



# Athabasca University Students' Union

## Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
6:31pm MT

- 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 Amanda Lipinski, Councillor Alice Namu, Councillor Lisa Oracheski, Councillor Josh Ryan, Councillor Mark Teeninga, Councillor Christine Hudder
- 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 Melinda Goertz
- Members:** Natalia Iwanek, Ian Stewart, Monique Durette, Stacey Hutchings, Jasmine Hernandez, Regan Johnson, Devon Romanick

**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>Motion:</b> BIRT AUSU council approves the March 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 meeting agenda.<br><i>2020-03-19 Council Agenda DRAFT</i><br><b>J. Ryan/S. Blayney Lew</b>   | B. Simmons<br><br><b>Carried 11-0</b> |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Approval of Council Meeting Minutes</b><br><b>Motion:</b> BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 council meeting.<br><i>2019-02-27 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i><br><b>L. Oracheski / N. Donahue</b> | B. Simmons<br><br><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 Policy Revisions** B. Daigle /  
N. Donahue
- 6.1 Discipline Policy**
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 2.04 Discipline.
- Policy 2.04 Discipline DRAFT*
- J. Ryan / S. Blayney Lew** **Carried 10-1**
- 6.2 Email Voting Policy**
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 2.16 Email Voting.
- Policy 2.16 Email Voting DRAFT*
- J. Ryan / B. Daigle** **Carried 11-0**
- 6.3 Access to Education for Indigenous Learners in Canada Position Policy**
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the Access to Education for Indigenous Learners in Canada position policy and amend to include it in the AUSU Position Policy Manual and AUSU Position Policy Handbook.
- Policy 9.25 Access to Education for Indigenous Learners in Canada DRAFT*
- B. Daigle / A. Lipinski** **Carried 11-0**
- Note:** The following copy of Policy 2.08 Meeting Attendance has been approved by the executive committee as part of an **informal review**.
- Policy 2.08 Meeting Attendance*
- 7.0 AUSU Annual Report** J. Campbell
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the AUSU Annual Report for the 2018-2019 year as presented.
- 2020 AUSU Annual Report*
- J. Ryan / A. Lipinski** **Carried 11-0**
- 8.0 Election Debrief** J. Campbell
- Note:** 2020 Council Election overview will be provided by the Executive Director.
- 9.0 Career Services - Reserve Transfer** B. Simmons
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approves the allocation of up to \$7,000 in unrestricted reserve funds to increase the budgeted expense amount for Career Services (GL#5808) from \$15,000 to \$22,000 for the purpose of developing a resume review pilot project, called VMock, for career services to AUSU members.
- A question from the floor was raised on the sustainability of the vendor and if there is any risk.
- J. Ryan / B. Daigle** **Carried 11-0**

## Reports

### 10.0 For Information: Reports for the month of February 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.

#### 10.1 President's Report

*2020-02 President Report*

B. Simmons

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

*2020-02 VP External and Student Affairs Report*

N. Donahue

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

*2020-02 VP Finance and Administration Report*

- A question from the floor was raised on the criteria of the new student bursary.
- A question from the floor was raised on including direct quotes from stakeholder meetings.

B. Daigle

#### 10.4 Executive Meeting Report

*2020-02 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.

#### 10.5 Finance Committee Report

*2020-02 Finance Committee Report*

B. Daigle

#### 10.6 Awards Committee Report

*2020-02 Awards Committee Report*

B. Daigle

#### 10.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report

*2020-02 MEC Committee Report*

N. Donahue

#### 10.8 Executive Director's Report

*2020-02 Executive Director Report*

- A question from the floor was raised on the voter turnout in the general election.

J. Campbell

#### 10.9 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report

*2020-02 Communications and Members Services Coordinator Report*

D. Kingyens

## Question & Answer Period

### 11.0 Question & Answer Period

- A question from the floor was raised on how the ballots in the general election is counted.

B. Simmons

## Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of council will be:  
**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm MT**

**Motion to Adjourn:** S. Blayney Lew, 7:58pm MT

**Summary of Agenda Items**

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

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