



POLICY 2.06

COUNCIL GOVERNANCE

Student Representation on AU Committees

POLICY INTENT

Athabasca University provides a number of opportunities for students to sit on university committees. Generally, AUSU is approached to locate or appoint a student representative as needed. To recognize the importance of ensuring that proper student representation is available for AU committees, this policy outlines AUSU's student representative management strategy.

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY

Council

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Committee Application Process

- 2.06.01 For all committee positions, council will attempt to find a representative within AUSU council or staff (considering only AUSU staff who are AU students) and, where AU will permit student-at-large representatives on a committee, advertise the opening on the AUSU website inviting applications from the membership but noting that internal applicants will be favoured.
- 2.06.02 Committee openings that are advertised to the AUSU membership shall be posted on the front page of AUSU.org, and in any other media that council deems appropriate. These notices shall include the name and scope of the committee, the approximate time required, and whether meetings can be attended by teleconference, videoconference, online or in person.
- 2.06.03 Non-councillors applying for committee positions must submit a current resume and details of their availability to attend committee meetings, either by teleconference or in person.

Reporting

- 2.06.04 Student-at-large representatives who are appointed by council will report to council regularly to ensure that council is aware of university developments. Council will determine an appropriate reporting schedule depending on the nature of the committee and how frequently it meets.
- 2.06.05 Student-at-large and council representatives on committees will complete a report after each committee meeting and submit this report to council for inclusion in the next council meeting document package.
- 2.06.06 Council will make every effort to keep student-at-large committee members apprised of any

information that may assist the representative in providing the viewpoint of AU students as a whole.

2.06.07 Representatives on AU committees should attend regular council meetings to remain up to date on council initiatives and the needs and concerns of the AU student body.

2.06.08 All committee representatives will adhere to all applicable privacy legislation and any additional confidentiality requirements imposed by AU or AUSU.

Removal and Reappointments

2.06.09 Representatives on committees who fail to comply with this policy may be replaced with a new representative or removed from the committee by a vote of council.

2.06.10 Some AU committees have set durations, and there may be an opportunity to renew membership on a committee at the end of a term. When a committee term comes to an end, AUSU will review the position and determine if the representative's position is extended or if a new representative will be appointed.

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