



# Athabasca University Students' Union

## Special Executive Committee Election Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm MST

- Meeting Called By:** Jodi Campbell, AUSU Executive Director
- Type of Meeting:** AUSU Executive Election Meeting
- Minutes:** Governance and Advocacy Coordinator, Emmanuel Barker
- Expected Participants**
- Council:** President Brandon Simmons, Vice President Finance and Administration Natasha Donahue, Councillor Sarah Blayney Lew, Councillor Brittany Daigle, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Councillor Christine Hudder, Councillor Amanda Lipinski, Councillor Alice Namu, Councillor Mark Teeninga, Councillor Lisa Oracheski, Councillor Josh Ryan, Councillor Julian Teterenko.
- Staff:** Executive Director Jodi Campbell, Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Emmanuel Barker, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Donette Kingyens.
- Regrets:** Vice President External and Student Affairs Melinda Goertz (Late)
- Called to Order:** 5:20 pm MST

**NOTICE:** this meeting has been 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.

### Action and Discussion Items

- 1.0 Executive Committee Election** J. Campbell
- Please review Policies 2.03, 2.15, and 3.02 prior to the meeting and contact the office or the current executive team with any questions you might have.*
- Executive Director Jodi Campbell will introduce the election process for the executive officers including President, Vice President External and Student Affairs (VPEX), and the Vice President Finance and Administration (VPFA).
- Executive Director Jodi Campbell to preside over the election.
- Please note that the votes will be taken in real time using Simply Voting and you must have on-line access to your council email to participate.*
- Voting is mandatory. Abstentions will not be accepted.**
- 2.0 Election of President** J. Campbell
- 2.0.1.** Opening of the floor to nominations for president.
- B. Simmons Confirmed self nomination for the position of president.
  - There were no other nominations.
- 2.0.2.** Closing of nominations for president.

- 2.0.3. Allotted time for each candidate to present an election speech, not to exceed 5 minutes per candidate. Candidates will be asked to speak in alphabetical order by last name.
  - B. Simmons provided his election speech.
- 2.0.4. Question period for nominees. Each councillor will be limited to one question directed to each individual candidate and one question directed to all candidates. There will be a maximum of one minute allotted to ask each question and two minutes allotted to each answer. Question period may be extended at the chair's discretion if time allows.
  - N. Donahue asked the candidate what the most important aspect of the term would be moving forward.
  - J. Teterenko asked the candidate what risks may present themselves in the future for either the union or the university.
  - M. Teeninga asked the candidate if there was anything that should have been done differently if given another term.
  - L. Oracheski asked the candidate what the executive could do to increase the impact of the advocacy campaigns with CASA or provincially.
  - That concluded the question period.
- 2.0.5. Voting conducted by secret ballot using the on-line Simply Voting system.
  - There were 13 voting participants in the election
- 2.0.6. Announcement of results by executive director
  - J. Campbell announced B. Simmons as the successful candidate for President.

### 3.0 Election of Vice President External and Student Affairs (VPEX)

J. Campbell

- 3.0.1. Opening of the floor to nominations for VPEX.
  - M. Goertz confirmed self nomination.
  - There were no further nominations.
- 3.0.2. Closing of nominations for VPEX.
- 3.0.3. Allotted time for each candidate to present an election speech, not to exceed 5 minutes per candidate. Candidates will be asked to speak in alphabetical order by last name.
  - M. Goertz provided her election speech.
- 3.0.4. Question period for nominees. Each councillor will be limited to one question directed to each individual candidate and one question directed to all candidates. There will be a maximum of one minute allotted to ask each question and two minutes allotted to each answer. Question period may be extended at the chair's discretion if time allows.
  - A. Namu raised a question as to what methods are being used to provide advocacy for AU students in Ontario.
  - A. Lipinski raised a question as to how the candidate will ensure that all meetings are attended.
  - N. Donahue asked the candidate how AUSU will advocate for members to the provincial government.
  - That concluded the question period.
- 3.0.5. Voting conducted by secret ballot using the on-line Simply Voting system.
  - There were 13 voting participants in the election.
- 3.0.6. Announcement of results by executive director
  - J. Campbell announced M. Goertz as the successful candidate for VPEX.

### 4.0 Election of Vice President Finance and Administration (VPFA)

J. Campbell

- 4.0.1. Opening of the floor to nominations for VPFA.
  - N. Donahue Confirmed self nomination.
- 4.0.2. Closing of nominations for VPFA.

- 4.0.3. Allotted time for each candidate to present an election speech, not to exceed 5 minutes per candidate. Candidates will be asked to speak in alphabetical order by last name.
  - N. Donahue provided her election speech.
- 4.0.4. Question period for nominees. Each councillor will be limited to one question directed to each individual candidate and one question directed to all candidates. There will be a maximum of one minute allotted to ask each question and two minutes allotted to each answer. Question period may be extended at the chair’s discretion if time allows.
  - A. Namu asked the candidate what could be done to increase diversity of voice and input into the decisions of the executive committee.
  - That concluded the question period.
- 4.0.5. Voting conducted by secret ballot using the on-line Simply Voting system.
  - There were 13 voting participants in the election.
- 4.0.6. Announcement of results by executive director.
  - J. Campbell announced N. Donahue as the successful candidate for VPFA.

### Question & Answer Period

#### 5.0 Question & Answer Period

J. Campbell

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

- There were no further inquiries of the candidates.
- J. Campbell offered closing remarks, congratulated the candidates, and thanked the council for participating.

### Next Meeting and Adjournment

**The next meetings of council will be:**

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:30pm MST – Public Meeting**

**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:30pm MST – Public Meeting**

**Motion to Adjourn: 6:31 pm MST**