



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda DRAFT

Thursday, January 16th, 2020

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm MDT

- *Please consider the key ethical principles of AUSU, which are respect for persons, respect for the organisation, and respect for the common good, during this meeting of council, and when participating in any AUSU function.*
- *Attendees are encouraged to mute their phone lines when not speaking to reduce background noise for all participants.*
- *Council meetings are working sessions of council. Observers should refrain from speaking during the working portion of the meeting but are encouraged to participate in the Question & Answer Period at the end of the meeting or to contact the AUSU office with any questions that arise. Any member may also contact any councillor or staff member with issues that they would like to see addressed on a future council agenda.*

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Meeting Called By: President Brandon Simmons

Type of Meeting: AUSU Council Meeting

Minutes: Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek

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

Regrets:

Members: Samantha Crowhurst

NOTICE: this meeting will be recorded and will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order when necessary to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.

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
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the January 16th, 2020 meeting agenda.
2020-01-16 Council Agenda DRAFT
- 4.0 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes** B. Simmons
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the December 16th, 2019 council meeting.
2019-12-16 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT
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 2018-2019 Audited AUSU Financial Statements** B. Daigle
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council accepts the 2018-2019 audited financial statements as presented by Kingston Ross Pasnak (KRP).
2019 AUSU Audited Financial Statements DRAFT
2019 AUSU Final Audit Findings DRAFT
 NOTE: Chad Knippel from KRP will be joining us for the meeting and can answer any audit questions council might have.
- 7.0 Selection of Auditors for 2019-2020** B. Simmons
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoints Kingston Ross Pasnak (KRP) as AUSU's financial auditor for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- 8.0 Bylaw Revision** B. Simmons
Proposed Motion:
 Whereas the Post Secondary Learning Act gives authority to AUSU Council for the creation and amendment of its own bylaws,
BIRT AUSU Council adopts the proposed changes to the AUSU Bylaws as presented in the attached document titled, "AUSU 2020 Bylaws". This document represents the only official bylaws of the Athabasca University Students Union and hereby replaces any prior versions or copies.
AUSU 2020 Bylaws
Note: This agenda item is the second reading of changes to the AUSU Bylaws in accordance with the current bylaws section 1.01 e) "Special Resolution". The first reading took place during the December 16th, 2019 council meeting. Both readings of the AUSU Bylaws must be passed with a greater than 2/3rds majority vote. If both motions pass, the proposed bylaw changes will be officially adopted.

9.0 Policy Revisions B. Daigle

8.1 Policy 2.07 Member Representatives on AUSU Committees

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 2.07 Member Representatives on AUSU Committees.

Policy 2.07 Member Representatives on AUSU Committees DRAFT

8.2 Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibilities and Honoraria

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

Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibilities and Honoraria DRAFT

Note: The following copies of Policy 2.03 Responsibilities of Executive Officers, Policy 2.06 Student Representation on AU Committees, and Policy 2.11 Committee Governance have been approved by the executive committee as part of an **informal review**.

Policy 2.03 Responsibilities of Executive Officers
Policy 2.06 Student Representation on AU Committees
Policy 2.11 Committee Governance

10.0 Executive Compensation Review Committee Report and Policy Revision M. Teeninga

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the changes to Policy 2.15 Executive Accountability and Compensation, based on the recommendation of the Executive Compensation Review Committee.

2019 ECRC Final Recommendation Report
2019 ECRC Actions Spreadsheet
Executive Compensation Review Comparison 2019
Policy 2.15 Executive Accountability and Compensation DRAFT

Reports

11.0 For Information: Reports for the month of December 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.

11.1 President's Report B. Simmons

2019-12 President Report

11.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report N. Donahue

2019-12 VP External and Student Affairs Report

11.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report B. Daigle

2019-12 VP Finance and Administration Report

11.4 Executive Meeting Report B. Daigle

2019-12 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.

11.5 Finance Committee Report B. Daigle

2019-12 Finance Committee Report

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| 11.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2019-12 Awards Committee Report</i> | B. Daigle |
| 11.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2019-12 MEC Committee Report</i> | N. Donahue |
| 11.8 Executive Compensation Review Committee Report <i>2019-12 ECRC Actions Spreadsheet</i> | M. Teeninga |
| 11.9 Executive Director's Report <i>2019-12 Executive Director Report</i> | J. Campbell |
| 11.10 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report <i>2019-12 Communications Coordinator Report</i> | D. Kingyens |

Question & Answer Period

12.0 Question & Answer Period B. Simmons

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

This is a regular part of this meeting and as such will be recorded, will follow Robert's Rules of Order, and will be included in the minutes.

Each observer may be limited to one or two questions per meeting in order to allow access to as many participants as possible. At the discretion of the chair, and if time allows, additional questions may be asked by an observer.

The chair will direct all questions to the appropriate councillor or staff member for a response.

Observers are also invited to contact the AUSU office with any questions that arise from the meeting at ausu@ausu.org , 780.497.7000, or toll-free at 1.855.497.7003.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of council will be:

February 20th, 2020 at 6:30 PM MST

Motion to Adjourn:

Summary of Agenda Items

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

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