



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda DRAFT

Thursday, April 16th, 2020

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm MT

- *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

Outgoing Council: President Brandon Simmons (Meeting Chair), Vice President External and Student Affairs Natasha Donahue, Councillor Sarah Blayney Lew, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Councillor Melinda Goertz, Councillor Christine Hudder, Councillor Alice Namu, Councillor Lisa Oracheski, Councillor Joshua Ryan, Councillor Mark Teeninga.

Incoming Council: President-Elect Natasha Donahue, Vice President External and Student Affairs-Elect Stacey Hutchings, Vice President Finance and Administration-Elect Monique Durette, Councillor-Elect Darcie Fleming, Councillor-Elect Devon Romanick, Councillor-Elect Ian Stewart, Councillor-Elect Joshua Ryan, Councillor-Elect Kathryn Hadden, Councillor-Elect Katy Lowe, Councillor-Elect Regan Johnson.

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: Natalia Iwanek

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 April 16th, 2020 meeting agenda.
2020-04-16 Council Agenda DRAFT
- 4.0 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes** B. Simmons
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the March 19th, 2020 council meeting.
2020-03-19 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 6.1 Podcast Report** N. Donahue
2020-04 Podcast Report
Note: A discussion will be had around the one year podcast report developed by the Vice President External and Student Affairs.
- 6.2 Provincial Advocacy Report** N. Donahue
2020-04 Provincial Advocacy Report
Note: A discussion will be had around the provincial advocacy report developed by the Vice President External and Student Affairs.
- 6.3 AUSU COVID-19 Response** J. Campbell
Note: The Executive Director will provide an update on the actions taken by AUSU the current health crisis.

Reports

- 7.0 For Information: Reports for the month of March 2020.**
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.

7.1 President's Report <i>2020-03 President Report</i> <i>Resignation letters from A. Lipinski and B. Daigle</i> <i>Resignation letters from J. Hernandez</i>	B. Simmons
7.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report <i>2020-03 VP External and Student Affairs Report</i>	N. Donahue
7.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report <i>2020-03 VP Finance and Administration Report</i>	B. Simmons
7.4 Executive Meeting Report <i>2020-03 Executive Meeting Report</i>	N. Donahue
 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.	
7.5 Finance Committee Report <i>2020-03 Finance Committee Report</i>	J. Campbell
7.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2020-03 Awards Committee Report</i>	S. Blayney Lew
7.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2020-03 MEC Committee Report</i>	N. Donahue
7.8 Executive Director's Report <i>2020-03 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
7.9 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report <i>2020-03 Communications Coordinator Report</i>	D. Kingyens

Council Changeover

8.0 Council Changeover	
8.1 Old Council Dissolution	B. Simmons
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council declares that the 2018-2020 term is officially dissolved.	
8.2 New Council Oath of Office	B. Simmons
Outgoing President Brandon Simmons will welcome new councillors and lead them in reciting the Oath of Office. <i>2020 Councillor Oath Document</i>	
<i>From this point on, all motions will be moved, seconded, and voted on by the new council. Outgoing councillors are welcome to remain as observers if they wish.</i>	
8.3 Announcement of 2020 AUSU Executive Election Results	J. Campbell
The results of the 2020 Executive Election, held on March 27 th , 2020 in accordance with AUSU Policy 3.02: Election of Executive Officers, are hereby announced. The AUSU executive councillors are Natasha Donahue as President; Stacey Hutchings as Vice President External and Student Affairs; and Monique Durette as Vice President Finance and Administration. Congratulations!	

8.4 Confirmation of New Council Meeting Time

N. Donahue

AUSU council’s May council meeting date and time will be announced.

9.0 Appointment of AUSU Standing Committee Membership

9.1 Finance Committee

N. Donahue

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the finance committee: VPFA Monique Durette as chair, and _____, _____, _____, and _____ as voting members.

Note: A minimum of two councillors and a maximum of five councillors may be appointed to this committee by council at this time. Vacant spots may also be filled by members-at-large at another date.

9.2 Awards Committee

N. Donahue

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the awards committee: _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ as voting members.

Note: A minimum of three councillors and a maximum of five councillors, one of whom must be an executive councillor, may be appointed at this time. The committee chair will be selected by the members of the committee during the first awards committee meeting in May.

9.3 Member Engagement and Communications Committee

N. Donahue

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the member engagement and communications committee: VPEX Stacey Hutchings as chair, and _____, _____, and _____ as voting members.

Note: Up to four councillors may be appointed to this committee by council at this time. Vacant spots may also be filled by members-at-large at another date.

Question & Answer Period

10.0 Question & Answer Period

N. Donahue

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:

AUSU Annual Members Meeting on May 7th, 2020 at 6:30pm MT

AUSU Council Meeting on May 21st, 2020 at 6:30pm MT (To be confirmed)

Motion to Adjourn:

Summary of Agenda Items

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

Date	Status Deadline	Action Item and Responsible Party
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