



# Athabasca University Students' Union

## Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 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:** Emily Viggiani

**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	N. Donahue
3.0	Adoption of Agenda <b>Motion:</b> BIRT AUSU council approves the October 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020 meeting agenda as amended. <i>2020-09-16 Council Meeting Agenda DRAFT</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A friendly amendment was adopted to add items the Hiring of an organizational consultant; Ad hoc committee on executive compensation; and Policy 2.15 to the agenda under new business.</li> </ul>	N. Donahue
	K. Fletcher / J. Ryan	Carried 13-0
4.0	Approval of Council Meeting Minutes <b>Motion:</b> BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 council meeting. <i>2020-09-16 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i>	N. Donahue
	N. Iwanek / A. McDuffe	Carried 13-0
Action Items		
5.0	Review of Action Items	N. Donahue

## New Business

- 6.0 Policy Revisions**
- 6.1 Policy 7.01 Member Services Administration and Policy 7.03 The Voice Magazine** M. Durette
- Note:** The following copy of Policy 7.01 Member Services Administration and Policy 7.03 The Voice Magazine has been approved by the executive committee as part of an **informal review**.
- Policy 7.01 Member Services Administration*  
*Policy 7.03 The Voice Magazine*
- 7.0 E-mail Vote Ratification** N. Donahue
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council ratify the email motion that was passed on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 that states, “BIRT AUSU council approves the allocation of up to \$100,000 from the current 2019/20 surplus funds, to be used during the 2020/21 fiscal year, to the awards program (\$56,000) and to the budgeted annual contest prizing (up to \$44,000).”
- The October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 motion was moved by N. Donahue, seconded by K. Lowe, and was passed 13-0.
- J. Ryan / K. Lowe** **Carried 13-0**
- 8.0 Appointment of AUSU Standing Committee Membership**
- 9.1 Student Advisory Committee** N. Donahue
- Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU council appoint Caitlin Smith to the Student Advisory Committee.
- SAC\_Smith*
- S. Hutchings / K. Fletcher** **Carried 13-0**
- 9.0 Hiring of an Organizational Consultant** D. Fleming
- Council held a discussion on hiring a consultant and the executive committee agreed to look into options, including a specific consultant on the issue of Indigenization.
- 10.0 Ad Hoc Committee on Executive Compensation** D. Fleming
- Council held a discussion on the creation of a fourth executive, and agreed to discuss it further at a future date after the executive committee takes a look at the question.
- 11.0 Policy 2.15 Executive Accountability and Compensation** D. Fleming
- Council held a discussion on executive compensation, the creation of a fourth executive, and the privacy concerns with posting compensation in policy and making it available to the public.

## Reports

- 10.0 For Information: Reports for the month of September 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
- 2020-09 President Report*

<b>10.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report</b> <i>2020-09 VP External and Student Affairs Report</i>	S. Hutchings
<b>10.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report</b> <i>2020-09 VP Finance and Administration Report</i>	M. Durette
<b>10.4 Executive Meeting Report</b> <i>2020-09 Executive Meeting Report</i>	M. Durette
<b>Note:</b> 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.	
<b>10.5 Finance Committee Report</b> <i>2020-09 Finance Committee Report</i>	M. Durette
<b>10.6 Awards Committee Report</b> <i>2020-09 Awards Committee Report</i>	K. Lowe
<b>10.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report</b> <i>2020-09 MEC Committee Report</i>	S. Hutchings
<b>10.8 Indigenous Representation Committee Report</b> <i>2020-09 Indigenous Representation Committee Report</i>	S. Hutchings
<b>10.9 Student Advisory Committee Report</b> <i>2020-09 Student Advisory Committee Report</i>	N. Donahue
<b>10.10 Executive Director's Report</b> <i>2020-09 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
<b>10.11 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report</b> <i>2020-09 Communications &amp; Member Services Report</i>	D. Kingyens

### Question & Answer Period

<b>11.0 Question &amp; Answer Period</b>	N. Donahue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A question from the floor was asked on editing Wikipedia entries and the barriers involved.</li> <li>• A question from the floor was asked on adding items directly to the action items on the agenda to ensure they are addressed at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	

### Next Meeting and Adjournment

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

### Summary of Action Items

Date	Status	Deadline	Action Item and Responsible Party
Oct. 21, 2020	Started		Put AUSU's Alberta 2030 submission on the AUSU website and emailed to councillors.

	Nov. 18, 2020	N. Donahue
Oct. 21, 2020	Started  Nov. 18, 2020	Look into appropriate organizational consultants for AUSU, including a consultant looking at Indigenization.  N. Donahue
Oct. 21, 2020	Started  Nov. 18, 2020	Investigate if there is a privacy concern with including councillor and executive councillor honoraria in policy.  N. Donahue