

Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 9th, 2019 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm MDT

Meeting Called By: President Brandon Simmons

Type of Meeting: AUSU Council Meeting

Minutes: Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek

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 Amanda Lipinski, Councillor Alice Namu, Councillor Lisa Oracheski, Councillor Julian Teterenko,

Councillor Mark Teeninga.

Staff: Executive Director Jodi Campbell, Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek, Voice

Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Donette

Kingyens.

Regrets: Councillor Josh Ryan (Absent-Vacation)

Members: Carla Knipe
Called to Order: 6:39 pm MDT

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

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the May 9th, 2019 meeting agenda.

2019-05-09 Council Agenda DRAFT

L. Oracheski/B. Daigle Carried 11/0

4.0 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

B. Simmons

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the April 11th, 2019 council meeting.

2019-04-11 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT

B. Daigle/A. Lipinski

Carried 11/0

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 Policy Revisions

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 2.08 Council Governance: Meeting Attendance

N. Donahue

Policy 2.08 Council Governance Meeting Attendance

A. Lipinski/S. Blayney Lew

Carried 11/0

N. Donahue

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibilities and Honoraria.

Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibilities and Honoraria

B. Daigle/S. Blayney Lew

Carried 11/0

N. Donahue

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 2.16 Council Governance Email Voting.

Policy 2.16 Council Governance Email Voting

N. Donahue

C. Hudder/B. Daigle

Carried 11/0

Note: The following copies of Policy 3.04 Petitions, Referendums, and Plebiscites and 3.05 Council Changeover have been approved by the executive committee as part of an **informal review**.

N. Donahue

Policy 3.04 Petitions, Referendums, and Plebiscites

Policy 3.05 Council Changeover

7.0 In-Camera Discussion

B. Simmons

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

In Camera Tip-sheet

2019-05-09 In-Camera Information Sheet

M. Teeninga/B. Daigle

Carried 11/0

Note: During an In-Camera session, those attendees not on the current council will be asked to leave the meeting during the discussion and will be invited to rejoin the meeting to observe the decisions and any motions arising from the discussion.

7.1 Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves that Julian Teterenko shall be removed from council, and as a member in good standing, for failing to uphold the councillor academic requirements as set out in Policy 2.14.

B. Simmons

B. Daigle/N. Donahue

Failed 5/6

Reports

8.0 For Information: Reports for the month of April 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.

8.1 President's Report

B. Simmons

2019-04 President Report

8.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report

2019-04 VP External and Student Affairs Report

M. Goertz

8.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report

2019-04 VP Finance and Administration Report

N. Donahue

8.4 Executive Meeting Report

2019-04 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.

8.5 Finance Committee Report

N. Donahue

2019-04 Finance Committee Report

8.6 Awards Committee Report

A. Lipinski/

2019-04 Awards Committee Report

B. Daigle

8.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report

M. Goertz

2019-04 MEC Committee Report

8.8 Executive Director's Report

J. Campbell

2019-04 Executive Director Report

8.9 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report

D. Kingyens

2019-04 Communications Coordinator Report

Question & Answer Period

9.0 Question & Answer Period

B. Simmons

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

 A question was raised from the floor regarding the development of the new AU mobile app and if it will replace the AUSU mobile app.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meetings of council will be:

Saturday, June 15th, 2019 – Public in-person meeting – AUSU Head Office (Edmonton) Tuesday, July 9th, 2019 at 6:30pm MDT

Motion to Adjourn: N. Donahue 7:27 pm MDT

Summary of Agenda Items Agenda Item and Responsible Party Deadline

Summary of Action Items

Date	Status	Action Item and Responsible Party
	Deadline	
April 11 th	Complete	Policy Revisions
2019		Capitalize the "or" between "first or second year of a council term" in 2.08.10
		and 2.08.13
		Staff
April 11 th	Complete	Policy Revisions
2019		Edits to 2.08.11, 2.08.12 to add that the lines apply to both years of the council
		term individually.
		Staff

Date

Status