



# Athabasca University Students' Union

## Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2019

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm MST

**Meeting Called By:** President Brandon Simmons  
**Type of Meeting:** AUSU Council Meeting  
**Minutes:** Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek  
**Participants**  
**Council:** President Brandon Simmons (Meeting Chair), Vice President External and Student Affairs Natasha Donahue, Vice President Finance and Administration Brittany Daigle, Councillor Sarah Blayney Lew, 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  
**Regrets:** Councillor Christine Hudder, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Donette Kingyens  
**Members:** Karlee Kapler

**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>  | B. Simmons          |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Adoption of Agenda</b>   | B. Simmons          |
|            | <b>Motion:</b> BIRT AUSU council approves the November 21, 2019 meeting agenda.<br><i>2019-11-21 Council Agenda DRAFT</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Friendly amendment to add a discussion item on the Student Aid and Government Tuition Tax Credits position policy.</li></ul> <b>J. Ryan/A. Lipinski</b> | <b>Carried 11-0</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 October 17, 2019 council meeting.<br><i>2019-10-17 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i><br><b>B. Daigle/S. Blayney Lew</b>  | <b>Carried 11-0</b> |

### Action Items

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| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Review of Action Items</b> | B. Simmons |
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## New Business

- 6.0 In-Camera Discussion** B. Simmons  
**Motion:** BIRT AUSU council agrees to move In-Camera.  
**J. Ryan/M. Teeninga** **Carried 11-0**
- 6.1** **Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves that Christine Hudder shall be removed from council for failing to uphold the councillor membership requirements as set out in Policy 2.14.  
**N. Donahue/B. Daigle** **Failed 1-10**
- 7.0 Policy Revisions – Tabled from October 17, 2019** B. Daigle
- 7.1 Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibilities and Honoraria**  
**Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibilities and Honoraria.  
*Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibilities and Honoraria DRAFT*  
**L. Oracheski/S. Blayney Lew** **Carried 11-0**
- 8.0 Policy Revisions** B. Daigle
- 8.1 Policy 5.04 Discipline and Dismissals**  
**Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 5.04 Discipline and Dismissals.  
*Policy 5.04 Discipline and Dismissals DRAFT*  
**B. Daigle/S. Blayney Lew** **Carried 11-0**
- 8.2 Policy 5.07 Professional Development**  
**Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 5.07 Professional Development.  
*Policy 5.07 Professional Development DRAFT*  
**B. Daigle/A. Lipinski** **Carried 11-0**
- 9.0 Student Aid and Government Tuition Tax Credits Discussion** B. Simmons
- Discussion from the floor agreed that the existing policy could be revised to reflect new changes from the Government of Alberta.

## Reports

- 9.0 For Information: Reports for the month of October 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  
*2019-10 President Report*
- 9.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report** N. Donahue  
*2019-10 VP External and Student Affairs Report*
- 9.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report** B. Daigle  
*2019-10 VP Finance and Administration Report*

**9.4 Executive Meeting Report** B. Daigle  
*2019-10 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.

**9.5 Finance Committee Report** B. Daigle  
*2019-10 Finance Committee Report*

**9.6 Awards Committee Report** B. Daigle  
*2019-10 Awards Committee Report*

**9.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report** N. Donahue  
*2019-10 MEC Committee Report*

**9.8 Executive Compensation Review Committee Report** M. Teeninga  
*2019-10 Executive Compensation Review Committee Report*

**9.9 Executive Director's Report** J. Campbell  
*2019-10 Executive Director Report*

**9.10 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report** D. Kingyens  
*2019-10 Communications Coordinator Report*

**Question & Answer Period**

**10.0 Question & Answer Period** B. Simmons

**Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting of council will be:  
**January 16, 2020 at 6:30 pm MST**

**Motion to Adjourn:** B. Daigle, 8:13pm

**Summary of Agenda Items**

Date	Status	Deadline	Agenda Item and Responsible Party

**Summary of Action Items**

Date	Status	Deadline	Action Item and Responsible Party