



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16th, 2020

6:30pm MT

- Meeting Called By:** President Natasha Donahue
Type of Meeting: AUSU Council Meeting
Minutes: Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek
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
Members: Mark Toews

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 | N. Donahue |
| 2.0 | Welcome and Member at Large Input | N. Donahue |
| 3.0 | Adoption of Agenda | N. Donahue |
| | Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the September 16 th , 2020 meeting agenda.
<i>2020-09-16 Council Meeting Agenda DRAFT</i> | |
| | J. Ryan / S. Hutchings | Carried 9-0 |
| 4.0 | Approval of Council Meeting Minutes | N. Donahue |
| | Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the August 19 th , 2020 council meeting.
<i>2020-08-19 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i> | |
| | K. Lowe / D. Fleming | Carried 9-0 |

Action Items

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| 5.0 | Review of Action Items | N. Donahue |
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New Business

6.0 Council Oath of Office N. Donahue
President Natasha Donahue lead new councillors in reciting the Oath of Office.

2020 Councillor Oath Document

From this point on new councillors were able to vote on motions on the floor.

7.0 Policy Revisions
7.1 Policy 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program M. Durette
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

- A question from the floor was asked in regards to the new student award, which was answered that the program is still considered a pilot until May.
- An amendment was adopted to amend 7.02.23 to ensure that travel bursaries would be for an amount up to \$1,000 rather than \$1,000.

M. Durette / K. Lowe **Carried 13-0**

7.2 Policy 9.26 AU Student Financial Aid Office M. Durette
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

- A question from the floor was asked in regards to the specific plans to advocate to Athabasca University, which was answered that specific plans are in the Executive Work Plans.
- A question from the floor was asked in regards to the need for better service and communications from provincial government financial aid offices as well.

J. Ryan / D. Fleming **Carried 13-0**

7.3 AUSU Position Policy Manual M. Durette
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

- A friendly amendment was adopted to add that the policies would be reviewed as needed.

R. Johnson / J. Ryan **Carried 13-0**

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

AUSU 2020-2023 Strategic Plan AMENDED-DRAFT

- A friendly amendment was adopted to update the vision statement based on feedback from council.

J. Ryan / S. Hutchings **Carried 13-0**

9.0 Appointment of AUSU Standing Committee Membership

9.1 Finance Committee

M. Durette

Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoint Karen Fletcher to the finance committee as a voting member.

M. Durette / K. Lowe **Carried 13-0**

9.2 Member Engagement and Communications Committee

S. Hutchings

Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoint Natalia Iwanek to the member engagement and communications committee as a voting member.

S. Hutchings / K. Fletcher **Carried 13-0**

9.3 Student Advisory Committee

S. Hutchings

Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoint Bailey Danes, Jennifer Bouley, Alison Rowney, Lara Mnaymneh, Mark Toews, Michele Mrkvan, Mitch Connors, Marley Curtis and Landon King to the Student Advisory Committee.

*SAC_Bailey Daines
SAC_Alison Rowney
SAC_Jennifer Bouley
SAC_Lara Mnaymneh
SAC_Mark Toews
SAC_Michele Mrkvan
SAC_Mitch Connors
SAC_Marley Curtis
SAC_Landon King*

D. Fleming / K. Lowe **Carried 13-0**

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 <i>2020-08 Executive Meeting Report</i>	M. Durette
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 <i>2020-08 Finance Committee Report</i>	M. Durette
10.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2020-08 Awards Committee Report</i>	K. Lowe
10.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2020-08 MEC Committee Report</i>	S. Hutchings
10.8 Indigenous Representation Committee Report <i>2020-08 Indigenous Representation Committee Report</i>	S. Hutchings
10.9 Student Advisory Committee Report <i>2020-08 Student Advisory Committee Report</i>	N. Donahue
10.10 Executive Director's Report <i>2020-08 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
10.11 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report <i>2020-08 Communications & Member Services Report</i>	D. Kingyens

Question & Answer Period

11.0	Question & Answer Period	N. Donahue
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Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of council will be:
AUSU Council Meeting on October 20th, 2020 at 6:30pm MT
Motion to Adjourn: J. Ryan, 8:26pm

Summary of Action Items

Date	Status	Deadline	Action Item and Responsible Party