part-time employee with AUGSA for September 2013 onwards, with exact contract terms and conditions negotiated by the AUGSA Executive, and with reporting relationships in place as defined in AUGSA existing bylaws and policies.</b> (President / McKinley) Unanimously carried.	
<b>6.4 – Commercialization</b>	The President presented draft commercialization of	

<b>of Research Policies (Information/Discussion Item)</b>	research policies for discussion. Council had no questions but indicated that they would like more time to review the policies before voting on a motion to approve them. It was decided that a motion to approve the policies would be considered at the next meeting of council.	
<b>6.5 – Update on Legal Situation Surrounding the Consideration of the Removal of the VP Academic</b>	The President gave an update on the legal situation surrounding the consideration of the removal of the VP Academic, noting that AUGSA’s lawyer has outlined several legal opinions, which were distributed to the group in writing.	
<b>7.0 – Other Business</b>	No other business.	
<b>8.0 – Adjournment</b>	The agenda was exhausted and the meeting adjourned at 8:59pm MT.	

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Amanda Nielsen, President

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Adam Snider, Coordinator

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Date of Approval