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AUGSA Council Minutes

Date: October 13th, 6:00pm MDT

Place: Web conference

Attendance:

Executive Committee: Mary-Anne Parker (President), Ashley Ravenscroft (VP Operations & Finance),
Judd Asoyuf (VP Academic)

Faculty of Business Representatives: David Newman, Margaret Clappison

Faculty of Health Disciplines Representatives: Julia Cornester, Lindsay McNena, Nicole Klix

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative: Kelli Buckreus, David Cloutier, Scott Howell,
Bernard Kikechi, Heather McGilvary

Faculty of Science and Technology: Liliana Quyen Tang, Philip Kirkbride

Staff: Meaghan Sullivan (Executive Director), Bob Cole (Communications Coordinator), Derek Balay
(Speaker)

Absent: Crys Vincent (VP External)

		PRESENTER	ACTION	TIME
1.0	Call to Order	President	The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm MDT.	6:04 pm
2.0	Approval of Agenda	President	Motion 2.0 To approve the agenda as distributed. Moved: Lindsay McNena Seconded: David Cloutier Motion carried without opposition.	6:05 pm

3.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	President	<p>Motion 3.0 To approve the minutes of September 15, 2020 Council meeting.</p> <p>Moved: Judd Asoyuf Seconded: Julia Cornester Motion carried without opposition.</p>	
4.0	Reports & Presentations			
	4.1 VP Academic	Judd Asoyuf	<p>NURS530: A student grievance came forward from a large portion of students in that program. Judd Asoyuf has been advocating lead on this. Judd Asoyuf and Mary-Anne Parker will be attending a meeting on Thursday to discuss with the grievance with the Faculty. The meeting includes Dr. Anne-Marie Scott, Dr. Margaret Edwards, and Dr. Lamarshe.</p> <p>Judd Asoyuf adjudicated this month on the Governor General Gold Medal Award with the University Awards Committee.</p>	6:06 pm
	4.2 VP External	Crys Vincent	<p>Mary-Anne Parker summarized some points in the VP External Report on behalf of Crys Vincent, who is away on vacation.</p> <p>Cry Vincent's focus has been working on the Graduate Student ask at CASA, policy writing at ab-GPAC, and the welcome package for new AU students.</p>	6:25 pm
	4.3 President	Mary-Anne Parker	<p>Mary-Anne Parker worked on a graduate student advocacy objective on behalf of graduate students at the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. The grad ask was for care-giving (graduate students with dependants).</p>	6:25 pm
	4.4 VP Operations & Finance	Ashley Ravenscroft	<p>Health and Dental: Ashley Ravenscroft is continuing work on the survey with StudentVIP. The campaign logo and social media schedule and content was approved. The release date will be</p>	6:33 pm

			<p>November 2nd. A \$300 work from home package will be the survey incentive to encourage a holistic data set of responses.</p> <p>Finances: Ashley Ravenscroft continues to work on financials such as moving to WayPay, using GL Codes, and developing the 2021 budget. A new template has been developed, supported with relevant graphs and charts to provide additional analysis with projections and trend for the Finance Committee.</p>	
5.0	Financial Reports	Ashley Ravenscroft	Reports presented as distributed.	6:36 pm
6.0	Council Reports			6:39 pm
	6.1 Faculty of Science and Technology	Philip Kirkbride, Liliana Quyen Tang	No report at this time.	
	6.2 Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences	Kelli Buckreus, David Cloutier, Scott Howell, Bernard Kikechi, Heather McGilvary	<p>David Cloutier: If you start an independent study course in the MAIS program in May, September, or January you are eligible for funding. If you start on an alternate month, you are not eligible. David Cloutier noted this seems bureaucratic and could be something Executive could bring forward to the student financial aid office within AU.</p> <p>David Cloutier, Scott Howell, and Julia Cornester are going to document, in a one-pager, the concern above, as well as outline a few additional issues students are experiencing from text books, to course registrations across faculties (ie. MAIS courses), and more.</p>	
	6.3 Faculty of Health	Julia Cornester, Nicole Klix, Lindsay McNena	As noted in Judd Asoyuf's report, AUGSA is working on the NURS530 course grievance with a meeting booked for this Thursday with the University.	

			<p>Nicole Klix recieved an email from the Faculty who is looking for feedback on a new course. She is organizing a response for that from fellow students looking to give feedback.</p> <p>Lindsay McNena attended the FHD council meeting in September. (1) There are about four programs moving forward, which will go to GFC as approved programs, ranging from doctorate or post-masters programs. (2) Another exciting thing for GCPA students, is finalizing with Alberta College of Psychologists to develop a pre-approval to assist students quicker through the process to become provisional psychologists. (3) CARNA is splitting into two: regulatory and complaints.</p>	
	6.4 Faculty of Business	Margaret Clappison, David Newman	No report at this time.	
7.0	Old Business			
8.0	New Business		Mary-Anne Parker recieved an e-mail from AUSU in respect to a faculty member looking to form a social justice group. If anyone is interested, e-mail Mary-Anne Parker.	6:59 pm
9.0	Committees			7:00 pm
	9.1 Governance Committee	President	Committee meets next week and Judd Asoyuf will be providing added support.	
	9.2 Awards Committee	Vice President Academic	<p>Awards Committee met in September, approving a computer bursary. The Awards Committee approved the following recommendations:</p> <p>Motion 9.2.1: To vote in favour of splitting bursaries into two categories and</p>	

			<p>students be eligible for a maximum of one (1) per category per calendar year.</p> <p>Moved: Judd Asoyuf Seconded: Lindsay McNena One opposed. Motion carried.</p>	
	9.3 Engagement Committee	Vice President External	<p>The Welcome Package is being worked on.</p> <p>An engagement strategy is also being worked on for hosting monthly trivia nights.</p>	7:10 pm
	9.4 Finance Committee	Vice President Financial	<p>The Committee is meeting next week to review and adopt the proposed budget for 2021. Budget is tentatively scheduled to be brought forward to Council on November 10th Council meeting.</p>	7:11 pm
	9.5 Strategic Planning Committee	President	<p>Student survey was extended to October 15th.</p> <p>The Committee is planning to host focus groups broken down by topics across student groups.</p>	
10.0	Upcoming Events		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Membership Satisfaction Survey 2. Health & Dental Survey 3. Graduate Student Research Conference 	7:14 pm
11.0	Other Business			
12.0	Adjournment		<p>Motion 12.0: To adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm.</p> <p>Moved: Ashley Ravenscroft Seconded: Judd Asoyuf Motion carried without opposition.</p>	7:17 pm

Mary-Anne Parker, President

Meaghan Sullivan, Executive Director

Date of Approval