



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda DRAFT

Wednesday, February 17th, 2021

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 Stacey Hutchings
Type of Meeting: AUSU Council Meeting
Minutes: Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek

Expected 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

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.

Agenda and Minutes

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| 1.0 | Land 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. | S. Hutchings |
| 2.0 | Call for Attendance | S. Hutchings |

3.0 Welcome and Member at Large Input S. Hutchings
Note: This is an opportunity to welcome guest observers and offer an opportunity for member input prior to the adoption of the agenda.

4.0 Adoption of Agenda S. Hutchings
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the February 17th, 2021 meeting agenda.
2021-02-17 Council Agenda DRAFT

5.0 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes S. Hutchings
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the January 12th, 2021 and both January 20th, 2021 council meetings.
2021-01-12 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT
2021-01-20 Executive By-Election Minutes DRAFT
2021-01-20 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

6.0 Review of Action Items All
Note: The status of the current action items can be found at the bottom of the agenda.

New Business

7.0 Policy Revisions
7.1 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program Policy A. Eldoma
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program Policy based on the recommendation of the Awards Committee and Executive Committee.
7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program Policy DRAFT

7.2 2.18 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy N. Iwanek
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the 2.18 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy.
2.18 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy DRAFT

7.2 8.12 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Terms of Reference N. Iwanek
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the 8.12 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Terms of Reference.
8.12 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Terms of Reference DRAFT

Note: The following copies of 4.01 Privacy Policy, 4.02 Copyright Policy, and 4.03 Records Management Policy have been approved by the executive committee as part of an **informal review**.

4.01 Privacy Policy
4.02 Copyright Policy
4.03 Records Management Policy

8.0 AUSU Survey Results J. Campbell
2021-01 2020 AUSU Annual Survey Results COUNCIL
2021-01 2020 AUSU Annual Survey Results PUBLIC

Note: A discussion around the results of the AUSU survey in the fall of 2020 that received 1,310 responses.

- 9.0 Fourth Executive Proposal** S. Hutchings
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council establishes a fourth executive named the Vice President Community and Wellness, based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
2021-02 AUSU Fourth Executive Proposal
- 10.0 Athabasca University Emergency Relief Fund** S. Hutchings
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the allocation of \$10,000 from the 2019-2020 surplus fund to be donated to the Athabasca University Emergency Relief Bursary.
AU Emergency Bursary Fund Communication Plan Feb 2021
- Note:** A discussion around the recent request from Athabasca University for AUSU to contribute to the 2021 emergency relief bursary.
- 11.0 Human Resources Services** S. Hutchings
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the unbudgeted expenditure for human resources services in the amount up to \$9,000 in the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
2021-02 AUSU Human Resources Recommendation
HR Services Quote from Salopek HR Consultants
HR Services Quote from Trail HR Consultants
Proposal for Mediation Services

Reports

- 12.0 For Information: Reports for the month of January 2021.**
- 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.
- 12.1 President's Report** S. Hutchings
2021-01 President Report
- 12.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report** N. Iwanek
2021-01 VP External and Student Affairs Report
- 12.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report** A. Eldoma
2021-01 VP Finance and Administration Report
- 12.4 Executive Meeting Report** A. Eldoma
2021-01 Executive Meeting Report
- Note:** Executive meeting reports are not public documents. Any decisions made by the Executive Committee appear in a separate public report for ratification by Council. The Executive Committee meeting report is circulated to Council for review.
- 12.5 Finance Committee Report** A. Eldoma
2021-01 Finance Committee Report
- 12.6 Awards Committee Report** K. Lowe
2021-01 Awards Committee Report
- 12.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report** N. Iwanek
2021-01 MEC Committee Report

12.8 Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report*2021-01 Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report*

S. Hutchings

12.9 Student Advisory Committee Report*2021-01 Student Advisory Committee Report*

S. Hutchings

12.10 Executive Director's Report*2021-01 Executive Director Report*

J. Campbell

12.11 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report*2021-01 Communications & Member Services Report*

D. Kingyens

Recognition and Acknowledgements**13.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements**

All

Councillors, staff, and observers are encouraged to make a brief statement recognizing and acknowledging organizational and individual accomplishments in the past month, highlighting where AUSU continues to make a positive difference in members' lives.

Question & Answer Period**14.0 Question & Answer Period**

All

Councillors and 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. Written questions may be provided by councillors or members to president@ausu.org and will be highlighted during this agenda item.

Each individual 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 individual.

The chair will direct all questions to the appropriate councillor or staff member for a response.

Members 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 March 17th, 2021 at 6:30pm MT

Motion to Adjourn:

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