

AUGSA Special General Meeting
Meeting Minutes
December 13th, 2022 – 6:00pm MST
Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Executive Committee: Chris Edwards (President), Sarah Reid (VP Academic), Dennis Delgado (VP Operations & Finance)

Faculty of Business Representatives: Ian Chitwood, Gordon Chandler, Margaret Clappison

Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives: Charlie Salter, Kelly DeCoste, Sarah Atkinson, Jillian Nickel

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative: Angelo Delli Santi, Kangendra Bhandari, Heather McGilvary

Faculty of Science and Technology: Rayees Khan, Russell Rupok

Graduate Student Members: Kareena Hart, Richard Iwuk, Joanna Low

Staff: Meaghan Sullivan (Executive Director)

Regrets: Sabrina Martin

	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION
1.0	Call to Order	President	The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm MT.
2.0	Approval of Agenda	President	Motion 2.0: To approve the agenda as presented. Moved: Angelo Delli-Santi Seconded: Dennis Delgado Motion carried without opposition.
3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	President	Motion 3.0: To approve the minutes of November 8, 2022 as presented. Moved: Rayees Khan Seconded: Russell Rupok Motion carried without opposition.
4.0	Review of Revisions to Bylaws		Chris Edwards gave an on the governance changes presented and proposed to AUGSA membership, beginning with sharing insights from a



		<p>presentation provided by Risser & Hughes at the AMICCUS-C National Conference in Antigonish, Nova Scotia in May 2022 on the topic of modernizing student associations. The presentation covered the current issues and challenges as well as the recent trends faced by student associations across Canada. These issues and trends applied to AUGSAs experiences over the past number of years.</p> <p>The current and proposed governance structures were presented, which primarily involved moving towards a governance board with no Executive Committee, as an effort to modernize AUGSAs non-profit structure. The elimination the Executive Committee positions introduces a structure that enables staff to manage operational requirements, and elected student leader to focus on student representation duties, of which will be spread out across 8 Graduate Student Council members.</p> <p>The financial and structural changes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate the Executive Committee roles (President, VP Operations & Finance, VP Academic, VP External) • Switch to 8 Council members (2 per faculty) while increasing honoraria to \$1000.00 per month per representative for (1) broader and increased student representation and (2) facilitating governance responsibilities. • Implement a Chair of Council, which is an additional \$500.00 per month honoraria.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a Vice-Chair of Council is an additional \$250.00 per month honoraria. • Empower staff to be responsible for operational requirements. <p>The above changes require a complete revision of the bylaws and governing policies. Today’s meeting is to approve the new bylaws as presented. Changes will take effective primarily May 1st, 2023, but need to be approved and in place as we approach the elections for the 2023 Council.</p> <p>Council discussed the implementation of a term limit of four years for the Council Member position with concern that this may disqualify graduate students who served as Faculty Representatives. Chris Edwards explained that given the significant governance change to AUGSA that the term limit will begin to apply to terms served after May 1st, 2023. It was agreed that the bylaws will be approved pending that the newly imposed limitation of terms served by Council Members will be effective May 1st, 2023 and will not apply to years served as Faculty Representatives prior to May 1st, 2023.</p> <p>Additionally, the above changes provide a cost savings to allow us to dedicate funds in the budget elsewhere like awards, bursaries, longer-term staff, and consideration of other services for our graduate student members to increase value delivery.</p> <p>Motion 4.0: To approve the bylaws as presented.</p>
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5.0	Adjournment		Motion 11.0: To adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm. Moved: Chris Edwards Seconded: Dennis Delagdo Motion carried without opposition.

Chris Edwards, President

Meaghan Sullivan, Executive Director

Date of Approval

