



Athabasca University Graduate Students' Association

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AUGSA Minutes

Date: December 11, 6:00pm

Place: Web conference

Attendance:

Executive Committee: Lindsay McNena (President), Muhammad Kamran (VP Operations & Finance), Heather DeBoer (VP External), Meaghan Sullivan (VP Academic)

Faculty of Business Representatives: Margaret Clappison, David Thomson, David Newman

Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives: Kathleen (Katie) Bradley, Juanita Marshall

Centre for Distance Education Representatives: Reva Bond Ramsden

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative: Emma Paige Johnston, Debbie Yee, Mary-Anne Parker

Faculty of Science and Technology: Jamie Czerwinski, Patrick Corbett

Staff:

Ross Tyson (Executive Director)

Regrets: Crystal (Crys) Vincent

Absent:

		Presenter	ACTION	TIME
1.0	Call to Order	President	The meeting was called to order at 6:02 MST. President Lindsay asked Past President Jamie to chair in the absence of a speaker.	

2.0	Approval of Agenda	President	<p>Motion 1.0: To move the agenda as distributed</p> <p>Moved: VPA</p> <p>Seconded: David Thomson</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>	
3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	All	<p>Motion 3.0: To approve the minutes of November13, 2018 as distributed.</p> <p>Moved: VPA</p> <p>Seconded: Patrick Corbett</p> <p>Approved Unanimously</p>	
4.0	Reports and Presentations			
	4.1 Executive Reports	Executive Committee	<p>Meaghan presented that AU Awards committee was very time intensive. Still under way.</p> <p>Heather had a blast at CASA in Ottawa. There was great advocacy.</p> <p>President Lindsay is busy with many meetings.</p> <p>New Mental Health provider is Homewood, and Lindsay met with the rep from AU. The link will be simple and effective.</p> <p>At advocacy week Lindsay represented us and our students well. Met with 12 to 15 MP's and Senators. Research funding was a major issue. The money should follow the student.</p>	
	4.2 Financial Report	VPOF	Muhammad presented his financial reports as distributed.	
5.0	New Business			
	5.1. Governance Update	President	President Lindsay reported on her latest Governance Committee meeting.	
	5.2 Engagement Committee Update	VPEX	David Thomson chaired the last meeting.	

	5.3 Awards Committee Update	VPA	<p>Motion 5.3: To award the following students with the additional four Outstanding Distinction Awards in the amount of \$1125 per student: David Thomson, Gabrielle Heselton, Corine Kozuchowski and Debra Dell.</p> <p>Moved: VPA Seconded: President Approved Unanimously</p>	Cheques will be mailed along with certificates.
	5.4 Advocacy Update	President	<p>Lindsay gave an update on AbGPAC and CASA advocacy. Although there has been an increase in funding federally the percentage to Grad students was reduced. That is why we suggested the money follow the students. Creating grants for Grad Students was also an issue. Looking to have grants treated equitably as compared with undergrads. At CASA there were 145 meetings in three days.</p>	
	5.5 AU Faculty Awards Update	VPEX	<p>The faculty awards have been presented to the following: Academic Faculty: Melissa Jay, Pamela Walsh, Sandra Collins, Simon Nuttgens Non-academic faculty: Kaitlyn Hilliard, Skylar Malito.</p>	A donation to the AU library and \$100 gift cards have been sent out.
6.0	Old Business			
7.0	Other Business			
8.0	Adjournment			
10.0	Adjournment		<p>Motion 4.0: It was moved that that meeting be adjourned</p> <p>Moved: VPA Seconded: VPEX Carried Unanimously</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 MST</p>	6:50 pm

Lindsay McNena, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval