



**Athabasca University Graduate Students'  
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AUGSA Minutes

January 16, 2018, 6:00pm

Web conference

Attendance:

Jamie Czerwinski, President

Lindsay McNena, Vice President External

Margaret Clappison, VP Operations & Finance

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

David Newman, Faculty of Business Representative

Vanessa Colettas, Faculty of Business Representative

Christopher Rudan, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Max Jajszczok, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Melanie Fuller, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Robert Janzen, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Shawn Ang, Faculty of Business Representative

Bob Cole, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Emma Johnston, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Absent:

Steve Swettenham, Faculty of Business

Reva Ramsden, Centre for Distance Education Representative

Shelby Guidi, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Regrets:

Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

Patrick Corbett, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Mira Singh, VP Academic

1.0	<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:07 MST. <b>Motion: To appoint Shawn Ang as chair for the meeting. (President, Newman)</b> Carried unanimously
2.0	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>1) Motion 2.0: To amend the agenda to include item 5.2 Elections committee. (President, VPEx )</b>  Carried Unanimously
3.0	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	<b>1) Motion 3.0: To approve the minutes of December 12, 2017 as distributed. (VPEx, VPOF )</b>  Carried Unanimously
4.0	<b>Reports and Presentations</b>	
	<b>4.1 Guest Presenter</b>	Joel French from Public Interest Alberta presented. Joel talked about Internal and External Engagement Internal engagement: Leadership and students have a two way communication. Our email with students is a huge advantage. Externally we advocate for a group of people. Educating the general public about our issues. The most effective way is through the mainstream media. Not necessarily confrontational. Post-Secondary issues don't get much media attention. Social media and a public email list are other ways of engaging the general public. abGPAC is a great example of both internal and external engagement. Lobbying, or private meetings with politicians is important. Should include MLA's as well as Cabinet ministers. Keep the people that you represent informed! Include in reports how the success was guided by their input.

	<b>4.2 Executive Reports</b>	The executive presented their reports.
	<b>4.3 Financial Report</b>	VPOF: Presented reports as distributed.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>	
	<b>5.1 Graduate Students Conference Funding</b>	<p><b>Motion 5.1: Be it resolved that AUGSA Council agrees to fund any potential shortfall in AU 2018 Graduate Conference sponsorship funding, up to a total of \$8700. Be it further that this amount may be drawn from the Conference Reserve Fund if required. ( President, VPEX )</b></p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>
	<b>5.2 Election Committee</b>	<p><b>Motion: To nominate Shawn Ang, Vanessa Colettas to serve on the elections committee with the Chief Returning Officer. (President, VPOF)</b></p> <p>Approved Unanimously</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Old Business</b>	There is no old business.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<p><b>Motion to adjourn (Fuller, President)</b></p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.</p>

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Jamie Czerwinski, President

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Ross Tyson, Executive Director

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Date of Approval