



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda DRAFT

Wednesday, April 21st, 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, Vice President External-Elect Karen Fletcher, Councillor Amber McDuffe, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Councillor Katy Lowe, 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 Ashley Janes, 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 |
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| 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.

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| 4.0 | Adoption of Agenda
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the April 21 st , 2021 meeting agenda.
<i>2021-04-21 Council Agenda DRAFT</i> | S. Hutchings |
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| 5.0 | Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the minutes of the March 17 th , 2021 council meetings.
<i>2021-03-17 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i>
<i>2021-03-17 Executive Election Meeting Minutes DRAFT</i> | S. Hutchings |
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Note: Approval of all public council minutes for special, regular, and interim council meetings, takes place at the next regular public meeting.

Action Items

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

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| 7.0 | Announcement of 2021 AUSU Executive Election Results
The results of the 2021 Executive Election, held on March 17 th , 2021 in accordance with AUSU policy 3.02: Election of Executive Officers, are hereby announced.
The AUSU executive councillors shall be Stacey Hutchings as President; Karen Fletcher as Vice President External; Almigdad Eldoma as Vice President Finance and Administration; and Natalia Iwanek as Vice President Community and Wellness. Congratulations! | J. Campbell |
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| 8.0 | In-Camera Discussion
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council agrees to move in-camera.

Note: If the motion to move in-camera is passed, non-councillors attending the meeting will be moved to a separate meeting room for the duration of the in-camera session.

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the removal of Kathryn Hadden from AUSU council for failing to meet the academic requirements for councillors as set out in Policy 2.14. | S. Hutchings |
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| 9.0 | AUGSA Research Conference Sponsorship
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the sponsorship of the AUGSA Graduate Student Research Conference for \$1,500.
<i>2021 AUGSA Research Conference Sponsorship</i> | S. Hutchings |
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10.0 Appointment of AUSU Standing Committee Membership

10.1 Finance Committee

A. Eldoma

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the finance committee: VPFA Almigdad Eldoma as chair, and _____, _____, _____, and _____ as voting members.

Note: A minimum of two councillors and a maximum of five councillors may be appointed to this committee by council at this time. Vacant spots may also be filled by members-at-large at another date.

10.2 Awards Committee

S. Hutchings

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the awards committee: _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ as voting members.

Note: A minimum of three councillors and a maximum of five councillors, one of whom must be an executive councillor, may be appointed at this time. The committee chair will be selected by the members of the committee during the first awards committee meeting in May.

10.3 Member Engagement and Communications Committee

N. Iwanek

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the member engagement and communications committee: VPCW Natalia Iwanek as chair, and _____, _____, _____, and _____ as voting members.

Note: Up to four councillors may be appointed to this committee by council at this time in addition to the Vice President Community and Wellness.

10.4 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

N. Iwanek

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the equity, diversity, and inclusion committee: VPCW Natalia Iwanek as chair, and _____, _____, _____, and _____ as voting members.

Note: An executive councillor will be appointed as chair and a minimum of four councillors may be appointed to this committee by council at this time. Up to three spots may also be filled by members-at-large at a future date.

11.0 Policy Revisions

11.1: Policy 6.01 General Financial Management

A. Eldoma

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 6.01 General Financial Management.

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11.2: Policy 6.03 Expense Claims

A. Eldoma

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 6.03 Expense Claims.

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11.3: Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses	A. Eldoma
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses. <i>Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses DRAFT</i>	
11.4: Policy 6.05 Expenditures	A. Eldoma
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 6.05 Expenditures. <i>Policy 6.05 Expenditures DRAFT</i>	
11.5: Policy 6.06 Oversight	A. Eldoma
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 6.06 Oversight. <i>Policy 6.06 Oversight DRAFT</i>	
11.6: Policy 6.07 Reserves and Investments	A. Eldoma
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 6.07 Reserves and Investments. <i>Policy 6.07 Reserves and Investments DRAFT</i>	
11.7: Policy 6.08 Membership Fees	A. Eldoma
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 6.08 Membership Fees. <i>Policy 6.08 Membership Fees DRAFT</i>	

Reports

12.0 For Information: Reports for the month of March 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.	
12.1 President's Report <i>2021-03 President Report</i>	S. Hutchings
12.2 Vice President External and Student Affairs' Report <i>2021-03 VP External and Student Affairs Report</i>	N. Iwanek
12.3 Vice President Finance and Administration's Report <i>2021-03 VP Finance and Administration Report</i>	A. Eldoma
12.4 Executive Meeting Report <i>2021-03 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>2021-03 Finance Committee Report</i>	A. Eldoma
12.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2021-03 Awards Committee Report</i>	K. Lowe
12.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2021-03 MEC Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek

12.8 Student Advisory Committee Report
2021-03 Student Advisory Committee Report

S. Hutchings

12.9 Executive Director's Report
2021-03 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

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 May 19th, 2021 at 6:30pm MT

Motion to Adjourn:

Summary of Action Items

Date	Status Deadline	Action Item and Responsible Party
Oct. 21, 2020	Complete	Look into appropriate organizational consultants for AUSU. Executive Committee