

**AUGSA Council Meeting Minutes**  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 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, Margaret Clappison, Gordon Chandler

**Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives:** Charlie Salter, Kelly DeCoste, Sarah Atkinson, Sabrina Martin, Heather McGilvary

**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative:** Angelo Delli Santi, Kangendra Bhandari, Jillian Nickel,

**Faculty of Science and Technology:** Rayees Khan, Russell Rupok

**Staff:** Meaghan Sullivan (Executive Director)

**Regrets:**

		<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	President	The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm MT.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	President	<b>Motion 2.0 To approve the agenda as presented.</b> Moved: Ian Chitwood Seconded: Angelo Delli-Santi Motion carried without opposition.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	President	<b>Motion 3.0 To approve the minutes of December 13, 2022 as presented.</b> Moved: Rayees Khan Seconded: Sarah Atkinson Motion carried without opposition.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Reports and Presentations</b>		Reports presented as distributed.
	<b>4.1 President</b>		Convocation will be in person this year, which is taking place in Edmonton.



			Chris Edwards attended the last number of student consultation meetings with the University where student priorities were shared. Athabasca University noted that tuition will likely increase by 5.5% for graduate students. This number would be averaged across programs.
	<b>4.3 VP Academic</b>		<p>Sarah Reid noted that the first half of December was very busy with scheduled meetings for the Academic Appeals Committee at the University.</p> <p>The AUGSA Awards Committee approved a number of bursary application that we were able to successfully get out prior to year end and the holidays for the students.</p>
	<b>4.4 VP Operations &amp; Finance</b>		<p>The Finance Committee reviewed the YTD reports. It appears that AUGSA is on track for a potential surplus position.</p> <p>The Bargaining Committee had planned to meet with the University in December but this did not take place. There was no communication since the last meeting in November.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Financial Reports</b>		No further updates.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Elections Policy Update</b>		<p>The elections policy has been updated to reflect the new governance structure approved in the bylaws at last months Special General Meeting. This operational policy must be approved by Council under the current governance structure.</p> <p><b>Motion 6.0: To approve the revised elections policy as presented.</b>  Moved: Sabrina Martin  Seconded: Gordon Chandler  Motion carried without opposition.</p>



7.0	<b>Governance Revisions Update</b>		The Council Policy Manual is near completion. It is tentatively scheduled to be provided to the Governance Committee Chair by the end of next week. This Council Policy Manual needs to be approved at the Council Meeting in February so it is ready for the elections and prior to the upcoming transition.
8.0	<b>Committee Updates</b>		<p><b>Motion 8.0: To approve the appointment of Sabrina Martin and Chris Edwards to the elections and referenda committee.</b></p> <p>Moved: Khagendra Bhandari Seconded: Margaret Clappison Motion carried without opposition.</p>
9.0	<b>Upcoming Events</b>		<p>A new event that AUGSA will be supporting and marketing is as follows:</p> <p><b>Map the System</b></p> <p>Deeply explore an issue that matters to you and share your findings with the world. Map the System is a one-of-a-kind challenge that requires students to use a systems-thinking approach to demonstrate a deep understanding of a pressing social or environmental challenge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join a global movement committed to systems change.</li> <li>• Compete for cash prizes and an opportunity to present before a global audience.</li> <li>• Learn new skills to address the world’s most pressing issues.</li> <li>• Bring awareness to a social or environmental issue you are passionate about!</li> <li>• Connect with socially-conscious students, researchers, and practitioners from across Canada.</li> </ul>



			<p><b>Register by January 31, 2023. Submission are due by April 3, 2023 with the panel competition taking place shortly thereafter in April.</b></p> <p><b>This event is online at the institution level. The winner(s) go on to compete at the Canadian regional level, which is on May 10th-12th (virtually). The Oxford global finals is in July 2023 in person.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.mapthesystem.ca">https://www.mapthesystem.ca</a></p>
10.0	Old Business		
11.0	New Business		
12.0	Other Business		Chris Edwards shared that the University has been very supportive towards AUGSA this past year and have shown great gratitude towards AUGSA for the support provided to the institution amidst the issues and challenges that the University faced this past year.
13.0	Adjournment		<p><b>Motion 11.0: To adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm.</b></p> <p>Moved: Jillain Nickel Seconded: Khagendra Bhandari Motion carried without opposition.</p>

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Chris Edwards, President

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Meaghan Sullivan, Executive Director

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Date of Approval

