



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 14th, 2019

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm MST

Meeting Called By: Brandon Simmons, President

Type of Meeting: AUSU Council Meeting

Minutes: Governance and Advocacy Coordinator, Emmanuel Barker

Participants

Council: President Brandon Simmons, Vice President External and Student Affairs Melinda Goertz, Vice President Finance and Administration Natasha Donahue, Councillor Sarah Blayney Lew, Councillor Brittany Daigle, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Councillor Christine Hudder, Councillor Mark Teeninga, Councillor Lisa Oracheski, Councillor Josh Ryan, Councillor Julian Teterenko.

Staff: Executive Director Jodi Campbell, Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Emmanuel Barker, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Donette Kingyens.

Regrets: Councillor Amanda Lipinski (Absent-Vacation) Councillor Alice Namu (Absent-with Regrets)

Members: Carla Knipe

Called to Order: 6:31 pm MST

NOTICE: this meeting was recorded and conducted using Robert's Rules of Order when necessary to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Athabasca University Students' Union respectfully acknowledges that we are on and work on the traditional lands of the Indigenous Peoples (Inuit, First Nations, Métis) of Canada. We honour the ancestry, heritage and gifts of the Indigenous Peoples and give thanks to them.

Agenda and Minutes

1.0	Call for Attendance	B. Simmons
2.0	Welcome and Member at Large Input Note: This is an opportunity to welcome guest observers and offer an opportunity for member input prior to the adoption of the agenda.	B. Simmons
3.0	Adoption of Agenda Motion: BIRT AUSU council adopt the March 14 th , 2019 council meeting agenda. <i>2019-03-14 Council Agenda DRAFT</i> B. Daigle/ L. Oracheski	B. Simmons 11/0
4.0	Approval of Council Meeting Minutes Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the February 19 th , 2019 council meeting. <i>2019-02-19 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i> C. Hudder/ N. Donahue <ul style="list-style-type: none">The title of the minutes to be corrected.	B. Simmons 11/0

Action Item

Note: Approval of all public council minutes for special, regular, and interim council meetings, takes place at the next regular public meeting.

Action Items

5.0 Review of Action Items B. Simmons
Note: The status of the current action items can be found at the bottom of the agenda.

New Business

6.0 AUSU Annual Report B. Simmons
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the 2019 AUSU Annual Report as presented.
AUSU Annual Report 2019
B. Daigle/ C. Hudder **11/0**

7.0 Policy Revisions: N. Donahue
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 4.04 Administration: Professional Development:
Policy 4.04 Administration: Professional Development
S. Blayney Lew/ J. Ryan **11/0**

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 4.06 Administration: Annual Timeline and Executive Workplans:
Policy 4.06 Administration: Annual Timeline and Executive Workplans
B. Daigle/ M. Goertz **11/0**

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the rescinding of policy 4.07 Administration: Reinstating Members in Good Standing, and policy 4.08 Administration: Removing Members from Good Standing and approves the newly developed policy 4.09 Administration: Membership in Good Standing – Removal and Reinstatement.
Policy 4.07 Administration: Reinstating Members not in Good Standing
Policy 4.08 Administration: Removing Members from Good Standing
Policy 4.09 Administration: Membership in Good Standing – Removal and Reinstatement
S. Blayney Lew/ C. Hudder **11/0**
Note: Policies 4.07 and 4.08 have essentially remained the same, however, they have been combined into one policy (4.09)

8.0 Position Policy Project N. Donahue
Note: An update will be provided regarding the final draft of the Position Policy Manual and accompanying Position Policy Handbook.
AUSU Position Policy Handbook

- A question was raised from the floor regarding the rationale for only keeping the Handbook available online, with the Manual available upon request.
- A point was raised regarding minor edits of 9.06, 9.07, and 9.18 between the Handbook and Manual.

Action Item

- A comment was raised regarding the use of a member-only access page for the Manual, with a publicly available handbook on the website.
- A comment was raised to change the access email for the Manual to admin@ausu.org

Action Item

AUSU Position Policy Manual

- No questions regarding 9.01
- No questions regarding 9.02
- No questions regarding 9.03
- No questions regarding 9.05
- No questions regarding 9.06
- A grammatical edit was made regarding 9.07, to remove the word “are”.

Action Item

- No questions regarding 9.10
- No questions regarding 9.12
- A correction was made to the last line of policy 9.18 regarding tax credits, which had been incorrectly removed.

Action Item

- No questions regarding 9.21
- No questions regarding 9.22

Motion: BIRT AUSU approves the Position Policy Manual and the Position Policy Handbook as presented.

L. Oracheski/ M. Teenginga

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Reports

9.0 For Information: Reports for the month of February 2019.

Note: Regular monthly reports from executive councillors, staff, and committees are circulated prior to the meeting. Any updates or highlights will be presented by the author of the report. Questions regarding the reports may be posed.

9.1 President’s Report

2019-02 President Report

B. Simmons

9.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs’ Report

2019-02 VP External and Student Affairs Report

M. Goertz

9.3 Vice President Finance and Administration’s Report

2019-02 VP Finance and Administration Report

N. Donahue

9.4 Executive Meeting Report

2019-02 Exec Meeting Report

N. Donahue

Note: Executive meeting reports are not public documents. Any decisions made by the Executive appear in a separate public report for ratification by Council. The Executive meeting report is circulated to Council for review and acceptance in their role as the governing council of AUSU.

9.5 Finance Committee Report

2019-02 Finance Committee Report

N. Donahue

9.6 Awards Committee Report

2019-02 Awards Committee Report

A. Lipinski

9.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report

2019-02 MEC Committee Report

M. Goertz

9.8 Executive Director’s Report

2019-02 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

9.9 Communication and Members Services Coordinator’s Report

2019-02 Communications Coordinator Report

D. Kingyens

Question & Answer Period

10.0 Question & Answer Period

B. Simmons

Observers were encouraged to participate in the question & answer period.

- A question was raised requesting an update on the political situation in Ontario.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meetings of council will be:

Thursday, April 11th, 2019, 6:30pm MST – Public Meeting

Thursday, May 9th, 2019, 6:30pm MST – Public Meeting

Motion to Adjourn: N. Donahue 8:02 pm MST

Summary of Agenda Items

Date	Status Deadline	Agenda Item and Responsible Party
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Summary of Action Items

Date	Status Deadline	Action Item and Responsible Party
March 14 th 2019	Complete	Approval of Council Meeting Minutes The title of the minutes to be corrected. Staff
March 14 th 2019	Ongoing	Position Policy Project A point was raised regarding inconsistency in minor edits of 9.06, 9.07, and 9.18 between the Handbook and Manual found between the BIRT statements. Staff
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