

## AUGSA Council Meeting – Onboarding Session

May 9th, 2023 – 5:00pm MT

Microsoft Teams

### Attendance

**Faculty of Business:** Brittany Hollett, Jason Kauenhofen

**Faculty of Health Disciplines:** Skyler Todd, Kyra Johnston

**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences:** Lindsay McNena, Khagendra Bhandari

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

**Staff:** Meaghan Sullivan

**Guest Speakers:** Dr. Alex Clark, Brandon Simmons, Andrew Bergen, Chris Fukushima

### Regrets:

		PRESENTER	ACTION
1.0	Call to Order	Meaghan Sullivan	The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm MT.
2.0	Approval of Agenda	Meaghan Sullivan	<b>Motion 2.0: To approve the agenda as presented.</b> Moved: Jason Kauenhofen Seconded: Khagendra Bhandari Motion carried without opposition.
3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	Meaghan Sullivan	<b>Motion 3.0: To approve the minutes of April 11, 2023 as presented.</b> Moved: Russell Rupok Seconded: Rayees Khan Motion carried without opposition.
4.0	Round Table Introductions	Meaghan Sullivan	
5.0	Welcome to AUGSA	Meaghan Sullivan	



6.0	<b>Overview of AUGSA</b>	Meaghan Sullivan	Meaghan Sullivan gave a broad overview of AUGSA, its services, student population served, and some current initiatives such as awards, bursaries, and the Graduate Student Research Conference.
7.0	<b>Welcome from Dr. Alex Clark</b>	Dr. Alex Clark	Dr. Alex Clark welcomed the new AUGSA Council to the Athabasca University community and wished them luck in their upcoming terms.
8.0	<b>Council Member Responsibility Overview</b>	Meaghan Sullivan	The Council reviewed the Council Member role and responsibilities with a focus on Governance and Student Representation. The topic of advocacy was discussed as a role that every Council Member will be involved with, not just the abGPAC Representatives to government.
9.0	<b>Bylaws and Council Policy Manual</b>	Meaghan Sullivan	<p>The Council reviewed the bylaws and Council policy manual in advance of the meeting. Meaghan Sullivan gave a summary of key points in the bylaws worthy to note during this meeting.</p> <p>Jason Kaeunhofen had a question regarding a Council Member's position on Council should they be terminated as a member. Meaghan noted while we have never terminated a student's membership, this would be covered under Council Member eligibility (sec. 8.1), meaning they would no longer be eligible to serve on Council; however, Meaghan will look into it further to confirm and follow up with Jason.</p>
10.0	<b>Introduction to abGPAC and Advocacy</b>	Brandon Simmons	Brandon Simmons joined the session and gave an overview of the Alberta Provincial Advocacy Council (abGPAC), its executive and sub committees, advocacy schedule and upcoming plans.
11.0	<b>Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair</b>	Chris Fukushima	<p><b>Motion 11.1: To approve the appointment of Russell Rupok as Chair of AUGSA Council.</b></p> <p>Moved: Lindsay McNena Seconded: Jason Kauenhofen</p>

			<p>Motion carried without opposition.</p> <p><b>Motion 11.2: To approve the appointment of Brittany Hollett as Vice-Chair of AUGSA Council.</b></p> <p>Moved: Jason Kauenhofen Seconded: Russell Rupok Motion carried without opposition.</p>
12.0	<b>Assignment of Council Member Portfolios</b>	Meaghan Sullivan	<p>The Council collectively divided up the committee responsibilities, choosing committees that align with the interests of each member. The assignments are as follows:</p> <p>Brittany Hollett (Vice-Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GFC</li> <li>• GFC Standing Committees</li> </ul> <p>Jason Kauenhofen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• abGPAC Representative</li> <li>• FB Faculty Council</li> </ul> <p>Skyler Todd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FHD Faculty Council</li> <li>• FGS Faculty Council</li> <li>• EDI Lead – Hiring Committee</li> <li>• Mental Health Committee</li> <li>• Professional Development Committee</li> </ul> <p>Kyra Johnston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FGS Awards Review Committee</li> <li>• Graduate Student Research Fund (GSRF)</li> </ul> <p>Lindsay McNena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• abGPAC Representative</li> </ul>



			<p>Khagendra Bhandari</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• abGPAC Representative</li> <li>• FHSS Faculty Council</li> </ul> <p>Russell Rupok (Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOG</li> <li>• FGS Faculty Council</li> <li>• Bargaining Committee</li> <li>• Student Consultations</li> <li>• Recurring meetings with Executive/Leadership</li> </ul> <p>Rayees Khan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ILE Steering Committee</li> <li>• Digital Governance Committee</li> <li>• Bargaining Committee</li> <li>• Provost Renewal Committee</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion 12.0: To approve the student representation portfolio assignments as presented.</b>  Moved: Lindsay McNena  Seconded: Jason Kauenhofen  Motion carried without opposition.</p>
13.0	<b>The Governance Coach Training</b>	Andrew Bergen	<p>After a round of introductions, Andrew Bergen gave an overview of the Policy Governance training. This included a brief overview of the training portal, outlining the 9 modules, 5 of which should be completed prior to May 23rd, which is when the Council has a MS Team meeting check-in to discuss as a team. The final training check-in via MS Teams will be on June 6th.</p>
14.0	<b>Adjournment</b>	Russell Rupok	<p><b>Motion 14.0: To adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm.</b>  Moved: Lindsay McNena</p>





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			<b>Seconded: Jason Kauenhofen</b> <b>Motion carried without opposition.</b>
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