



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 17th, 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

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: Councillor Regan Johnson

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 | 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 |
| 4.0 | Adoption of Agenda
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the February 17 th , 2021 meeting agenda.
<i>2021-02-17 Council Agenda DRAFT</i> | S. Hutchings |
| | D. Romanick / D. Fleming | Carried 10-0 |
| 5.0 | Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the January 12 th , 2021 and both January 20 th , 2021 council meetings.
<i>2021-01-12 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i>
<i>2021-01-20 Executive By-Election Minutes DRAFT</i>
<i>2021-01-20 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">M. Durette noted that the next meeting listed was not a special meeting but a regular meeting, which was taken as a friendly amendment. | S. Hutchings |
| | A. Eldoma / N. Iwanek | Carried 10-0 |

Action Items

6.0 Review of Action Items S. Hutchings

New Business

7.0 Policy Revisions
7.1 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program Policy A. Eldoma

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

- M. Durette would like to see a change to 7.02.05 in the future on how leftover funds are handled, and provided a recommendation earlier, but is supportive of the changes being proposed. N. Iwanek

K. Lowe / K. Hadden **Carried 8-0; 2 abstentions**

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

2.18 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy DRAFT

- M. Durette suggested a future amendment to include policy 8.12 in the list of references.

K. Lowe / A. Eldoma **Carried 10-0**

7.2 8.12 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Terms of Reference
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

- J. Campbell made a friendly amendment to number the policy properly as 8.12 rather than 8.11.

A. Eldoma / N. Iwanek **Carried 10-0**

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

- J. Campbell and D. Kingyens led council through the results of the student survey conducted in November 2020.

9.0 Fourth Executive Proposal

Motion: BIRT AUSU council establishes a fourth executive named the Vice President Community and Wellness, based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

S. Hutchings

2021-02 AUSU Fourth Executive Proposal

- K. Fletcher asked a question on our engagement and support of the LGBTQ2+ community at Athabasca University.

M. Durette / K. Lowe

Carried 10-0

10.0 Athabasca University Emergency Relief Fund

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.

S. Hutchings

AU Emergency Bursary Fund Communication Plan Feb 2021

- A. McDuffe asked a question about recognition of AUSU given that it is an AU bursary.

K. Lowe / K. Fletcher

Carried 10-0

11.0 Human Resources Services

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*

A. Eldoma / A. McDuffe

Carried 11-0

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

2021-01 President Report

S. Hutchings

12.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report

2021-01 VP External and Student Affairs Report

N. Iwanek

12.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report

2021-01 VP Finance and Administration Report

A. Eldoma

12.4 Executive Meeting Report <i>2021-01 Executive Meeting Report</i>	A. Eldoma
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 <i>2021-01 Finance Committee Report</i>	A. Eldoma
12.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2021-01 Awards Committee Report</i>	K. Lowe
12.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2021-01 MEC Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
12.8 Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report <i>2021-01 Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report</i>	S. Hutchings
12.9 Student Advisory Committee Report <i>2021-01 Student Advisory Committee Report</i>	S. Hutchings
12.10 Executive Director's Report <i>2021-01 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
12.11 Communication and Members Services Coordinator's Report <i>2021-01 Communications & Member Services Report</i>	D. Kingyens

Recognition and Acknowledgements

13.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Hutchings acknowledged A. Eldoma joining the executive team • S. Hutchings acknowledged D. Romanick being featured in The Voice • N. Iwanek acknowledged the new resource list for LGBTQ2+ resource list • N. Iwanek acknowledged T. Hansen's work on social media • S. Hutchings acknowledged the penguin protests of CAUS • K. Lowe acknowledged the growing sense of community among students at AUSU 	

Question & Answer Period

14.0 Question & Answer Period	All
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Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of council will be:
AUSU Special Council Meeting on March 17th, 2021 at 6:30pm
Motion to Adjourn: S. Hutchings, 7:21pm

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