



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda DRAFT

Thursday, April 11th, 2019

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm MST

- *Please consider the key ethical principles of AUSU, which are respect for persons, respect for the organisation, and respect for the common good, during this meeting of council, and when participating in any AUSU function.*
- *Attendees are encouraged to mute their phone lines when not speaking to reduce background noise for all participants.*
- *Council meetings are working sessions of council. Observers should refrain from speaking during the working portion of the meeting but are encouraged to participate in the Question & Answer Period at the end of the meeting or to contact the AUSU office with any questions that arise. Any member may also contact any councillor or staff member with issues that they would like to see addressed on a future council agenda.*

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Meeting Called By: Brandon Simmons, President
Type of Meeting: AUSU Council Meeting
Minutes: Governance and Advocacy Coordinator, Emmanuel Barker

Expected 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 Christine Hudder, Councillor Amanda Lipinski, Councillor Alice Namu, Councillor Mark Teeninga, Councillor Lisa Oracheski, 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 Brittany Daigle (Absent, On Vacation) Councillor Josh Ryan (Absent, On Vacation) Councillor Darcie Fleming (Absent, On Vacation)

Members: Carla Knipe

NOTICE: this meeting will be recorded and will be 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** B. Simmons
Note: This is an opportunity to welcome guest observers and offer an opportunity for member input prior to the adoption of the agenda.
- 3.0 Adoption of Agenda** B. Simmons
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the April 11th, 2019 meeting agenda.
2019-04-11 Council Agenda DRAFT
- 4.0 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes** B. Simmons
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the March 14th, 2019 council meeting.
2019-03-14 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT
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 Announcement of 2018 AUSU Executive Election Results** J. Campbell
The results of the 2019 Executive Election, held on March 7th, 2019 in accordance with AUSU policy 3.02: Election of Executive Officers, are hereby announced.
The AUSU executive councillors shall be **Brandon Simmons as president; Melinda Goertz as vice president external and student affairs; and Natasha Donahue as vice president finance and administration. Congratulations!**
- 7.0 Policy Revisions** N. Donahue
- 7.1** Council to discuss potential policy updates to policy 2.08 Council Governance: Meeting Attendance.
Policy 2.08 Council Governance: Meeting Attendance
- 7.2 Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 3.01 Election, Referendum, and Plebiscite Management: Election Conduct.
Policy 3.01 Election, Referendum, and Plebiscite Management: Election Conduct.
- 7.3 Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 3.02 Election, Referendum, and Plebiscite Management: Election of Executive Officers.
Policy 3.02 Election, Referendum, and Plebiscite Management: Election of Executive Officers.
- 7.4 AUSU executive committee** has approved the updated copy of policy 3.03 Election, Referendum, and Plebiscite Management: By-Elections as part of an informal review.
Policy 3.03 Election, Referendum, and Plebiscite Management: By-Elections.
- 8.0 In-Camera Discussion** M. Goertz

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council agrees to move In-Camera.

In Camera Tip-sheet

2019-04-11 In-Camera Information Sheet

9.0 Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves a provincial advocacy initiative where AUSU will independently advocate for the unique needs of our student members to the Alberta provincial government. AUSU will continue to seek out further opportunities to collaborate with AU on provincial matters, as well as other Alberta student advocacy groups. M. Goertz

10.0 Appointment of AUSU Standing Committee Membership B. Simmons

10.1 Finance Committee

Proposed Motion: BIRT council approves the following appointments to the finance committee: **VPFA Natasha Donahue** as chair, and **Councillors Lisa Oracheski, Darcie Fleming, Josh Ryan, Alice Namu,** and **Mark Teeninga** as voting members.

Note: A minimum of two councillors and a maximum of five councillors may be appointed to this committee by council at this time, in addition to the committee chair.

10.2 Member Engagement and Communication Committee

Proposed Motion: BIRT council approve the following appointments to the member engagement and communication committee: **VPEX Melinda Goertz** as chair, and **Councillors Amanda Lipinski, Christine Hudder,** _____, **Josh Ryan,** and **Brittany Daigle** as council voting members.

Note: Up to four councillors may be appointed to this committee by council at this time.

BIRT AUSU council approves the re-appointment of Mel Mirosal to the MEC committee as a member-at-large for the 2019 council term year.

10.3 Awards Committee

Proposed Motion: BIRT council approve the following appointments to the awards committee: **Councillors Sarah Blayney Lew, Lisa Oracheski, Christine Hudder,** _____, and **Melinda Goertz** as voting members.

Note: A minimum of three councillors and a maximum of five councillors, one of whom must be an executive councillor, may be appointed at this time. The committee chair must be selected by the members of the committee following their appointment.

10.4 Proposed Motion: BIRT the AUSU awards committee appoints _____ as the awards committee chair for the 2019-2020 council year.

Reports

11.0 For Information: Reports for the month of March 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.

11.1 President's Report

2019-03 President Report

B. Simmons

11.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report

2019-03 VP External and Student Affairs Report

M. Goertz

11.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report

2019-03 VP Finance and Administration Report

N. Donahue

<p>11.4 Executive Meeting Report <i>2019-03 Exec Meeting Report</i></p>	<p>N. Donahue</p>
<p>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.</p>	
<p>11.5 Finance Committee Report <i>2019-03 Finance Committee Report</i></p>	<p>N. Donahue</p>
<p>11.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2019-03 Awards Committee Report</i></p>	<p>A. Lipinski</p>
<p>11.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2019-03 MEC Committee Report</i></p>	<p>M. Goertz</p>
<p>11.8 Executive Director’s Report <i>2019-03 Executive Director Report</i></p>	<p>J. Campbell</p>
<p>11.9 Communication and Members Services Coordinator’s Report <i>2019-03 Communications Coordinator Report</i></p>	<p>D. Kingyens</p>

Question & Answer Period

<p>12.0</p>	<p>Question & Answer Period</p> <p>Observers are encouraged to participate in the question & answer period.</p> <p>This is a regular part of this meeting and as such will be recorded, will follow Robert’s Rules of Order, and will be included in the minutes.</p> <p>This section of the meeting will be limited to 30 minutes in length.</p> <p>Each observer may be limited to one or two questions per meeting in order to allow access to as many participants as possible. At the discretion of the chair, and if time allows, additional questions may be asked by an observer.</p> <p>The chair will direct all questions to the appropriate councillor or staff member for a response.</p> <p>Observers are also invited to contact the AUSU office with any questions that arise from the meeting at ausu@ausu.org , 780.497.7000, or toll-free at 1.855.497.7003</p>	<p>B. Simmons</p>
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Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meetings of council will be:

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

Motion to Adjourn:

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	Complete	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
March 14 th 2019	Complete	Position Policy Project A comment was raised to change the access email for the Manual to admin@ausu.org Staff
March 14 th 2019	Complete	Position Policy Project A grammatical edit was indicated regarding 9.07, to remove the word “are” Staff
March 14 th 2019	Complete	Position Policy Project A correction was made to the last line of policy 9.18 regarding tax credits, which had been incorrectly removed. Staff