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Athabasca University Students' Union Accepts Councillor Resignations

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Athabasca University Students Union (AUSU) respectfully accepts the resignations of councillors Darcie Fleming and Monique Durette from council, effective May 1, 2021, and the removal of Councillor Kathryn Hadden from council.

Darcie Fleming was first elected in 2018 and has made many valuable contributions to both the AU student experience and AUSU in that time. She feels particularly proud of her role in establishing the Indigenous Student Representation Committee and the Indigenous Student Circle starting later this year.

Monique Durette has served on various committees including the executive committee as Vice President Finance and Administration since being elected during the 2020 General Election. She has championed many important changes to our policies to help ensure AUSU is well-governed and efficient.

Kathryn Hadden has made vital contributions to AUSU in her time as councillor since the 2020 General Election. Most notably, her work on the Awards Committee which doubled the number of available awards to students during her time serving on the committee.

These three vacancies mean a by-election will be called this spring and Athabasca University students will have an opportunity to self-nominate, run for the open council seats and vote later in June 2021.

The Athabasca University Students' Union (AUSU) is an independent, student-run organization representing the undergraduate students of Athabasca University. We serve over 38,000 members annually in home-study locations across Canada and internationally. In any given month, our AUSU student membership is approximately 28,000 active students.

Our mandate is to provide advocacy, support, and student services to our membership, and to foster the support and excellence of distance education at AU.

AUSU respectfully acknowledges that our office is located on Treaty 6 territory, and the traditional name of Edmonton, Alberta is Amiskwaciy Waskahikan, meaning Beaver Hills House. We honour the ancestry, heritage and gifts of the Indigenous peoples and give thanks to them.

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