



# Athabasca University Students' Union

## Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2019

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm MDT

**Meeting Called By:** President Brandon Simmons  
**Type of Meeting:** AUSU Council and Annual Members 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 Sarah Blayney Lew, Councillor Melinda Goertz, Councillor Christine Hudder, Councillor Lisa Oracheski, Councillor Alice Namu, Councillor Mark Teeninga  
**Staff:** Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Donette Kingyens  
**Members:** Karlee Kapler, Mark Toews  
**Regrets:** Councillor Josh Ryan, Councillor Amanda Lipinski, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Executive Director Jodi Campbell  
**Called to Order:** 6:31pm

**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 to Student Members</b>  | B. Simmons         |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Adoption of Agenda</b>  | B. Simmons         |
|            | <b>Motion:</b> BIRT AUSU council approves the September 19, 2019 meeting agenda.<br><i>2019-09-19 Council Agenda DRAFT</i><br><b>B. Daigle/L. Oracheski</b>  | <b>Carried 9-0</b> |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Approval of Council Meeting Minutes</b>   | B. Simmons         |
|            | <b>Motion:</b> BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the August 13, 2019 council and annual members meeting.<br><i>2019-08-13 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i><br><b>N. Donahue/B. Daigle</b> | <b>Carried 9-0</b> |

### Action Items

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| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Review of Action Items</b>   | B. Simmons |
|            | <b>Note:</b> The status of the current action items can be found at the bottom of the agenda. |            |

## New Business

### 6.0 Policy Revisions B. Daigle

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approve the updated copy of Policy 7.02 Member Services: Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program.

*Policy 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries DRAFT*

- A friendly amendment was accepted to delete an extraneous parenthesis and to strike references to EFT as the payment method.

**S. Blayney Lew/B. Daigle**

**Carried 9-0**

### 7.0 Student Advisory Committee Appointments B. Simmons

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU council appoint Christopher Hinbest, Dakota Soares, Mark Toews, Michele Mrkvan, Landon King, Rebecca Hayward, Stacey Hutchins, Ian Stewart, Jennifer Bouley, and Raphael Ugobe Okechuk to the Student Advisory Committee.

**B. Daigle/C. Hudder**

**Carried 9-0**

## Reports

### 8.0 For Information: Reports for the months of August 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

*2019-08 President Report*

B. Simmons

#### 8.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report

*2019-08 VP External and Student Affairs Report*

N. Donahue

#### 8.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report

*2019-08 VP Finance and Administration Report*

B. Daigle

#### 8.4 Executive Meeting Report

*2019-08 Executive Meeting Report*

B. Daigle

**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

*2019-08 Finance Committee Report*

B. Daigle

#### 8.6 Awards Committee Report

*2019-08 Awards Committee Report*

B. Daigle

#### 8.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report

*2019-08 MEC Committee Report*

N. Donahue

**8.8 Executive Director's Report**  
*2019-08 Executive Director Report*

J. Campbell

**8.9 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report**  
*2019-08 Communications Coordinator Report*

D. Kingyens

Question & Answer Period

**9.0 Question & Answer Period**

B. Simmons

- A question was raised in regards to the volunteer option on the GOTV pledge website, and how that will work with AU students.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meetings of council will be:  
**October 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm MDT**

**Motion to Adjourn:** L. Oracheski at 7:17pm.

Summary of Agenda Items

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Summary of Action Items

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