



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Thursday, April 11th, 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

Expected Participants

Council: President Brandon Simmons, Vice President External and Student Affairs Melinda Goertz, Vice President Finance and Administration Natasha Donahue, Councillor Christine Hudder, Councillor Amanda Lipinski, Councillor Alice Namu, Councillor Mark Teeninga, Councillor Lisa Oracheski

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), Councillor Julian Teterenko (Absent), Councillor Sarah Blayney Lew (Absent)

Members: Carla Knipe

Called to Order: 6:39 pm MST

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 approves the April 11 th , 2019 meeting agenda. <i>2019-04-11 Council Agenda DRAFT</i> L. Oracheski/ N. Donahue	B. Simmons 8/0
4.0	Approval of Council Meeting Minutes Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the March 14 th , 2019 council meeting. <i>2019-03-14 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i> M. Goertz/M. Teeninga	B. Simmons 8/0
	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

- Potential updates were made to policy 2.08 outside of schedule to be more accommodating for last-minute emergencies and other items. Timing was also appropriate as council is about to start the second year of the current council term.
- A question was raised from the floor regarding whether the changes applied to each year of a council term or the two-year council term in total.
- Capitalize the “OR” between “first or second year of a council term” in points 2.08.10 and 2.08.13

Action Item

- Edits to 2.08.11, 2.08.12 to add timelines and that the lines apply to both years of the council term individually.

Action Item

- Definition of “reasonable notice” in 2.08.06 was discussed.

7.2 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.

A. Lipinski/ L. Oracheski

8/0

7.3 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.

C. Hudder/ A. Lipinski

8/0

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

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

In Camera Tip-sheet

2019-04-11 In-Camera Information Sheet

A. Lipinski/ M. Teeninga

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9.0 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

M. Goertz

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/ C. Hudder

8/0

10.0 Appointment of AUSU Standing Committee Membership

B. Simmons

10.1 Finance Committee

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.

N. Donahue/ M. Teeninga

8/0

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

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 voting members.

A. Lipinski/ L. Oracheski

8/0

10.3 Member Engagement and Communication Committee

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the re-appointment of **Mel Mirasol** to the MEC Committee as a Member-At-Large for the 2019 council Term Year.

M. Goertz/ C. Hudder

8/0

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

10.4 Awards Committee

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

A. Lipinski/ L. Oracheski

8/0

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.

10.5 Motion: BIRT the AUSU awards committee appoints **Brittany Daigle** as the awards committee chair for the 2019-2020 council year.

L. Oracheski/ C. Hudder

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

Question & Answer Period

12.0	Question & Answer Period	B. Simmons
	<p>Observers were encouraged to participate in the question & answer period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A series of heartfelt goodbyes were extended to the G&A Coordinator, whose last day with AUSU will be on April 18th, 2019. (thanks everyone! - EB) • A question was raised as to the provincial advocacy project. 	

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meetings of council will be:

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

June – Public Meeting: In-Person at Council Retreat

Motion to Adjourn: N. Donahue 8:35 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	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
April 11 th 2019	Ongoing	Policy Revisions Capitalize the “or” between “first or second year of a council term” in 2.08.10 and 2.08.13 Staff
April 11 th 2019	Ongoing	Policy Revisions Edits to 2.08.11, 2.08.12 to add that the lines apply to both years of the council term individually. Staff