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AUGSA Minutes

March 20, 2018, 6:00pm

Web conference

Attendance:

Jamie Czerwinski, President

Lindsay McNena, Vice President External

Margaret Clappison, VP Operations & Finance

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

Robert Janzen, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Patrick Corbett, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative

Emma Johnston, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Mira Singh, VP Academic

Shawn Ang, Faculty of Business Representative

Bob Cole, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Eric Snow, Speaker of Council

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Melanie Fuller, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

Absent:

Steve Swettenham, Faculty of Business

Reva Ramsden, Centre for Distance Education Representative

Shelby Guidi, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Regrets:

1.0	Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm MST.
2.0	Approval of Agenda	<p>1) Motion 2.0: To approve the agenda as distributed. (President, Fuller)</p> <p>2) Motion 2.1: To amend the agenda to a) Strike item 4.1 from agenda, and b) to add staff strike to the agenda</p> <p>Colettas, Corbett</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> <p>3) Motion 2.2: To approve the agenda as amended. (President, Fuller)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>
3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	<p>1) Motion 3.0: To approve the minutes of February 13, 2018 as distributed. (President,Johnston)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>
4.0	Reports and Presentations	
4.1	Executive Reports	<p>The executive presented their reports as distributed.</p> <p>The VPA reported that the Mental Health Coordinator has been hired for Grad Students and needs support. President Jamie thought there may be a link on a landing page that could be used to submit or look for an accommodation.</p> <p>Also the course announcement page could be used to highlight some accommodations. Professors are also there to help.</p> <p>Mental health app is called HelloJoy (www.hellojoy.ai/)</p>

		<p>If it is private and available then it is a good idea.</p> <p>Remember Student Life Line (Lifeworks) is available at no cost to our students.</p>
4.2	Financial Report	VPOF: Presented reports as distributed.
5.0	New Business	There is no new business.
	5.1 Staff strike	<p>Motion to defer to end of the meeting. (VPOF, Colettas) Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>AU staff have been considering a walk-out but Staff want to know what issues might arise for grad students should staff go on strike.(academic)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral students just work with a supervisor • Nursing practica with no supervisors • Nurse Practitioners • Other associated practica • Payment of dues may carry over (depending on the length of the strike) • Academic experts would continue? • MBA-advanced strat planning works with outside companies. • Email any additional content to Mira
6.0	Old Business	
6.1	Creation of Open Mailing List/ Forum	<p>President Jamie reported on the Google Groups app. We could share the opt in on the website and newsletter. One question was do we have to use a Google email and the answer is no, all emails work.</p> <p>Melanie was wondering if any people could join the group. The answer is yes. We could moderate requests. We could also put up all of the scholarships on it.</p> <p>Jamie thought we could just use our mailing list.</p> <p>Shawn wondered what the purpose was. We need to specify the purpose carefully.</p>

		<p>This can be for alumni as well.</p> <p>1) Motion 6.1: Be it resolved that AUGSA Council approves the creation of an Open, Opt In Google Groups Mailing List and Forum for AU Graduate Students.</p> <p>(President, VPOF)</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>
7.0	Other Business	<p>There will be a meeting of the Bargaining Committee March 26, but we have not heard from AU yet, and have not received a position paper from them.</p>
8.0	Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn (VPEX, Corbett)</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.</p>

Jamie Czerwinski, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval