

AUGSA Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2024 – 6:00pm MST

Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Faculty of Business Representatives: Sunny Bhasin, Brittany Hollett

Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives: Sarrah Ahmed, Pamela Ferguson

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative: Dave Roy

Faculty of Science and Technology: Paul Ackah

Staff: Meaghan Sullivan (Executive Director), Kelly DeCoste (Manager, Governance & Administration)

Regrets: Kenechukwu Onwudinjo, Gagan Jhaji

		PRESENTER	ACTION
1.0	Call to Order	Sunny Bhasin	The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm MT.
2.0	Approval of Agenda	Sunny Bhasin	Motion 2.0 To approve the agenda as presented. Moved: Pamela Ferguson Seconded: Brittany Hollett Motion carried without opposition.
3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	Sunny Bhasin	Motion 3.0 To approve the minutes of August 20, 2024 as presented. Moved: Dave Roy Seconded: Brittany Hollett Motion carried without opposition.
4.0	Reports and Presentations		Reports presented as distributed. Sunny Bhasin discussed being appointed to the finance and property committee. Dave Roy and Pamela Ferguson spoke about the role of AUGSA in student advocacy. Paul and Sarrah provided an overview of the work being done with the proposed AU Mentorship program.



5.0	Financial Reports	No reports at this time. 2025 budget development is underway, and the insurance renewal will begin in October. An overview of the GSRC registration was presented. GSRC travel bursaries were extended. A reminder to encourage faculty and students to attend the GSRC. First union dues collected.
6.0	Council Policy Update	Council discussed the discontinuation of the Council Policy Governance Manual. Bylaws will be approved first, then the policy manual will be updated and approved.
8.0	Committee Updates	<p>Council discussed the need for a Governance Committee to complete the bylaw revisions. Meaghan Sullivan noted that an SGM would be needed for membership approval in November. It was decided that financial affairs would remain in the scope of the Governance Committee and that a separate committee would not be needed at this time. A formal motion to appoint Brittany Hollett and Gagan Jhajj to the HR committee was also discussed.</p> <p>Motion 8.0- To appoint Paul Ackah, Pamela Ferguson, Dave Roy and Brittany Hollett to the Governance Committee. Moved: Sunny Bhasin Seconded: Sarrah Ahmed Motion carried without opposition.</p> <p>Motion 8.1-To appoint Brittany Hollett and Gagan Jhajj to the Human Resources committee. Moved: Pamela Ferguson Seconded: Paul Ackah Motion carried without opposition.</p>



9.0	Upcoming Events		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSRC: October 25 – 27th • CASA Advocacy Week in November
10.0	Old Business		Nothing to report at this time.
11.0	New Business		<p>Dave Roy brought forth a request from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences to support the creation of a student survey.</p> <p>Motion 11.0- For AUGSA to support the creating of a student survey to be dispersed to graduate students in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Moved: Dave Roy Seconded: Sarrah Ahmed Motion carried without opposition.</p> <p>Council was updated on the progress compiling data from the 2024 AUGSA Student Survey. The goal is to have this complete for the end of October. A 2-page executive summary will be provided as per Council request.</p> <p>Pamela Ferguson and Paul Ackah brought forth a motion to join CASA as voting members to expand the federal advocacy within AUGSA.</p> <p>Motion 11.1: To become full members of CASA as of January 1, 2025. Moved: Brittany Hollett Seconded: Dave Roy Motion carried without opposition.</p>
12.0	Other Business		No business at this meeting.
13.0	Adjournment		<p>Motion 13.0: To adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Moved: Paul Ackah Seconded: Dave Roy</p>





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			Motion carried without opposition.
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Sunny Bhasin, Chair

Meaghan Sullivan, Executive Director

Date of Approval



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