



Athabasca University
Students' Union

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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Approved at the April 7, 2016 AGM

Thursday, May 27, 2015

5:30pm MDT

- Meeting Chaired By:** Shawna Wasylyshyn, President
- Councillors Present:** Shawna Wasylyshyn, Corrina Green, Bonita Arbeau, Megan Daigneault, Kim Newsome, Christine Villeneuve
- Staff Present:** Karyna Hochachka, Donette Kingyens (non-voting), Karl Low (non-voting)
- Other Members:** Eve Behr, Dixie Toliver, Sheldon Fougere, Sandra Livingston, Tamra Ross, Philip Kirkbride, Barb Lehtiniemi.
- Other:** Titus Gregory (Parliamentarian, non-voting)
- Record of Minutes:** Karyna Hochachka, Donette Kingyens
- Call to Order:** 17:33 MST

1.0 Call to Order and President's Welcome

17:36 – S. Livingston has joined the meeting.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

052715.01 **Motion:** BIRT AUSU approve the AGM Agenda.

B. Lehtiniemi/K. Newsome - Carried 14/0

052715.02 **Motion:** Add agenda item titled "Discussion regarding the violation of AUSU bylaws, policy and resulting motions" as the new Item 5.0.

P. Kirkbride/S. Livingston - Carried 13/0

052715.03 **Motion:** Add agenda item titled "Discussion regarding AUSU finances and resulting motions" as the new Item 6.0.

S. Fougere/P. Kirkbride - Carried 14/0

3.0 Approval of March 26, 2014 AGM Minutes

052715.04 **Motion:** BIRT AUSU membership approve the AGM Minutes from March 26, 2014, as amended.

052715.05 Add Joe Gaetan to list of participants.

B. Arbeau/C. Villeneuve - Carried 14/0

4.0 Annual financial statements as at September 30, 2014

052715.06 **Motion:** BIRT AUSU receives and accepts the financial statements presented in the annual report as audited by Kingston Ross Pasnak.

M. Daigneault/T. Ross - Carried 13/0

4.1 Appointment of Auditor for 2014-2015 Fiscal year

052715.09 **Motion:** BIRT AUSU appoints Kingston Ross Pasnak as the auditors for its financial records for the 2013-2104 fiscal year.

052715.10 **Discussion Point:** Typographical error in the agenda package; actual financial records are for 2014-2015

052715.11 **Amended Motion:** BIRT AUSU appoints Kingston Ross Pasnak as the auditors for its financial records for the 2014/2015 year

K. Newsome/B. Lehtiniemi - Carried 14/0

5.0 Discussion regarding the violation of AUSU bylaws, policy and resulting motions

052715.12 **Motion:** BIRT that AUSU expel councillors responsible for breaking AUSU bylaws as per bylaw 4.6.1.

- a) Bylaw 9.3.2 violated as council changed election policy with no notification to membership;
- b) Membership was not given sufficient notice of AGM meeting;
- c) Special Resolution for The Voice changes did not include details;
- d) Violation of bylaw 7.5.2 and 7.5.3 regarding The Voice autonomy due to article pulled down and denied legal counsel;
- e) Cancellation of first AGM date when no provision for cancellation

P. Kirkbride

052715.13 **Motion out of order:** AGM does not have authority to expel members per the Post-secondary Learning Act, section 95.1 which states that authority lies with the council and thus can only be overridden by the Minister of Education.

052715.14 **Motion:** BIRT that council allows Karl Low to speak about the Voice article.

P. Kirkbride/S. Fougere - Carried 14/0

052715.15 **Motion:** BIRT that AUSU recognize that S. Wasylyshyn, C. Green, and J. Nixon have violated AUSU bylaws.

P. Kirkbride/S. Livingston

052715.16 **Motion:** to divide current motion.

S. Livingston/S. Fougere - Carried 14/0

052715.26 **Motion is out of order:** AGM does not have authority to force an audit per post-secondary act, section 95.1 which states that authority lies with the council and thus can only be overridden by the Minister of Education.

052715.27 **Motion:** BIRT that it is recommended that AUSU

engage a third party independent auditing firm, specializing in forensic audits, to perform a forensic audit of AUSU finances for the 2014/2015 fiscal year including;

- a) That the selected firm is not Kingston Ross Pasnak to maintain independence;
- b) The goal of the forensic audit, but not limited to, is to determine whether AUSU funds have been managed correctly and in accordance with Alberta and Canadian laws and AUSU bylaws and polices;
- c) The forensic audit report be released by September 15, 2015; if the full report is not complete, an interim report be provided by this date with anticipated completed date;
- d) The forensic audit report be released publicly to all students via the AUSU website and AUSU mailing list with no modifications;
- e) That a special meeting be called of the AUSU membership, similar to the AGM within 2 weeks of the final report for discussion;
- f) That funds to finance this report to be drawn from reserve funds so as not to affect the current AUSU budget.

052715.28 **Amendment:** BIRT that the members recommend the forensic audit be for the past 6 months, instead of for all of 2014/2015.

S. Fougere/P. Kirkbride

- Carried 12/1 (M. Daigneault)

21:20 MST C. Green has left the meeting.

21:21 MST C. Green has joined the meeting.

21:21 MST P. Kirkbride has left the meeting.

21:23 MST P. Kirkbride has joined the meeting.

7.0 Approval of changes to Policy 3.04

052715.29 **Motion:** BIRT AUSU membership approved the recommended changes to Policy 3.04 Referendum and Plebiscite.

052715.30 **Motion out of order** as members are required to have 21 days' notice of the proposed change.

8.0 Special Resolution Membership Standing

052715.31 **Motion:** BIRT AUSU accepts and adopts the presented recommended revisions to Section 4.5 of AUSU's bylaws, in accordance with legal council's recommendations.

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Motion out of order as members are required to have 21 days' notice of the proposed change.

9.0 Presentation of AUSU Annual Activity Report

21:10 MST Megan Daigneault has left the meeting.

21:34 MST Megan Daigneault has joined the meeting.

10.0 Adjournment

21:47 MST S. Livingston moved.