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AUGSA Minutes  
July 17, 2018, 6:00pm  
Web conference

Attendance:

Lindsay McNena, President  
Heather DeBoer, Vice President External  
Meaghan Sullivan, VP Academic  
Muhammad Kamran, Vice President Operations and Finance  
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative  
David Newman, Faculty of Business Representative  
David Thomson, Faculty of Business Representative  
Jamie Czerwinski, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative  
Patrick Corbett, Faculty of Science & Technology Representative  
Mary-Anne Parker, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences  
Representative  
Crys Vincent, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council  
Ross Tyson, Executive Director

Absent:

Reva Ramsden, Centre for Distance Education Representative  
Steve Swettenham, Center for Distance Education  
Emma Johnston, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Representative

Regrets:

Sanne van Vlerken, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative  
Katie Bradley, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm MST.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<p><b>1) Motion 2.0: To approve the agenda as distributed. (VPA, Parker)</b></p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	<p><b>1) Motion 3.0: To approve the minutes of June 19, 2018 as distributed. (Corbett, Thompson )</b></p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Reports and Presentations</b>	
	<b>4.1 Executive Reports</b>	<p>Lindsay welcomed the new AU VP of Finance, a new hire for AU.</p> <p>Muhammad was pleased to get the Direct Deposit system.</p> <p>Heather spoke about her report and particularly about her experience with CASA and AbGPAC</p> <p>Meaghan attended the AEAC academic awards committee and celebrated some excellence examples at AU. She also presented her report.</p>
	<b>4.2 Financial Report</b>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>	
	<b>5.1 Labour Relations Updates</b>	GOA Labour Relations approved our bylaws!
	<b>5.2 Update on Research Conference</b>	Our conference is well under way. Abstract prizes have been chosen.
	<b>5.3 Advocacy Update</b>	<p>Heather mentioned about CASA's advocacy plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six priorities: financial aid for both grad students and undergrads, international</li> </ul>

		<p>students, indigenous students, sexual violence prevention, prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polystrat conference in Vancouver next week to discuss</li> </ul> <p>AbGPAC's advocacy plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three priorities: tuition and fees, post-grad employment, indigenous students.</li> </ul>
	<b>5.4 FGS Awards committee</b>	President Lindsay is asking for someone to sit on the awards committee at AU. They meet four times per year. They review the major scholarships.
	<b>5.5 Learning Framework Committee</b>	Meaghan asked us to look out 50 years ahead and imagine learning as it exists then. The learning framework has been launched by the Provost. There is a steering committee and a core learning design team. There are also four work streams. Beyond Open, Beyond Place, Beyond Now, and Beyond ..... She would like some input from our Council for this initiative. Please send your thoughts to Meaghan.
	<b>5.6 Conference Moderators</b>	Ross asked for moderators for the Research Conference. Please submit your names to Ross.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	Crys Vincent welcomed a new baby boy.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Motion to adjourn ( Czerwinski, VPA)</b> Carried Unanimously Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

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Lindsay McNena, President

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Ross Tyson, Executive Director

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Date of Approval