



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 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, Councillor Regan Johnson
Staff: Executive Director Jodi Campbell, Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low
Guests: Jo-Mary Crowchild-Fletcher

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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 March 17 th , 2021 meeting agenda.
<i>2021-03-17 Council Agenda DRAFT</i> | S. Hutchings |
| | K. Fletcher / N. Iwanek | 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>2021-02-17 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i> | S. Hutchings |
| | K. Lowe / A. McDuffe | Carried 10-0 |

Action Items

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| 6.0 | Review of Action Items | S. Hutchings |
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New Business

- 7.0 Policy Revisions**
- 7.1: 2.18 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy** A. Eldoma
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of 2.18 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy.
2.18 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy DRAFT
A. Eldoma / A. McDuffe **Carried 10-0**
- 7.2: 8.09 Executive Committee Terms of Reference Policy** A. Eldoma
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the 8.09 Executive Committee Terms of Reference Policy.
8.09 Executive Committee Terms of Reference Policy DRAFT
A. McDuffe / A. Eldoma **Carried 10-0**
- 7.3: 9.28 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Position Policy** N. Iwanek
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the 9.28 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Position Policy and include it as a part of the AUSU Position Policy Manual.
9.28 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Position Policy DRAFT
K. Fletcher / K. Hadden **Carried 10-0**
- 7.4: 9.29 Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Position Policy** N. Iwanek
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the 9.29 Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Position Policy and include it as a part of the AUSU Position Policy Manual.
9.29 Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Position Policy DRAFT
K. Lowe / A. McDuffe **Carried 10-0**
- Note:** The following copies of 4.04 Professional Development Policy, 4.06 Annual Timeline and Executive Work Plan Policy, and 4.09 Records Management Policy have been approved by the executive committee as part of an **informal review**.
4.04 Professional Development
4.06 Annual Timeline and Executive Work Plan Policy
4.09 Membership in Good Standing Removal and Reinstatement Policy
- 8.0 Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report** S. Hutchings
Motion: BIRT AUSU council adopts the recommendations from the Indigenous Student Representation Committee and approves the creation of an appointed AUSU Indigenous Student Circle in 2021.
2021-03 AUSU Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report
 - S. Hutchings and J. Crowchild-Fletcher presented the report and its recommendations.**K. Fletcher / N. Iwanek** **Carried 10-0**

Reports

9.0 For Information: Reports for the month of February 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 during the Q&A period.

9.1 President's Report

2021-02 President Report
2021-02 EC Retreat Report

S. Hutchings

9.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report

2021-02 VP External and Student Affairs Report

N. Iwanek

9.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report

2021-02 VP Finance and Administration Report

A. Eldoma

9.4 Executive Meeting Report

2021-02 Executive Meeting Report

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.

9.5 Finance Committee Report

2021-02 Finance Committee Report

A. Eldoma

9.6 Awards Committee Report

2021-02 Awards Committee Report

K. Lowe

9.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report

2021-02 MEC Committee Report

N. Iwanek

9.8 Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report

2021-02 Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report
2021-03 AUSU Indigenous Student Representation Committee Report

S. Hutchings

9.9 Student Advisory Committee Report

2021-02 Student Advisory Committee Report

S. Hutchings

9.10 Executive Director's Report

2021-02 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

Recognition and Acknowledgements

10.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements

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- S. Hutchings recognized Donette Kingyens for her contributions to AUSU and recognized all AUSU staff for their hard work in the past month.
- K. Lowe recognized AUSU and AU for making her convocation special and to share it with her mother.
- D. Fleming thanked AUSU and council for condolences on her loss.

Question & Answer Period

11.0 Question & Answer Period

All

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of council will be:

AUSU Council Meeting on March 21st, 2021 at 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn: S. Hutchings, 7:02 pm

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