



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Wednesday, January 20th, 2021
6:30pm MT

Meeting Called By: President Stacey Hutchings
Type of Meeting: AUSU Council Meeting
Minutes: Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek
Participants
Council: President Stacey Hutchings, Vice President External and Student Affairs Natalia Iwanek, Vice President Finance and Administration Almigdad Eldoma, Councillor Amber McDuffe, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Councillor Devon Romanick, Councillor Katy Lowe, Councillor Karen Fletcher, Councillor Kathryn Hadden, Councillor Monique Durette, Councillor Regan Johnson, Councillor Joshua Ryan
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, Lauren MacLean
Guests: Chad Knippel, Natalia Toth

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	S. Hutchings
2.0	Welcome and Member at Large Input	S. Hutchings
3.0	Adoption of Agenda Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the January 20 th , 2021 meeting agenda. <i>2021-01-20 Council Agenda DRAFT</i>	S. Hutchings
	J. Ryan / R. Johnson	Carried 12-0
4.0	Approval of Council Meeting Minutes Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the November 18 th , 2020 and November 24 th , 2020 council meetings. <i>2020-11-18 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i> <i>2020-11-24 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">M. Durette made a friendly amendment to note that the ratification of President on November 24, 2020 was not done by Simply Voting but by a show of hands.	S. Hutchings
	K. Fletcher / J. Ryan	Carried 12-0

New Business

5.0 2019-2020 Audited AUSU Financial Statements J. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU council accepts the 2019-2020 audited financial statements as presented by Kingston Ross Pasnak (KRP).

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- C. Knippel and N. Toth gave a presentation on the AUSU 2019-2020 audited financial statements.
- A. McDuffe had a question regarding the discrepancy in reserves.
- D. Fleming had a question about the policy enforcement in regards to reserves.
- A. Elmgdad had a question about reserves tracking.

S. Hutchings / J. Ryan

Carried 12-0

6.0 Selection of Auditors for 2020-2021 S. Hutchings

Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoints Kingston Ross Pasnak (KRP) as AUSU's financial auditor for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

M. Durette / D. Romanick

Carried 12-0

Action Items

7.0 Review of Action Items S. Hutchings

- Consensus was to include bylaws in any engaging a consultant but no longer need to include indignization when looking at bylaws and policies.

Old Business

8.0 Asana and Harvest M. Durette

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the subscription purchases of Asana and Harvest software platforms for the 2020-2021 fiscal year at an approximate cost of \$4,125.23 (\$2,136.46USD for Asana and \$1,036.80USD for Harvest; dependent upon exchange rate when purchase is made), to be used by staff, executives, and councillors for day-to-day project and task management, and time tracking.

M. Durette / R. Johnson

Carried 12-0

New Business

9.0 Policy Revisions
9.1 Policy 8.10 Student Advisory Committee Terms of Reference S. Hutchings

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 8.10 Student Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

Policy 8.10 Student Advisory Committee Terms of Reference DRAFT

D. Romanick / R. Johnson

Carried 12-0

Note: The following copies of Policy 1.01 Creation, Format, Maintenance & Review Policy and 3.03 By-Election Policy have been approved by the executive committee as part of an **informal review.**

Policy 1.01 Creation, Format, Maintenance & Review Policy

Policy 3.03 By-Election Policy

10.0 Appointment of AUSU Standing Committee Membership

10.1 Member Engagement and Communications Committee

N. Iwanek

Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoint Karen Fletcher and Amber McDuffe to the member engagement and communications committee as voting members.

- J. Ryan commented that he would also be leaving MECC allowing two appointments.

N. Iwanek / J. Ryan

Carried 12-0

Reports

11.0 For Information: Reports for the month of November and December 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.

11.1 President's Report

S. Hutchings

2020-11 President Report
2020-11 President Report
Resignation of Monique Durette
Resignation of Joshua Ryan

11.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report

N. Iwanek

2020-11 VP External and Student Affairs Report
2020-12 VP External and Student Affairs Report

11.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report

M. Durette

2020-11 VP Finance and Administration Report
2020-12 VP Finance and Administration Report

11.4 Executive Meeting Report

M. Durette

2020-11 Executive Meeting Report
2020-12 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.

11.5 Finance Committee Report

M. Durette

2020-11 Finance Committee Report
2020-12 Finance Committee Report

11.6 Awards Committee Report

K. Lowe

2020-11 and 2020-12 Awards Committee Report

11.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report

S. Hutchings

2020-11 MEC Committee Report
2020-12 MEC Committee Report

11.8 Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report

S. Hutchings

2020-11 Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report
2020-12 Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report

11.9 Student Advisory Committee Report

S. Hutchings

2020-11 Student Advisory Committee Report

11.10 Executive Director’s Report

J. Campbell

*2020-11 Executive Director Report
2020-12 Executive Director Report*

11.11 Communication and Members Services Coordinator’s Report

D. Kingyens

*2020-11 Communications & Member Services Report
2020-12 Communications & Member Services Report*

Question & Answer Period

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S. Hutchings

Motions from Previous Non-Public Meeting

The following motion was passed at a non-public special meeting of council on January 12, 2021. The motion was moved by R. Johnson, and seconded by J. Ryan and was passed 10-0.

“BIRT AUSU Council approves the implementation of the recommendations set out by MB Workplace Law’s report including a legal review of Policy 2.12; provide leadership support in the form of workshops focused on leadership; sensitivity training for all AUSU staff; available counselling for AUSU staff; and team building initiatives. And AUSU Council also approves the retention of a Human Resources firm to help provide this support, training, and expertise in related employee matters. Finally, AUSU council would like a disciplinary letter to be placed on the file of the respondent in the matter addressed within MB Workplaces Laws report.”

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of council will be:

AUSU Special Council Meeting on February 17th, 2021 at 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn: S. Hutchings, 7:43pm

Summary of Action Items

Date	Status Deadline	Action Item and Responsible Party
Oct. 21, 2020	Ongoing	Look into appropriate organizational consultants for AUSU. Executive Committee
Oct. 21, 2020	Completed	Investigate if there is a privacy concern with including councillor and executive councillor honoraria in policy. Executive Committee