Minutes AUSU Council Meeting

APPROVED – July 9, 2014

AUSU Council Meeting
June 11, 2014
Teleconference

Councillors Present:	Kim Newsome, Alexander Poulton, Bonita Arbeau, Christine Villeneuve, Megan Daigneault, and Shawna Wasylyshyn
Staff Present:	Tamra Ross and Sarah Maddock
Other Members:	Karl Low and Barbra Lehtiniemi
Record of Minutes:	Sarah Maddock
Absent:	Jason Nixon, Corrina Green, and Karyna McDonald

Call to Order: 17:30 (MST)

Agenda and Minutes

1.0   Approval of Agenda

BIRT council adopt the meeting agenda as presented.

M. Daigneault/A. Poulton   - Carried 6/0 -

2.0   Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes

BIRT council approve the minutes of the May 14, 2014 council meeting, as presented.

06112014.01   Change final line to read "C Villeneuve Moved" instead of "C Villeneuve Adjourned."

S. Wasylyshyn/C. Villeneuve   - Carried 6/0 -

New Business:

3.0   Motion: BIRT AUSU accept the presented updated copy of Policy 5.01 Employee Definitions for inclusion in our policy manual.

06112014.02   Strike 5.01.06.

A. Poulton/S. Wasylyshyn   - Carried 6/0 -

4.0   Motion: BIRT AUSU accept the presented updated copy of Policy 5.02 General Hiring and Management for inclusion in our policy manual.

B. Arbeau/M. Daigneault   - Carried 6/0 -

5.0   Motion: BIRT AUSU accept the presented updated copy of Policy 5.03 Staff Management for inclusion in our policy manual.

M. Daigneault/A. Poulton   - Carried 6/0 -

6.0   Motion: BIRT AUSU accept the presented updated copy of Policy 5.04 Discipline and Dismissals for inclusion in our policy manual.

C. Villeneuve/B. Arbeau   - Carried 6/0 -

7.0   Motion: BIRT AUSU accept the presented updated copy of Policy 5.05 Permanent Employees for inclusion in our policy manual.

M. Daigneault/A. Poulton   - Carried 6/0 -

8.0   Motion: BIRT AUSU accept the presented updated copy of Policy 5.06 Temporary Employees for inclusion in our policy manual.

S. Wasylyshyn/M. Daigneault   - Carried 6/0 -

Reports
9.0   President's Report
Report Not Submitted.

10.0   Vice President External's Report
Report Accepted.

11.0   Vice President Finance's Report
Report Accepted.

12.0   Executive Meeting Report
Report Not Submitted.

13.0   Finance Committee Report
Report Accepted.

14.0   Awards Committee Report
Report Accepted.

15.0   MEC Committee Report
Report Accepted.

16.0 Executive Director's Report
Submitted Late.

17.0 Office Coordinator's Report
Report Accepted.

Motion: BIRT that council accept the reports as presented.

A. Poulton/B. Arbeau   - Carried 6/0 -

18.0 Next meeting date and time

17:30 MST on July 09, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 18:34 MST
M. Daigneault moved.

AUSU Executive Report
Kim Newsome, VP External and Student Affairs
Prepared: May 31, 2014

Current Issues

AUGSA

On May 5th I met with AUGSA. It was the first introduction to their new Executive. They were interested in becoming familiar with AUSU structure and services, which I was able to give information on. They were impressed with some of AUSU's initiatives.

GFC

There have been no meetings and no correspondence since my last report. The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2014.

GFC – ALEC & LSWG

There have been no meetings since my last report. The next meeting for the ALEC group is not scheduled until the fall. I volunteered to be on the working group to make recommendations based on the LSWG report. There has been several emails with reports and documentation that will be relevant to the work of this new group. I have not been informed of who will be on the group or how the group will be working yet.

GFC – SAC

Meeting on May 13th. Majority of the time was reviewing the financials for April 1, 2013 to March 21, 2014. There was a minimal amount of money left in the budget. It's my understanding that they moved some money from less popular awards to more popular awards in an effort to give out all available money. It was noted that there has been a decline in applications for travel bursaries. It was discussed whether this was due to a cut for this year in the amount available for each award. I believe they changed it from $5000 to $1000. It was also discussed that since travelling to practicums and conferences are very expensive and when the award was $5000 it would cover all costs. Now that it is $1000 and the student must come up with the rest of the costs themselves, they are unable to do this, and therefore do not need the bursary as they are opting not to go.

AUSU Committees

The MEC committee is hard at work and we continue to discuss the focus of this committee at weekly exec meetings. Details of the work being done by this committee is detailed in the committee report.

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NCSL

We've officially launched the NSCL course. We've ironed out a few kinks in the first set of 2 lessons and are now on to the next 2 lessons. Everyone seems to be engaged and getting to know each other.

Quarterly Meeting with the Premier

On May 31, I attended this meeting via Web-ex. I have used this system many times through my other job but in this case, it was very difficult to hear what was being said. I have attached the agenda for the day. I had hoped to be able to report on lots of great information as an outcome from this meeting. Unfortunately, I only managed to get bits and pieces of everything. The presentations are supposed to be made available for the participants. Once I get these, I should be able to make better sense of what I was able to make out during the meeting.

Meetings

AUSU Meeting with AUGSA – May 5

AUSU Exec Meeting – May 7

AU GFC SAC Meeting – May 13

AUSU Exec Meeting – May 21

AUSU Awards Committee Meeting – May 22

AUSU Exec Meeting – May 29

Quarterly Meeting with the Premier – May 31

Hours

Weekly Breakdown

Week of:	Hours
April 27-May 3	30.25
May 4-10	28.5
May 11-17	28.75
May 18-24	31
May 25-31	30.25
4 Week Average	29.62

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Timesheets and Compliance

I have reviewed the timesheets of the other exec and believe they are within the accepted range as dictated in policy.

News Roundup

A collection of optional readings related to post-secondary education:

Vital Source (provider of AU e-texts) will now distribute texts for online learning non-profit company edX. Seems more and more universities and companies are climbing aboard the e-text train. http://www.universitybusiness.com/news/vital-source-and-edx-deliver-content-millions-students.

The Centre for Innovation on Campus Mental Health, an Ontario organization, has launched their new online mental health community website. Find the website here: http://campusmentalhealth.ca/

McMaster is the latest university to partner with Coursera to offer free MOOCs!!! http://blog.coursera.org/post/86337142677/mcmaster-university-joins-coursera-as-its-newest

Premier Hancock announces $2 million dollars PLUS 20 paid internship positions in Alberta targeted to help Albertans with disabilities. http://www.edmontonjournal.com/Hancock+announces+funding+internships+Albertans+with+disabilities/9867328/story.html

And finally…..

I found this one very interesting. It talks about 6 major trends that will converge over the next ten to fifteen years to bring "peak campus" to Canadian universities. http://eduvation.ca/2013/09/peak-campus/

2014 Student Leader Orientation to Government

First floor CN Theatre (Room 5-142), 105 Street Building, MacEwan University. 104 Avenue and 105 Street, Edmonton.

Time	Topic
8:00	**Registration and networking**
8:30	**Welcome, introductions and overview of the agenda**
8:40	**Campus Alberta overview**
8:50	**Campus Alberta system outcomes**
9:00	**Department contribution to each of the system outcomes**
	System Outcome 1- Value for Investment
	System Outcome 2- Advancing Knowledge
	System Outcome 3- A Learner-Enabled System
10:45	**Premier address and roundtable discussion**
12:00	**Photo with the minister in foyer, Lunch**
12:45	**Ministry business breakout sessions**

Room	Round 1 Options (12:45)	Round 2 Options (1:15)
5-102	– Program development and approvals	
5-141	– Student Aid	– Student Aid
5-152	– Learner pathways and mobility	– Learner pathways and mobility
5-164	– Apprenticeship and Industry Training	
5-175	– Supports for research and innovation	– Supports for research and innovation
5-142	– Student role in institution governance (+WebEx)	– Students' Associations under the Post-secondary Learning Act (+WebEx)

1:45	**Current project breakout sessions**

Room	Round 3 Options (1:45)	Round 4 Options (2:15)
5-141	– Tuition and fees review	– Tuition and fees review
5-152	– Social Innovation Endowment (+WebEx)	– Funding model review (+WebEx)
5-164	– Funding model review	– Social Innovation Endowment
5-175	– Student Aid Review	– Student Aid Review

2:45	**Wrap-up**
3:10	**After-Event Dialogue with Alberta Human Services (Room 5-152)**
	** For student leaders who are interested in staying to contribute to the development of an action plan for sexual violence and child abuse

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AUSU Executive Report
Corrina Green, VP Finance and Administration

Prepared: June 2nd, 2014

Current Issues

Changeover

Changeover for the most part is finally complete! I now have been approved for signing authority at the bank and have started to process the payables. Thank you to Jason who has been patient while this process was completed.

Policy

We are on track with the Policy Review. We have reviewed 5 policies for the month of May. These will be presented for final approval at the council meeting in June.

Health Plan

The contract has been signed for a final time. We are awaiting dates from AU on implementation. While we originally thought that was going to happen by September, we are now being told that it likely will not happen until January 2015. This is due to a severe shortage of IT staff at AU. Tamra is following up on this regularly.

Committee Work

GFC – SAAC had two meetings this month. Nothing specific to report from these.

I have been appointed to the Board of Governors as of May 21st, and attended my first meeting on May 30th. I will be attending convocation as a representative of the BOG as well as for AUSU. I am looking forward to meeting everyone in person and being able to congratulate students on their successes in person.

Pending Issues

Goal Planning

The Exec. has been working hard on compiling our goals for the upcoming year. We have an excellent list started which I feel contains some attainable goals. The next step is to have the 3 committees give their input into the process as well.

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Budgeting

June will be a busy month working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Meetings

AUSU Executive Meeting – May 1st

AUSU Executive Meeting – May 7th

GFC – SAAC – May 8th

AUSU Council Meeting – May 14th

AUSU Executive Meeting – May 15th

AUSU Executive Meeting – May 21st

GFC – SAAC – May 22nd

AUSU Awards Committee Meeting – May 22nd

AUSU Executive Meeting – May 29th

AU BOG Meeting – May 30th

Hours

Timesheet and Compliance

Week Ending	Hours
May 4th, 2014	29.00
May 11th, 2014	29.00
May 18th, 2014	30.75
May 25th, 2014	32.75
TOTAL	121.50
AVERAGE PER WEEK	**30.375**

As of the writing of this report, I have reviewed the hours of the other executive members and have found they are meeting their expected hour requirements. As noted above, my 4 week average is 30.375 hours.