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## Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 15, 2016

**Place:** Web conference

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Attendance:**

Teagan Gahler, President

Jamie Czerwinski, Vice President External

Margaret Clappison, VP Operations & Finance

Steve Green, VP Academic

Lisa Gray, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Komal Kumar, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Shawn Ang, Faculty of Business Representative

Peter Chan, Faculty of Business Representative

Patrick Corbett, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Michelle Halle, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

Shanna Rowney, Centre for Distance Education Representative

Vanessa Colettas, Faculty of Business Representative

Robert Janzen, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Lindsay McNena, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

**Absent:**

Susanna Suchak, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Mahsati Abdul, Centre for Distance Education Representative

**Regrets:**

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<p><b>1.0 Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm MDT.</p>	
<p><b>2. Approval of Agenda</b></p>	<p><b>Motion: To approve the agenda as distributed. (Rowney, McNena )</b></p> <p><b>Carried Unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</b></p>	<p><b>Motion: To accept the minutes of October 11 as distributed. (Ang, McNena )</b></p> <p><b>Carried Unanimously</b></p>	
<p><b>4. Reports</b></p>		
<p><b>4.1 Executive Reports</b></p>	<p>All executive members presented their reports as distributed. Highlights include:</p> <p><b>President:</b> The new President started this month. We had an executive meeting with Dr. Fassina. He believes that we have a strong future as a University.</p> <p>Consultation with Minister of Advanced Ed- update on tuition freeze. The President has a news article to circulate.</p> <p>Conference follow-up takes place in a week, so will have an update.</p> <p>The number of years that a student needs to know an instructor to apply for academic awards will be reduced to two years from three.</p> <p><b>VPOF:</b></p> <p>CRA discussions have been fruitful. We met the deadline to have data moved to a Canadian server.</p> <p>Budget work has been done. We have a draft that will be voted on next month.</p>	

	<p>We had an engagement committee meeting which was productive.</p> <p><b>VPEX:</b></p> <p>Acting as delegate to CASA and abGPAC. Steve and I are in Ottawa this week. We have a set of priorities and will be meeting with several cabinet meetings over the week. MP's have been excellent.</p> <p>abGPAC just had our AGM. Alberta's tuition and funding review is under way, so tuition has been frozen. Funding packages for research is a major item with lots of Teaching Assistants and Research Assistants as an objective in advocating.</p> <p><b>VPA:</b></p> <p>Also in Ottawa for CASA at advocacy week. Had a great day on the Hill today.</p> <p>FHSS met this month. Alumni event in Toronto; student engagement meeting in northern Ontario. Health and Education are keys. Online learning is growing in Ontario. There are dollars available for writing online course work in Ontario. Opencon is once again on in Toronto next month.</p> <p>Awards committee finished their work.</p> <p>Vanessa invited Steve to join a meeting in Toronto.</p>	
<p><b>4.2 Financial</b></p>	<p>Margaret presented her financial reports for October 2016.</p>	
<p><b>5. Approval of Honoraria Policies Amendment</b></p>	<p>President Teagan</p> <p><b>5.1 Motion: To approve the update to the Faculty and Centre Representatives Compensation policy to reflect proper allocation of honoraria. (President, VPOF )</b></p>	

	<b>Carried Unanimously.</b>	
<b>6. New Business</b>		
<b>6.1 Approval of 2016 award recipients</b>	<p>VPA Steve:</p> <p><b>6.1 Motion: To approve Shauna Allen and Natasha Hammond for the 2016 Awards of Distinction and Shawn Ang, Franki Harrogate, Jason Openo, Justine Gaudet and Melissa Reimchen for the 2016 graduate citizenships award based off the recommendation of the awards committee. ( VPA, VPOF )</b></p> <p><b>Carried Unanimously</b></p>	
<b>7. Old Business</b>		
<b>8. Other Business</b>	<p>Steve mentioned that on the 26<sup>th</sup> November the E-Campus Ontario folks are having a meeting and would like to hear from us. Michele is very interested and Steve will send her some information.</p> <p>Jaime mentioned that there Alberta awards for reviewing OER's.</p>	
<b>8.1 Update from Faculties</b>	<p>Faculty of Business updated us on workshops upcoming.</p> <p>Faculty of Health Disciplines: Komal, Lindsay, and I are still working on our report, which will be looking at challenges GCAP students are facing applying to PhD programs or registering as a psychologist or psychological associate.</p>	
<b>9. Adjournment</b>	<p><b>Motion: To adjourn the meeting (Collettas, VPA)</b></p> <p>Carried unanimously</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:00</p> <p>Next meeting: December 7, 2016</p>	

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Teagan Gahler, President

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Ross Tyson, Executive Director

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Date of Approval