



Athabasca University Students' Union

Special By-Election Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019
6:00 pm MDT

Meeting Called By: President Brandon Simmons
Type of Meeting: AUSU Special By-Election Council Meeting
Minutes: Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek

Participants

Council: President Brandon Simmons, Vice President Finance and Administration Natasha Donahue, Councillor Brittany Daigle, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Councillor Melinda Goertz, Councillor Christine Hudder, Councillor Amanda Lipinski, Councillor Alice Namu, Councillor Lisa Oracheski, Councillor Josh Ryan, Councillor Mark Teeninga.

Staff: Executive Director Jodi Campbell, Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Donette Kingyens.

Regrets: Councillor Sarah Blayney Lew

Called to Order: 6:05 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 Adoption of Agenda B. Simmons

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the May 22nd, 2019 by-election meeting agenda.

2019-05-22 Council Agenda DRAFT

B. Daigle/A. Lipinski

Carried 11/0

Motion: BIRT AUSU council amend the agenda to include 5.0 Election of Vice President Finance and Administration (VPFA) to follow the 4.0 Election of Vice President External and Student Affairs.

B. Simmons/J. Ryan

Carried 11/0

New Business

3.0 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 introduced the election process for the vacant VP External and Student Affairs (VPEX).

Executive Director Jodi Campbell to presided over the election.

Note: Please note that the votes were taken in real time using Simply Voting and voting is mandatory and abstentions were not accepted.

4.0 Election of Vice President External and Student Affairs (VPEX)

J. Campbell

- 4.1 Opening of the floor to nominations for VPEX.
 - N. Donahue confirmed her self-nomination.
 - B. Daigle confirmed her self-nomination.
- 4.2 Closing of nominations for VPEX.
- 4.3 Allotted time for each candidate to present an election speech, not to exceed five (5) minutes per candidate. Candidates will be asked to speak in alphabetical order by last name.
 - B. Daigle provided her election speech.
 - N. Donahue provided her election speech.
- 4.4 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.
 - B. Simmons asked B. Daigle about her advocacy experience.
 - M. Goertz asked the candidates about travelling when necessary.
 - D. Fleming asked N. Donahue about changing roles.
 - J. Ryan asked the candidates about keeping up the momentum the previous VPEX established.
 - M. Teeninga asked N. Donahue about the impact AUSU on changing multiple executive positions.
 - M. Teeninga asked B. Daigle about her experience on MECC.
 - A. Lipinski asked B. Daigle about her availability to start as VPEX.
 - A. Namu asked the candidates about what experience they bring to the position of VPEX.
 - B. Simmons asked the candidates about the current state of advocacy.
 - M. Goertz thanked both candidates and the entire council for their support.
 - A. Namu asked the candidates about the advantages of being close to AUSU and AU in the role.
- 4.5 Voting conducted by secret ballot using the on-line Simply Voting system.
 - There were 12 voting participants in the election.
- 4.6 Announcement of results by the executive director.
 - J. Campbell announced N. Donahue as the successful candidate for VPEX.
 - N. Donahue resigned as Vice-President Finance and Administration.

5.0 Election of Vice President Finance and Administration (VPFA)

J. Campbell

- 5.1 Opening of the floor to nominations for VPFA.
 - A. Lipinski confirmed her self-nomination.
 - B. Daigle confirmed her self-nomination.
- 5.2 Closing of nominations for VPFA.
- 5.3 Allotted time for each candidate to present an election speech, not to exceed five (5) minutes per candidate. Candidates will be asked to speak in alphabetical order by last name.
 - B. Daigle provided her election speech.
 - A. Lipinski provided her election speech.
- 5.4 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 candidates about their availability.
 - M. Teeninga asked A. Lipinski about being chair of the Awards Committee.
 - L. Oracheski asked the candidates about working for AUSU outside of Alberta.

- D. Fleming asked the candidates about their finance experience.
- M. Goertz asked the candidates about balancing the VPFA role with other commitments.
- N. Donahue asked B. Daigle about her experience with policy development.
- B. Simmons asked the candidates about their preparation for the VPFA role.

5.5 Voting conducted by secret ballot using the on-line Simply Voting system.

- J. Campbell announced the vote was tied.
- A. Lipinski provided an update to her election speech.
- B. Daigle provided an update to her election speech.

Motion: BIRT AUSU council agrees to move in-camera, excluding the two candidates for VPFA.

B. Simmons/M. Goertz

Carried 11/0

- A second vote was held.

5.6 Announcement of results by the executive director.

- J. Campbell announced B. Daigle as the successful candidate for VPFA.

Question & Answer Period

5.0

Question & Answer Period

B. Simmons

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

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meetings of council will be:

June 15th, 2019 at 1:30 pm MDT, Public in-person meeting, AUSU Head Office (Edmonton)

July 11th, 2019 at 6:30 pm MDT

Motion to Adjourn: J. Ryan 8:29pm MDT

Summary of Agenda Items

Date	Status Deadline	Agenda Item and Responsible Party

Summary of Action Items

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