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AUGSA Minutes

Date: May 14, 6:00pm

Place: Web conference

Attendance :

Executive Committee: Meaghan Sullivan (President), Heather DeBoer (VP Operations & Finance), Greg Vilk (VP External), David Thomson (VP Academic)

Faculty of Business Representatives: Judd Asoyuf, Margaret Clappison, David Newman

Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives: Lindsay McNena, Nicole Klix, Christopher Rudan

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative: Mary-Anne Parker, David Cloutier, Linda Perschonke

Faculty of Science and Technology: Liliana Quyen Tang, Philip Kirkbride

Staff:

Kallista Chayil, Speaker, Ross Tyson (Executive Director)

Regrets:

Absent: Ashley Ravenscroft, Kelli Buckreus

		Presenter	ACTION	TIME
1.0	Call to Order	Speaker	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm MDT.	6:00

2.0	Approval of Agenda		<p>Motion 2.0 To approve the agenda as distributed. Moved: Mary-Anne Parker Seconded: Greg Vilk Motion carried without opposition.</p>	6:04
3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes		<p>Motion 3.0 To approve the minutes of April 9 as corrected. Moved: Philip Kirkbride Seconded: Mary-Anne Parker Motion carried without opposition</p>	
4.0	Reports and Presentations			6:06
	4.1 Executive Reports		<p>President Meaghan:</p> <p>We do not do formal executive reports this month so we did introductions.</p> <p>We do have plans to complete some internal and external work. Meaghan hopes to continue with the strategic plan, make amendments to policy and procedure, add some additional services, and improve communication. Always looking to maximize what we offer to our student body.</p> <p>VPOF: Heather DeBoer is planning to have a great year as leader in the areas of transparency, communication, budget work, etc.</p> <p>VPA: David Thomson is excited to be involved in many committees working with AU, awards and bursaries, and continuity with the next board.</p> <p>VPEX- Greg Vilks: External work includes enhancing and implementing the strategic plan, building relationships with</p>	

			Government, industry, and research. Engagement committee will be an important part of this work.	
	4.2 Financial Report		No report at this time	6:15
5.0	Old Business			6:20
6.0	New Business			
	6.1 AUGSA Monthly Meetings and Expectations		President Meaghan laid out the expectations for Council members. (Typically, the second Tuesday of the month). Let us know if you are unable to attend. The meetings are tied to your honorarium. This meeting is worth two meetings due to the length of the meeting. Provide for detailed information in each of our areas so that we can get Council involved.	
	6.2 Honoraria		You will receive a deposit each quarter for three months work. Your honorarium is guaranteed with each month even if there is not a meeting. The cheques are in the mail for the fourth quarter of council.	
	6.3 Policy Binder		President Meaghan outlined the policies in a general way. We reviewed a few of the policies. There may be some changes with Alberta Government awards due to the change in Government.	
	6.4 Expense Claims		VPOF Heather explained expense claims and the method of submitting them.	
	6.5 Strategic Plan		President Meaghan presented the current strategic plan. Hoped for a three-year plan going forward. Meaghan also gave an overview of what is happening provincially and federally. The Anti-student association policy has been introduced in Ontario and we believe that this might	

			<p>happen in Alberta as well. This has grave futures in our portfolio representing students as they may have the ability to opt-in or opt-out of paying their dues to our Association. An item to keep in our focus. Lindsay spoke about the policy.</p> <p>David loves the three-year term. He was wondering about measuring the goals and strategies. The metrics that are available are represented by the meetings that we have with AU, the new bargaining agreement, the research conference, etc.</p>	
7.0	Committees			6:35
	7.1 Governance Committee		<p>Motion 7.1: To appoint President Meaghan Sullivan, Margaret Clappison, David Cloutier, Liliana Tang and Linda Perschonke to the Governance Committee.</p> <p>Moved: David Cloutier Seconded: Philip Motion carried without opposition Motion: To add Christopher Rudan to the Governance Committee Moved: Margaret Clappison Seconded: Greg Vilks Carried without opposition.</p>	6:40
	7.2 Awards Committee		<p>Motion 7.2: To appoint VPA David Thomson, David Newman, Judd Asoyuf and Linda Perschonke to the Awards Committee.</p> <p>Moved: Margaret Clappison Seconded: Judd Asoyuf Motion carried without opposition</p>	
	7.3 Engagement Committee		<p>Motion 7.3 To appoint VPEX Greg Vilks, Mary-Anne Parker, Lindsay McNena, Nicole Klix, Christopher Rudan, and Liliana Tang to the Engagement Committee.</p> <p>Moved: David Cloutier Seconded: Margaret Clappison Motion carried without opposition</p>	6:50 pm
	7.4 Budget Committee		<p>Motion 7.4 To appoint VPOF Heather DeBoer, David Newman, Margaret Clappison and Chris Rudan to the budget committee.</p> <p>Moved: Judd Asoyuf Seconded: Philip Kirkbride Motion carried without opposition</p>	

			<p>Motion: To add Philip Kirkbride to the Budget Committee Moved: Margaret Clappison, Seconded: Mary-Anne Parker Carried without opposition</p>	
	7.5 Strategic Planning Committee		<p>Motion 7.5 To appoint President Meaghan Sullivan, Margaret Clappison, David Cloutier, Nicole Klix, Lindsay McNena, Judd Asoyuf to the Strategic Planning Committee. Moved: David Newman Seconded: Mary-Anne Parker Motion carried without opposition</p>	
	7.6 Election and Referenda Committee		<p>The election and referenda committee shall be appointed in January.</p>	
8.0	Upcoming Events		<p>Greg Vilk mentioned CASA/abGPAC as advocacy groups working in the province and the country. He reminded us that sponsors are needed for the research conference. David Thomson (Awards) To the members of the awards committee we will be meeting in a week or so. Meaghan (Strategic Planning/Convocation) We will be meeting soon with the committee. We will probably meet in the evening time frame and will send out a doodle poll to determine best times. Ross Tyson invited council members to attend the 2019 Research Conference to be held September 13, 14, 15 in Edmonton.</p>	
9.0	Other Business			
	9.1 AU Working Groups		<p>The Graduate Evaluation Working Group. May 21, Student panel- Future Learning Environment; Graduate Evaluation- one or two reps; Middle State Commission on Higher Education (US); Professional Development Working Committee; And Situational Frameworks. Send President Meaghan an email if interested. Lindsay mentioned that there is an opportunity to sit on some CASA committees.</p>	
10.0	Adjournment		<p>Motion 10.0 To adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Moved: Lindsay McNena</p>	

			Seconded: David Cloutier Carried without opposition.	
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Lindsay McNena, President

Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Date of Approval