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Council Meeting

Date: April 26, 2011

Place: Web conference

Time: 6:00pm, MDT

Attendance: Amanda Nielsen, President
Ric Wheeler, VP Student Life
Lorna Howieson, Business Representative
Greta Kirstein, Heritage Resources Management Representative
David Keene, Arts Representative
Melissa Seaborg, GCAP Representative
Denise Ferris, VP External
Nathaniel Ostashewski, VPOF
Michael Balaski, VP Academic (entered at 6:21pm)

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:04pm	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	MOTION: David moved to approve the agenda as presented and Melissa seconded; motion carried unanimously.	
3.0 – Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes	MOTION: Nathaniel moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes as presented and Ric seconded; motion carried unanimously.	
4.0 – Old Business	No old business.	
5.0 – New Business		
5.1 – Student Confidentiality Policy from AUAC	Athabasca University Academic Council (AUAC) updated its student confidentiality policy. Michael believes that this may have an impact on AUGSA's	Adam – May 2011

	<p>privacy policy.</p> <p>MOTION: Michael moved that AUGSA clarify with AU how the Student Confidentiality Policy may impact on the Information Sharing Agreement and Nathaniel seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.</p> <p>Adam to look into this.</p>	
5.2 – Alberta Graduate Council Seats in New Term	<p>Greta (VP External) noted that, as a non-Albertan, she is unable to sit on the Alberta Graduate Council (AGC), though she will assist Amanda (President) with AGC-related duties.</p> <p>MOTION: Greta moved that we hire one Albertan member that is ideally on our council as a department representative to sit on the Alberta Graduate Council and participate in meetings, 4 in-person weekends and lobby week (which is 2-3 weeks once a year). By contract, the compensation will be in the form of an honorarium of \$1,000.00 each. \$500.00 will be awarded halfway through the term, with the balance at the completion of the term. Amanda seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7 to 2.</p>	
5.3 – AMICUSS-C Conference	<p>MOTION: Amanda moved to send Adam to the AMICUSS-C conference from May 30 – June 3, 2011 and Nathaniel seconded; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Other members may attend this, too; decision tabled for the time being.</p>	
5.4 – Alberta Party Lobster Boil	<p>This is happening on May 15; no one appears to be available to attend that Sunday.</p>	
5.5 – Alberta Party Leadership Convention	<p>This item was tabled with the intent of being discussed at the May 18 Council Meeting when the new members of Council will be present.</p>	Amanda – May 18
5.6 – ACIFA Roundtable	<p>This event will be happening at the same time as the AMICUSS-C conference, so discussion of this item was tabled until a decision is made regarding who (if anyone) is going to AMICUSS-C.</p>	
6.0 – Other Business		

<p>6.1 – Alberta Party Fundraiser / Leadership Event</p>	<p>The Alberta Party will be holding a fundraiser and leadership event on May 17th.</p> <p>MOTION: Amanda moved to send Nathaniel to this event at a cost of \$200 plus travel expenses and David seconded; motion carried unanimously.</p>	
<p>6.2 – Alberta Liberal Party Special General Meeting</p>	<p>MOTION: Amanda moved to send a person to this meeting for lobbying purposes and David seconded; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>A vote was held to decide whether Amanda or Ric would be sent. Amanda and Ric both abstained. With a vote of 6 in favour and 3 abstained, Amanda will be going to this event on behalf of AUGSA.</p>	
<p>6.3 – AUGSA Contracts for 2011/201</p>	<p>MOTION: Nathaniel moved that the Performance Assessment process be added to the existing Executive contracts stating that monthly reviews (using the Performance Assessment Process) be the manner in which members are compensated – to a maximum of their position’s salary (Pres 25K, Exec 20K/year). Amanda seconded the motion and it was carried with eight in favour and one opposed.</p> <p>MOTION: Nathaniel moved that AUGSA executive council and contracts be updated to 2011 and 2012 year with the lawyer. Michael seconded the motion which was carried with eight in favour and one abstention.</p> <p>MOTION: Nathaniel moved that we revised executive contracts to read: 1) Executive members will be able to claim up to \$2000 towards an AU graduate-level course or programs during their term; Ric seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: Nathaniel moved that Faculty/Centre representatives will be able to apply to receive up to \$500 towards an AU graduate-level course or program (this money will be able to be applied retroactively for students who are graduating). Greta seconded the motion and it was carried with eight in favour and one opposed.</p>	
<p>6.4 – Swag Update</p>	<p>Greta noted that she and Amanda are in the process of researching AUGSA swag and will be presenting their information at the first meeting of the new council.</p>	<p>Greta, Amanda – May 18</p>

7.0 – Adjournment	MOTION: Denise moved to adjourn the meeting and Lorna seconded; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.	
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Amanda Nielsen, President

Adam Snider, Coordinator

Date of Approval