



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 16th, 2020

6:32pm MT

- Meeting Called By:** President Brandon Simmons
- Type of Meeting:** AUSU Council Meeting
- Minutes:** Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek
- Participants**
- Outgoing Council:** President Brandon Simmons, Vice President External and Student Affairs Natasha Donahue, Councillor Sarah Blayney Lew, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Councillor Christine Hudder, Councillor Alice Namu, Councillor Lisa Oracheski, Councillor Joshua Ryan, Councillor Mark Teeninga.
- Incoming Council:** President Natasha Donahue, Vice President External and Student Affairs Stacey Hutchings, Vice President Finance and Administration Monique Durette, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Councillor Devon Romanick, Councillor Ian Stewart, Councillor Joshua Ryan, Councillor Kathryn Hadden, Councillor Katy Lowe, Councillor 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:** Councillor Melinda Goertz
- Members:** Natalia Iwanek

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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| 1.0 | Call for Attendance | B. Simmons |
| 2.0 | Welcome and Member at Large Input
Note: This is an opportunity to welcome guest observers and offer an opportunity for member input prior to the adoption of the agenda. | B. Simmons |
| 3.0 | Adoption of Agenda
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the April 16 th , 2020 meeting agenda.
<i>2020-04-16 Council Agenda DRAFT</i>
S. Blayney Lew / C. Hudder | B. Simmons

Carried 9-0 |
| 4.0 | Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the March 19 th , 2020 council meeting.
<i>2019-03-19 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i>
J. Ryan / L. Oracheski | B. Simmons

Carried 9-0 |

Action Items

5.0 Review of Action Items B. Simmons

New Business

6.0 6.1 Podcast Report N. Donahue

2020-04 Podcast Report

6.2 Provincial Advocacy Report N. Donahue

2020-04 Provincial Advocacy Report

6.3 AUSU COVID-19 Response J. Campbell

- A question from the floor arose around Homewood Health and its ability to keep up with mental health resources demand during the pandemic.
- A question from the floor arose around the turnaround time from ProctorU due to increased demand.
- A question from the floor arose around what CASA is advocating for from the Government of Canada in regards to the pandemic.

Reports

7.0 For Information: Reports for the month of March 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.

7.1 President's Report B. Simmons

2020-03 President Report

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

2020-03 VP External and Student Affairs Report

7.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report B. Simmons

2020-03 VP Finance and Administration Report

7.4 Executive Meeting Report N. Donahue

2020-03 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.

7.5 Finance Committee Report J. Campbell

2020-03 Finance Committee Report

7.6 Awards Committee Report S. Blayney Lew

2020-03 Awards Committee Report

7.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report N. Donahue

2020-03 MEC Committee Report

7.8 Executive Director's Report J. Campbell

7.9 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report

D. Kingyens

2020-03 Communications and Members Services Coordinator Report

Council Changeover

8.0 Council Changeover

8.1 Old Council Dissolution

B. Simmons

Motion: BIRT AUSU council declares that the 2018-2020 term is officially dissolved.

J. Ryan / C. Hudder

Carried 9-0

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.

From this point on, all motions were moved, seconded, and voted on by the new council.

8.3 Announcement of 2020 AUSU Executive Election Results

J. Campbell

The results of the 2020 Executive Election, held on March 27th, 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

- A doodle poll will go out to councillors to determine which day of the week works best for the new council.

9.0 Appointment of AUSU Standing Committee Membership

9.1 Finance Committee

N. Donahue

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the finance committee: VPFA Monique Durette as chair, and Darcie Fleming, Ian Stewart, Joshua Ryan, and Regan Johnson as voting members.

K. Lowe / M. Durette

Carried 10-0

9.2 Awards Committee

N. Donahue

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the awards committee: Katy Lowe, Kathryn Hadden, Monique Durette, Regan Johnson, and Devon Romanick as voting members.

J. Ryan / D. Fleming

Carried 10-0

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 Joshua Ryan, Ian Stewart, Katy Lowe, and Darcie Fleming as voting members.

J. Ryan / M. Durette

Carried 10-0

Question & Answer Period

10.0 Question & Answer Period

N. Donahue

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

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of council will be:

May 7th, 2020 at 5:00pm MT for the Annual Members' Meeting

Motion to Adjourn: J. Ryan, 8:24pm MT

Summary of Agenda Items

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Summary of Action Items

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