



June 22, 2006 - 18:00 MST

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AUGSA COUNCIL MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order: 18:00 MST

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Ashley / Jacqueline

3.1 Discussion: None

4.0 Approval of Minutes from May 25th, 2026

Diana / Shawna

4.1 Discussion: None

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Items for Information: None

5.2 Items for Discussion/Approval: None

6.0 New Business

6.1 Items for Information

6.1.1 Executive Committee Reports

6.1.1.1 Discussion: None

6.1.2 Faculty Representative Reports

6.1.2.1 Discussion: None

6.1.3 Executive Director Report and Financial Report

6.1.3.1 Discussion: None



6.2 Items for Discussion/Approval

6.2.1 GSRC Matching Funding (A-1)

Ashley / Hamza

Motion A-1: *Allocate an additional \$11,000 to match AU's additional commitment of \$11,000 to the GSRC budget:*

Justification: *GSRC has always been split 50/50 with AU FGS and in order to guarantee we continue having equal say and involvement over our flagship event we need to ensure that we cover our 50%. FGS decided to pursue extra funding because many costs are still unknown with the move to Athabasca campus and the extra travel/equipment rental that may be needed, but we want to ensure that everything can be covered. NOTE: any unspent budget for GSRC is internally restricted and will be held over until the next conference.*

6.2.1.1 Discussion:

Jorden discussed how GSRC is funded 50/50 between AUGSA and FGS. The GSRC Steering committee has applied for C3 matching funding of \$11,000, which is all but approved on the AU side. We now need to allocate our match on that. Jorden noted that any funding left over is restricted funds and would just carry over until next GSRC. Jorden also informed the group that we need to ensure that GSRC is always 50/50, as to ensure that the conference is open to all students no matter the research experience or topic.

Carried

6.2.2 GSRC Travel Budget (A-2)

Shawna / Raymond

Motion A-2: *Allocate \$8,000 to the travel budget to cover travel to and from Edmonton and 2 nights stay in Athabasca for the GSRC 2026 to allow all Executive and Council members to attend, experience and help out in person.*

Justification: *GSRC is AUGSA's flagship event, and with it being held in Athabasca there is a whole new set of logistics involved. Not only have we invited all Council and staff to help out with the planning this year, but we want to ensure that every Council and Staff who want to and are able to attend in person can have at the very least have the major portion of their travel covered. We currently have 14 people who would qualify and after estimating flights/mileage to Edmonton from each home*

address the cost per person to get everyone to Edmonton and back and 2 nights stay in Athabasca is \$570.00. I am recommending that we cover the following:

	What AUGSA will cover	What AUGSA wont cover
Travel	We will cover the cost (Mileage, flight or both) to get you to Edmonton to catch the afternoon bus on Friday Oct 23, as well as your return trip on Oct 25	Car rental, travel for family members/friends, and mileage beyond your home to the closest airport with direct flights to Edmonton
Hotel	We will cover the cost of your Hotel stay up to \$180 (after taxes and fees) per night in Athabasca for the night of Oct 23rd and 24th	Hotel costs for any nights other than the 2 nights of the conference. Any extra hotel costs associated with any flight issues that may arise with return travel delays.
Meals	Appetizers are provided at the social on Friday night, Breakfast is included in the hotel blocks, and lunch is proved on both Saturday and Sunday. AUGSA will be trying to organize a Team dinner on the Saturday night which will include a meal but not alcohol	In order to reduce travel costs and allow everyone to attend, we will not cover meal per diems or daily per diems for this trip. So everyone would be on there own for meals that are not provided.

6.2.2.1 Discussion:

Jorden and Ashley spoke about the savings that were being achieved already for travel by AUGSA not attending the first 2 CASA conferences. Shawna Asked if it was possible for us to be wearing identifiers at the conference, and everyone agreed that was a great idea. Shawna asked about registration and accomadation booking, Jorden said that info would be coming out over the next few weeks, and AUGSA would be doing the registrations and travel booking from the central office for all teams members.

Carried

7.0 Open Forum:

7.1 Topics arising from Reports/ Committee meetings (short summaries of discussions)

7.1.1 Ashley – Want to help out with AGAG?

Discussion: Ashley Spoke of the Student leader orientation that she attended in Calgary: She presented 3 priorities on behalf of Alberta Graduate Students:

1. Reconsider the Financial thresholds related to Student loan funding
2. Opportunities for more short term research contracts.
3. Supports for mature students who are also caregivers

There are a lot of Consultation meetings coming up and Ashley could use some help at the AGAG level – if anyone is interested please reach out to Ashley to join the Advocacy Committee.

7.1.2 Jacqueline - AUGSA Identifiers

Discussion: Jacqueline was wondering from a professional perspective is AUGSA should have some identifiers that we wear when attending events on behalf of AUGSA. Like a lapel pin or a pocket square or such. Jorden said he would look into lapel pins and also some nice ¼ zips for the team to wear.

7.1.3 Raymond – Collaboration with Engagement Committee

Discussion: Raymond informed the group that he would like the Labour Relations Committee to Team up with the Engagement Committee to help engage and promote the Labour Union side of AUGSA. Jorden pointed out that the Engagement Committee had yet to be formed, and asked if anyone would like to step up to chair this committee and work with Raymond on this initiative. Jorden said we can always chair by committee if no one currently has the time.

7.1.4 Shawna – Student Concerns

Discussion: Shawna led a discussion surrounding some student concerns that had arose during conversations she had: a lengthy discussion was



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held amongst council in regards to AU's AI policies and Brightspace issues.

8.0 Adjournment Jacqueline / Erica 18:54 MST

