

AUGSA Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2024 – 6:00pm MST

Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Faculty of Business Representatives: 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, Gagan Jhajj

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

		PRESENTER	ACTION
1.0	Call to Order	Brittany Hollett	The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm MT. Brittany Hollett presented the land acknowledgement. Brittany Hollett asked if there were any conflicts of interest to report. Dave Roy shared that he has put his name forward for the chair role and therefore will not be voting. No other conflicts of interest were declared.
2.0	Approval of Agenda	Brittany Hollett	Motion 2.0: to approve the agenda as presented. Moved: Dave Roy Seconded: Pamela Ferguson Motion carried without opposition.
3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	Brittany Hollett	Motion 3.0: to approve the minutes of September 15, 2024 as presented. Moved: Paul Ackah Seconded: Sarrah Ahmed Motion carried without opposition.
4.0	Reports and Presentations	Brittany Hollett	Reports presented as distributed. Dave Roy discussed the AU mentoring program being developed, and shared that he has developed a draft of the FHSS graduate student survey. Gagan



			<p>Jhaji had a meeting discussing the application process to the GSRF; the goal is to make it more accessible and to increase student applications. Pamela Ferguson shared that the mentoring program is a great opportunity and will bridge some of the gaps students are experiencing. It was also shared that the new scholarship and bursary platform has streamlined the application process and there have been increased applications. Paul Ackah spoke about the upcoming advocacy week in November. Sarrah Ahmed shared that her and Pamela Ferguson have been actively involved in the Faculty of Health Disciplines, including student advocacy. Brittany Hollett shared that there may be an increased role for AUGSA in terms of advocacy for student appeals. She also shared that she has advocated for the student voice to be heard regarding the launch of Brightspace.</p>
5.0	Financial Reports	Meaghan Sullivan	<p>Meaghan Sullivan presented the current financial report. We are currently over budget for this year. There have been cost cutting measures put in place to move toward a balanced budget. The auditing process will begin after November 1, 2024.</p>
6.0	Appointment of Chair	Brittany Hollett/ Meaghan Sullivan	<p>Motion 6.0: to accept Brittany Hollett’s request to remain in the Vice-Chair role.</p> <p>Moved: Pamela Ferguson Seconded: Paul Ackah Motion carried without opposition.</p> <p>Motion 6.1: to appoint Dave Roy to the position of AUGSA Chair effective October 1st, 2024 through to the end of the Council term, April 30th, 2025.</p>



			<p>Moved: Brittany Hollett Seconded: Paul Ackah Motion carried: 5-0-1.</p>
7.0	Creation of VP External Role	Dave Roy	<p>Motion 7.0: to approve the creation of the role 'Vice President External' effective November 1st, 2024.</p> <p>Dave Roy shared that AUGSA will be moving away from the Policy Governance model and returning to the previous Executive structure. He explained the new role of the VP External within this structure. Meaghan Sullivan provided information on the working role of the VP External.</p> <p>Moved: Brittany Hollett Seconded: Dave Roy Motion carried without opposition.</p> <p>Renumeration for this role will be brought forward at the next SGM. This will include a \$250 monthly increase in line with the current Vice-Chair role.</p> <p>Motion 7.1: to appoint Pamela Ferguson to the Vice President External position effective November 1st, 2024 through to the end of the Council term, April 30th, 2025.</p> <p>Moved: Brittany Hollett Seconded: Paul Ackah Motion carried: 5-0-1.</p>
8.0	Committee Updates	Dave Roy	<p>Dave Roy provided an overview of the changes made to the proposed draft bylaws. The new role titles will be implemented once the changes are approved.</p>



			<p>Motion 8.0: to approve the proposed draft bylaws as presented for presentation and approval at a Special General Meeting (SGM) to be held on November 7, 2024 at 6PM MST</p> <p>Moved: Brittany Hollett Seconded: Pamela Ferguson Motion carried without opposition.</p> <p>The next Council meeting will be moved from November 19th to November 12th.</p>
9.0	Advocacy	Pamela Ferguson/ Paul Ackah	No new business at this meeting. All information covered in reports presented by Paul Ackah and Pamela Ferguson.
10.0	Research Assistantships and Interim Representation	Dave Roy	<p>Motion 10.0: to appoint Paul Ackah, Pamela Ferguson and Gagan Jhaji to the Research Opportunities and Interim Negotiating Committee.</p> <p>Moved: Dave Roy Seconded: Brittany Hollett Motion carried without opposition.</p>
11.0	Upcoming Events	Meaghan Sullivan	<p>Student Consultations-last chance to promote GSRC. Tuition will be discussed at the consultation meeting on October 22.</p> <p>GSRC Update-Council members are encouraged to join the Whova platform to engage with students during the GSRC.</p>
12.0	Old Business	Dave Roy	No business at this meeting.
13.0	New Business	Dave Roy	No business at this meeting.
14.0	Other Business	Dave Roy	No business at this meeting.
15.0	Adjournment	Dave Roy	<p>Motion 15.0: to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.</p> <p>Moved: Dave Roy Seconded: Brittany Hollett Motion carried without opposition.</p>





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Date of Approval



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