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## Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 23, 2011

**Place:** Web conference

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Attendance:** Amanda Nielsen, President  
Greta Kirstein, VP External  
Rob Janzen, VP Academic  
Nathaniel Ostashevski, VP Operations & Finance  
Denise Ferris, VP Student Life  
Adam Chisholm, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) Rep  
Margot Van Sluytman, FHSS Rep  
Wilson Ho, Faculty of Business Rep  
Ric Wheeler, Faculty of Business Rep  
Sarah Gauvreau, Centre for Distance Education Rep  
Jade Clarke, Centre for Distance Education Rep  
Steve Harris, Faculty of Science and Technology Rep  
Meg Andronowska, Faculty of Health Disciplines Rep

**Absent:** Eric Lavoie, Faculty of Health Disciplines Rep  
Moiz Bhamani, Faculty of Business Rep

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
<b>1.0 – Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 7:09pm.	
<b>2.0 – Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> Greta moved to approve the minutes as presented and Ric seconded. Motion carried unanimously.	
<b>3.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> Rob moved to amend “trail balance” to “trial balance” and approve the minutes as amended; Margot seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.	

<b>4.0 – Old Business</b>		
<b>4.1 – CASA Report</b>	<p>VP External presented the attached report.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Sarah moved to present the report as presented and Rob seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
<b>4.2 – Survey Report</b>	VP Student Life presented the attached report.	
<b>4.3 – Speaker of Council Update</b>	VPOF announced that Lorna Howieson has been contracted as AUGSA’s Speaker of Council. He also announced that we have hired an external trainer to teach Lorna the basics of governance and Robert’s Rules of Order.	
<b>4.4 – AUGC Representation Update</b>	<p>President noted that we are currently working to get a second graduate student seat on the Board of Governors; we have been working toward this goal for about one year.</p> <p>The Minister of Advanced Education and Technology has recommended that AUGSA request that the Interpretation Act be used in order to get this second seat. The President is hopeful that the AUGC/BoG will make this request on our behalf.</p>	
<b>5.0 – New Business</b>		
<b>5.1 – PC Leadership Forum</b>	The PC leadership candidates are having a forum in Edmonton on September 15. Adam and Amanda are both unavailable. It would be ideal to have someone at this event, so anyone who is available should let Adam or Amanda know ASAP.	
<b>5.2 – Tax Credit Policies</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Jade moved to approve the AUGSA tax credit policy and Greta seconded; motion carried.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Jade moved to approve the AGC tax credit policy and Steve seconded; motion carried.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Nathaniel moved to approve the CASA tax credit policy and Ric seconded; motion carried.</p>	
<b>5.3 – Referenda Rules</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> Amanda moved that AUGSA have a 10% minimum voter turnout on the Health and Dental Plan Referendum for the results to be considered binding and	

	<p>Greta seconded; motion carried by a vote of 12 to 1.</p> <p>The following items need to be decided in September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Price for the plan,</li> <li>• Reserve size, and</li> <li>• Plans for heavily promoting the referendum.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.4 – Continuing Council Transition</b>	No questions were raised.	
<b>6.0 – Other Business</b>		
<b>6.1 – Course Pack Flyers</b>	<p>The AU Course Materials Warehouse has run out of AUGSA flyers to insert into graduate course packs. As discussion about whether we simply want to rewrite the copy or design an entirely new flyer was started.</p> <p>It was agreed to move the discussion to the AUGSA Landing group so that a longer, more detailed conversation can be had.</p>	
<b>7.0 – Adjournment</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Nathaniel moved to adjourn the meeting and Sarah seconded; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.</p>	

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Amanda Nielsen, President

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Adam Snider, Coordinator

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Date of Approval