



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda DRAFT

Wednesday, September 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 Natasha Donahue

Type of Meeting:

AUSU Council Meeting

Minutes:

Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek

Expected Participants

Council:

President Natasha Donahue, Vice President External and Student Affairs Stacey Hutchings, Vice President Finance and Administration Monique Durette, Councillor Almigdad Eldoma, Councillor Amber McDuffe, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Councillor Devon Romanick, Councillor Joshua Ryan, Councillor Katy Lowe, Councillor Karen Fletcher, Councillor Kathryn Hadden, Councillor Natalia Iwanek, Councillor Regan Johnson

Staff:

Executive Director Jodi Campbell, Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Donette Kingyens, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low

Regrets:

Members:

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	N. Donahue
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.	N. Donahue

3.0 Adoption of Agenda N. Donahue
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the September 16th, 2020 meeting agenda.
2020-09-16 Council Agenda DRAFT

4.0 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes N. Donahue
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the August 19th, 2020 council meeting.
2020-08-19 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 N. Donahue
Note: The status of the current action items can be found at the bottom of the agenda.

New Business

6.0 Council Oath of Office N. Donahue
President Natasha Donahue will welcome new councillors and lead them in reciting the Oath of Office.
2020 Councillor Oath Document

From this point on new councillors may move, second, and vote on motions on the floor.

7.0 Policy Revisions
7.1 Policy 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program M. Durette
Proposed motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program.

Policy 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program DRAFT

7.2 Policy 9.26 AU Student Financial Aid Office M. Durette
Proposed motion: BIRT AUSU council approves Policy 9.26 AU Student Financial Aid Office position policy and include it in the AUSU Position Policy Manual.

Policy 9.26 AU Student Financial Aid Office DRAFT

7.3 AUSU Position Policy Manual M. Durette
Proposed motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the updated copy of the AUSU Position Policy Manual and the included individual position policies.

2020-09 AUSU Position Policy Manual DRAFT

Note: The updated copy includes Policy 9.26 AU Student Financial Aid Office position policy, which is presented for approval in the previous agenda item. Should Policy 9.26 be defeated or tabled, it will not be included here for approval. The manual will also be made available on the AUSU website, and the abbreviated handbook will no longer be made available.

- 8.0 AUSU Strategic Plan 2020-2023** N. Donahue
Proposed motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the 2020-2023 strategic plan as presented.

AUSU 2020-2023 Strategic Plan AMENDED-DRAFT

Note: This agenda item is the second reading of approving the strategic plan for 2020-2023 in accordance with the current bylaws section 1.01 e) "Special Resolution". Based on feedback from council the strategic plan presented contains amendments that the chair will inquire if the amendments are friendly. Both readings of the strategic plan approval must be passed with a greater than 2/3^{ds} majority vote. The first reading passed unanimously on August 16th, 2020. If this item is passed, the proposed strategic plan will be officially adopted on October 1st, 2020.

- 9.0 Appointment of AUSU Standing Committee Membership** M. Durette

9.1 Finance Committee
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoint _____ to the finance committee as a voting member.

9.2 Member Engagement and Communications Committee S. Hutchings
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoint _____ to the member engagement and communications committee as a voting member.

Reports

- 10.0 For Information: Reports for the month of August 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.

10.1 President's Report N. Donahue
2020-08 President Report

10.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report S. Hutchings
2020-08 VP External and Student Affairs Report

10.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report M. Durette
2020-08 VP Finance and Administration Report

10.4 Executive Meeting Report M. Durette
2020-08 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.

10.5 Finance Committee Report M. Durette
2020-08 Finance Committee Report

10.6 Awards Committee Report K. Lowe
2020-08 Awards Committee Report

10.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report S. Hutchings
2020-08 MEC Committee Report

10.8 Indigenous Representation Committee Report

2020-08 Indigenous Representation Committee Report

S. Hutchings

10.9 Student Advisory Committee Report

2020-08 Student Advisory Committee Report

N. Donahue

10.10 Executive Director’s Report

2020-08 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

10.11 Communication and Members Services Coordinator’s Report

2020-08 Communications & Member Services Report

D. Kingyens

Question & Answer Period

11.0 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 Council Meeting on October 21st, 2020 at 6:30pm MT

Motion to Adjourn:

Summary of Action Items

Date	Status Deadline	Action Item and Responsible Party
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