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## Executive Committee Meeting

**Date:** May 01, 2013

**Place:** Web conference

**Time:** 7:00pm, MT

**Attendance:** Amanda Nielsen, President  
Olivia Meyia, VP Academic  
Wilson Ho, VP Operations & Finance  
Adam Chisholm, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative  
Mandy Nielsen, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative  
Moiz Bhamani, Faculty of Business Representative  
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative  
Julia Radke, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Caitlin Cummins, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Rob Janzen, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative  
Steve Harris, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative  
Sean Sommerfeld, Centre for Distance Education Representative  
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council  
Adam Snider, Operations Coordinator

**Guests:** Sheri Oberman, VP Academic-Elect

**Regrets:** Jade Clarke, Centre for Distance Education Representative

**Absent:** Maria Greaves, Faculty of Business Representative  
Eric Lavoie, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	<b>MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented.</b> (Nielsen / Radke) Unanimously carried.	

<b>3.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes</b>	<b>MOTION: That the previous meeting’s minutes be approved as presented.</b> (Cummins / Harris) 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 members of the Executive gave highlights of their written reports (see attached).	
<b>5.2 – Financial Reports</b>	The VPOF presented a balance sheet, liabilities report, and profit & loss statements and indicated that AUGSA is in good financial standing.	
<b>5.3 – Audit Report</b>	<b>MOTION: That the AUGSA Council approve the 2012 Audited Financial Statements.</b> (VPOF / Harris) Unanimously carried.	
<b>6.0 – New Business</b>		
<b>6.1 – Motion Regarding Signing Authorities</b>	<b>MOTION: That AUGSA remove Wilson Ho as a signing authority on the AUGSA TD Bank Account and add Philip Ferguson and Julia Radke as signing authorities on the account.</b> (VPOF / Sommerfeld) Ms. Radke abstained from the motion, which was carried unanimously.	
<b>6.2 – Distribution of VP External Pay</b>	<b>MOTION: That the VP External salary for the month of March 2013 be divided among the three Executive with 100% going to the President, 0% going to the VP Operations &amp; Finance, and 0% going to the VP Academic.</b> (Radke / Harris) Unanimously carried.  <b>MOTION: That the VP External salary for the month of April 2013 be divided among the three Executive with 100% going to the President, 0% going to the VP Operations &amp; Finance, and 0% going to the VP Academic.</b> (Nielsen / Harris) Unanimously carried.	
<b>7.0 – Other Business</b>		
<b>7.1 – eTexts</b>	It was noted that Athabasca University seems committed to moving forward with a switch to eTexts as	

	<p>a cost-saving measure. After discussion, it was noted that AUGSA strongly feels that students should have the option to buy a hardcopy if they chose to, or to at least have eTexts be a lifetime purchase rather than a license that expires after the course has ended.</p> <p>It was also noted that AUGSA generally favours Open Access and Open Education Resources and most eTexts currently on the market, especially those that expire, go directly against these principles.</p>	
<b>8.0 – Adjournment</b>	<p><b>MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.</b> (Nielsen / Harris) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.</p>	

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Amanda Nielsen, President

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Adam Snider, Operations Coordinator

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Date of Approval