



# Athabasca University Students' Union

## Council Meeting Minutes

**Saturday, June 15, 2019**  
**1:30 pm – 3:00 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 Natasha Donahue, Vice President Finance and Administration Brittany Daigle, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Councillor Melinda Goertz, 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, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Donette Kingyens
- Regrets:** Councillor Sarah Blayney Lew, Councillor Christine Hudder
- Called to Order:** 1:33 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

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Call for Attendance</b>   | B. Simmons                            |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Welcome and Member at Large Input</b><br><b>Note:</b> This is an opportunity to welcome guest observers and offer an opportunity for member input prior to the adoption of the agenda.  | B. Simmons                            |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Adoption of Agenda</b><br><b>Proposed Motion:</b> BIRT AUSU council approves the June 15, 2019 meeting agenda.<br><i>2019-06-15 Council Agenda DRAFT</i><br><b>L. Oracheski/N. Donahue</b>  | B. Simmons<br><br><b>Carried 10-0</b> |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Approval of Council Meeting Minutes</b><br><b>Proposed Motion:</b> BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the March 7, 2019 Special Executive Election Meeting, May 9, 2019 Council Meeting, and the May 22, 2019 Special By-Election Council meeting.<br><i>2019-03-07 Executive Election Meeting DRAFT</i><br><i>2019-05-09 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i><br><i>2019-05-22 Special Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i><br><b>J. Ryan/M. Teeninga</b> | B. Simmons<br><br><b>Carried 10-0</b> |

**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 2019 AUSU Executive By-Election Results** J. Campbell  
The results of the AUSU Executive By-Election, held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 in accordance with AUSU policies 3.02: Election of Executive Officers and 3.03 By-Elections, are hereby announced. Natasha Donahue was elected Vice President External and Student Affairs; and Brittany Daigle was elected Vice President Finance and Administration. Congratulations!
- 7.0 Awards Committee** B. Daigle  
**Proposed Motion:** BIRT council appoints Natasha Donahue to the Awards Committee as a voting member for the remainder of the 2019-2020 term.  
**N. Donahue/A. Lipinski** **Carried 10-0**
- 8.0 Council Retreat Summary** B. Simmons  
An update provided regarding the activities of the 2019 council retreat and summarize the important outcomes for those councillors unable to attend and guests of council.
- Met with Dr. Alain May and Gilbert Perras
  - Determined our advocacy and policy priorities
  - Reviewed the AUSU budget

### Reports

- 9.0 For Information: Reports for the month of May 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.
- 9.1 President's Report** B. Simmons  
*2019-05 President Report*
  - Noted the resignation of N. Donahue as VPFA, M. Goertz as VPEX, and J. Teterenko as a councillor.
- 9.2 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report** N. Donahue  
*2019-05 VP Finance and Administration Report*  
**Note:** This report also includes notes from the VPEX on her time as both VPEX and VPFA during the month of May.
- 9.3 Executive Meeting Report** N. Donahue  
*2019-05 Executive Meeting Report*  
**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.

<b>9.4 Finance Committee Report</b> <i>2019-05 Finance Committee Report</i>	N. Donahue
<b>9.5 Awards Committee Report</b> <i>2019-05 Awards Committee Report</i>	B. Daigle
<b>9.6 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report</b> <i>2019-05 MEC Committee Report</i>	J. Campbell
<b>9.7 Executive Director's Report</b> <i>2019-05 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
<b>9.8 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report</b> <i>2019-05 Communications Coordinator Report</i>	D. Kingyens

**Question & Answer Period**

<b>10.0</b>	<b>Question &amp; Answer Period</b>	B. Simmons
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- A question was raised from the floor regarding the AU bookstore and the use of e-Texts.
- A question from N. Donahue looking for any feedback stories on ProctorU.

**Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meetings of council will be:  
**To be determined – in August 2019**

**Motion to Adjourn: M. Teeninga at 2:43 MDT**

**Summary of Agenda Items**

Date	Status	Deadline	Agenda Item and Responsible Party
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**Summary of Action Items**

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