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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 27, 2013

Place: Web conference

Time: 7:00pm MT

Attendance:

Amanda Nielsen, President
Olivia Meyia, VP Academic
Wilson Ho, VP Operations & Finance
Margaret Clappison, Faculty of Business Representative
Moiz Bhamani, Faculty of Business Representative
Maria Greaves, Faculty of Business Representative
Adam Chisholm, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative
Rob Janzen, Faculty of Science and Technology Representative
Jade Clarke, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Sean Sommerfeld, Centre for Distance Education Representative
Eric Snow, Speaker of Council
Adam Snider, Operations Coordinator

Regrets:

Steve Harris, Faculty of Science and Technology Representative

Absent:

Mandy Nielsen, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative
Caitlin Cummins, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Eric Lavoie, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative
Julia Radke, Faculty of Health Disciplines Representative

INDEX	MINUTES	ACTION
1.0 – Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:03pm MT.	
2.0 – Approval of Agenda	MOTION: That the agenda be amended by adding Item 6.5, “Collective Agreement Negotiations,” and Item 6.6, “BC Open Textbook Forum” to New Business. (President / Clarke) Unanimously carried. MOTION: To adopt the agenda as amended.	

	(Greaves / Clappison) Unanimously carried.	
3.0 – Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes	MOTION: That the previous meeting’s minutes be approved as presented. (Greaves / Chisholm) Unanimously carried.	
4.0 – Declaration of Conflicts of Interest	No conflicts of interest were declared.	
5.0 – Reports		
5.1 – Executive Reports	The Executive Committee presented highlights of their written reports.	
5.2 – Financial Report	The VPOF presented the monthly financial statements.	
6.0 – New Business		
6.1 – Division of VP External Pay	MOTION: That the VP External salary be divided among the three Executive with 100% going to the President, 0% going to the VP Operations & Finance, and 0% going to the VP Academic. (Clappison / Clarke) Unanimously carried.	
6.2 – Audit Update	The VPOF provided an update on the audit process, indicated that he met with the auditor earlier this week and he expects to have the audit complete by April 5 th .	
6.3 – Revisions to Budget	MOTION: That the revised budget be approved as presented. (VPOF / Greaves) Unanimously carried.	
6.4 – Briefing on Executive Changes at AU	The President briefed the Council on the recent “executive shuffle” at Athabasca University (see attached briefing note). A discussion followed and the Council was asked to reflect on the matter and let the Executive Committee know if they have any additional thoughts.	
6.5 – Collective Agreement Negotiations	The President informed Council that the AU VP Academic with whom AUGSA has been negotiating a collective agreement for TAs and RAs is no longer at AU. She also informed Council that the Acting VP Academic and AU President indicated that the former VP Academic did not follow proper protocols for negotiations and that the agreement will not be signed	

	<p>by April and will be delayed by several months.</p> <p>A discussion followed. Council did not direct the Executive to take any action other than to continue the negotiation process.</p>	
6.6 – BC Open Textbook Forum	<p>MOTION: To send the President to the BC Open Textbook Forum on April 8th and 9th at Simon Fraser University. (Sommerfeld / Clappison) Unanimously carried.</p>	
7.0 – Other Business		
7.1 – Engagement of Council	<p>The President asked the Council to take some time to consider ways to get the council members more actively engaged during council meetings and either contact her with their thoughts, or to contact the Speaker and/or Operations Coordinator if they would like to pass their ideas to the Executive anonymously.</p>	
8.0 – Adjournment	<p>MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned. (Greaves / Nielsen) Unanimously carried.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm MT.</p>	

Amanda Nielsen, President

Adam Snider, Coordinator

Date of Approval