

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Athabasca University Students' Union Accepts Executive Resignation**

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Athabasca University Students Union (AUSU) regretfully accepts the resignation of councillor Monique Durette from the role of VP External and Student Affairs (VPFA), effective December 31, 2020.

Monique Durette was elected to council in April 2020 and was subsequently elected at the VP Finance and Administration. During her time as VPFA, Monique sat on the Athabasca University Board of Governors and various other AU committees, as well as the Chair of the AUSU Finance Committee, and a member of the AUSU Awards Committee and Indigenous Student Representation Committee. She was instrumental in the development of multiple initiatives during her time on AUSU executive, including work on an international online student union alliance and some upcoming equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives. She also reviewed AUSU's financials and finance policies, assisted with the AUSU annual audit and prepared a manual for the AUSU Finance Committee. She was a valued member of the AUSU executive team, and we are pleased that she will be remaining on council, as well as continuing her work on AUSU committees.

On behalf of the AUSU membership, we would like to thank Monique for all of her great work as the VPFA, and we look forward to continuing to work with her on council.

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The Athabasca University Students' Union (AUSU) is an independent, student-run society representing the undergraduate students of Athabasca University.

We serve over 38,000 members annually in home-study locations across Canada and internationally. In any given month, our membership is approximately 26,000 active students.

Our mandate is to provide advocacy, support, and student services to our membership, and to foster the support, promotion, and excellence of distance education at AU and globally.

For more information about AUSU and its programs, please see [www.ausu.org](http://www.ausu.org), or contact our office at [ausu@ausu.org](mailto:ausu@ausu.org).

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