



Athabasca University
Students' Union

Athabasca University Students' Union Council Meeting Minutes

APPROVED APRIL 14, 2016

**Thursday March 31, 2016
4:30pm MDT**

Meeting Called By: Shawna Wasylyshyn, President

Type of Meeting: AUSU Executive Election Council-Elect Meeting

Minutes: Donette Kingyens, Communications and Member Services Coordinator

Participants

Councillors Elect:	Councillor Elect Josh Cross	Vice President FA/Councillor Elect Brandon Simmons
	Councillor Elect Andrew Gray	Councillor Elect Julian Teterenko
	Councillor Elect Scott Jacobsen	Councillor Elect Dixie Toliver
	Councillor/Councillor Elect Philip Kirkbride	President/Councillor Elect Shawna Wasylyshyn
	Councillor/Councillor Kim Newsome	

Staff: Executive Director Sarah Cornett, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Donette Kingyens

Agenda and Minutes

- 1.0 Approval of Agenda** All
- Motion:** BIRT members present approve the agenda as presented.
2016-03-31 Council Agenda Exec Elections.pdf
 B. Simmons / P. Kirkbride **Carried 9/0**
- Note:** There are no minutes to approve at this meeting.

Action and Discussion Items

- 2.0 Executive Election** S. Wasylyshyn
- President Shawna Wasylyshyn introduced the election process for incoming executive officers including President, Vice President External and Student Affairs (VPEX), and a Vice President Finance and Administration (VPFA).
 The Chair then went to Executive Director Sarah Cornett to preside over the election.
- 2.1 Election of President** S. Cornett
- 2.1.1. S. Cornett opened the floor to nominations for President. Previously declared candidate S. Wasylyshyn confirmed her intent to stand. Nominations from the floor were called three times. No other candidates came forward.
- 2.1.2. Nominations for President were closed with one candidate: S. Wasylyshyn.
- 2.1.3. The candidate addressed the councillors-elect for a maximum of 5 minutes.
- 2.1.4. Questions were asked by councillors-elect and answered by the nominee.
- 2.1.5. S. Cornett confirmed that each councillor-elect had on-line access to their council email in order to participate in the vote. Voting was conducted by secret ballot using the on-line Simply Voting system. As there was only one candidate, AUSU followed the acclamation procedure by which the ballots contained a "yes" or "no" option for the candidate.

2.1.6. S. Cornett announced the results. It was confirmed that all nine councillors-elect members cast a ballot. Shawna Wasylyshyn was unanimously elected as President receiving 9 “yes” votes.

2.2 Election of Vice President External and Student Affairs (VPEX)

S. Cornett

2.2.1. S. Cornett opened the floor to nominations for VPEX. Previously declared candidates J. Cross, K. Newsome, and B. Simmons confirmed their intent to stand. Nominations from the floor were called three times. No other candidates came forward.

2.2.2. Nominations for VPEX were closed with three candidates: J. Cross, K. Newsome, and B. Simmons.

2.2.3. Candidates each addressed the councillors-elect for a maximum of five minutes.

2.2.4. Several questions were asked by councillors-elect and answered by nominees.

2.2.5. Voting was conducted by secret ballot using the on-line Simply Voting system.

2.2.6. S. Cornett announced the results. It was confirmed that all nine councillor-elect cast a ballot. Brandon Simmons was elected as Vice President External and Student Affairs receiving six of nine votes.

2.3 Election of Vice President Finance and Administration (VPFA)

S. Cornett

2.3.1. S. Cornett opened the floor to nominations for VPFA. Previously declared candidate K. Newsome confirmed her intent to stand. Nominations from the floor were called three times. No other candidate came forward.

2.3.2. Nominations for VPFA were closed with one candidate: K. Newsome.

2.3.3. The candidate addressed the councillors-elect for a maximum of five minutes.

2.3.4. Questions were asked by councillors-elect and answered by the nominee.

2.3.5. Voting was conducted by secret ballot using the on-line Simply Voting system. As there was only one candidate, AUSU followed the acclamation procedure by which the ballots contained a “yes” or “no” option for the candidate.

2.3.6. S. Cornett announced the results. It was confirmed that all nine councillors-elect cast a ballot. K. Newsome was unanimously elected as VP Finance and Administration receiving nine “yes” votes.

2.3.7. The Chair was returned to President S. Wasylyshyn for the remainder of the meeting.

Information Items

2.0 Review of Committee Positions

S. Wasylyshyn

In preparation for appointing committee members at the changeover meeting scheduled for April 11th, the various standing committees, their mandates, and the positions available were reviewed.

3.0 Review of Changeover Meeting

S. Wasylyshyn

The process and main agenda items for the changeover meeting was described.

4.0 Overview of Agendas and Minutes

S. Cornett

The basic makeup and format of agendas and minutes was reviewed.

Question & Answer Period

5.0 Question & Answer Period

S. Wasylyshyn

Attendees were invited to participate in the Question & Answer period.

Staff and councillors-elect congratulated the newly elected executive.

Participants are also invited to contact the AUSU office with any questions that arose from the meeting at ausu@ausu.org , 780.497.7000, or 1.855.497.7003.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meetings of Council are set for:

Thursday April 7, 2016 at 4:30 pm MDT – Annual General Meeting

Thursday April 14, 2016 at 4:30 pm MDT – Changeover Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm MT.