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## Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 14, 2016

**Place:** Web conference

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Attendance:**

Teagan Gahler, President  
Margaret Clappison, VP Operations & Finance  
Steve Green, VP Academic  
Lisa Gray, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Komal Kumar, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Lindsay McNena, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Vanessa Colettas, Faculty of Business Representative  
Shawn Ang, Faculty of Business Representative  
Peter Chan, Faculty of Business Representative  
Shanna Rowney, Centre for Distance Education Representative  
Patrick Corbett, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative  
Robert Janzen, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative  
Ross Tyson, Executive Director  
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council  
Absent:  
Jamie Czerwinski, Vice President External  
Susanna Suchak, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative  
Michelle Halle, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative  
Mahsati Abdul, Centre for Distance Education Representative

Regrets:

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1.0 Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm MDT.	

<b>2. Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>Motion: To approve the agenda as distributed.</b>  (Corbett, Colettas )  Carried Unanimously	
<b>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	<b>Motion: To accept the minutes of April 12 as distributed. (Rowney, Green )</b>  Carried Unanimously	
<b>4. Reports</b>		

<p><b>4.1 Executive Reports</b></p>	<p>All executive members presented their reports as distributed. Highlights include:</p> <p><b>President:</b> Busy with new meetings, role adjustment, Board Of Governors- has been very busy with five meetings this last month. We have a strong voice on the board.</p> <p>Presidential search- down to three candidates all of which are extremely strong.</p> <p>Met with the Minister of Advanced Ed. Talked about sustainability, presidential search.</p> <p>Ft McMurray student issues have been on all agendas.</p> <p>VPOF: Audit was the order of business this month.</p> <p>Busy month with turnover of the books.</p> <p>Accounting changes will help in understanding the financials.</p> <p>VPOF is a member of the Investment Committee- Decision making for IT prospects, governance, etc.</p> <p><b>VPA:</b> Many committees.</p> <p>Discussed all committees as per report.</p> <p><b>VP External: (absent)</b></p>	
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<b>4.2 Financial Reports</b>	VPOF Margaret shared reports with the group. The organization is financially sound.	
<b>5. New Business</b>		
<b>5.1 Audit 2015 Presentation and Approval</b>	The 2015 audit is complete.  <b>Motion: That the audit is accepted as distributed.</b>  <b>(VPA, VPOF)Carried Unanimously</b>	
<b>5.2 AGM</b>	President Gahler replied that the audit needs ratification in July at the AGM. We will also approve our auditor for the 2016 year.	
5.3 Committee Membership		
<b>6. Old Business</b>		
<b>7. Other Business</b>		
<b>7.1 Graduate Student Conference</b>	President Gahler gave a brief overview of the conference. For Information Student Conference - Just an update that we are moving along well on planning. We have over 40 abstracts submitted thus far and are starting to build the program out.	
<b>7.2 Update from Faculties</b>	No updates	
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	<b>Motion: To adjourn the meeting (VPA , McNena)</b>  Carried unanimously  Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM. The next meeting is July 19.	

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Teagan Gahler, President

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Ross Tyson, Executive Director

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Date of Approval