



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Wednesday, March 21st, 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 Almgdad Eldoma, Vice President External and Student Affairs-Elect Karen Fletcher, Councillor Amber McDuffe, Councillor Darcie Fleming, Councillor Katy Lowe, Councillor Kathryn Hadden
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: Councillor Monique Durette, 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
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| 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 approve the April 21 st , 2021 meeting agenda.
<i>2021-04-21 Council Agenda DRAFT</i> | S. Hutchings |
| | K. Fletcher / N. Iwanek | Carried 8-0 |
| 5.0 | Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve 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 |
| | S. Hutchings / K. Lowe | Carried 8-0 |

Action Items

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

- 7.0 Announcement of 2021 AUSU Executive Election Results** J. Campbell
The results of the 2021 Executive Election, held on March 17th, 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!**
- 8.0 In-Camera Discussion** S. Hutchings
Motion: BIRT AUSU council agree to move in-camera.
S. Hutchings / A. McDuffe **Carried 8-0**
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approve the removal of Kathryn Hadden from AUSU council for failing to meet the academic requirements for councillors as set out in Policy 2.14.
A. Eldoma / A. McDuffe **Carried 7-1**
- 9.0 AUGSA Research Conference Sponsorship** S. Hutchings
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the sponsorship of the AUGSA Graduate Student Research Conference for \$1,500.
2021 AUGSA Research Conference Sponsorship
- N. Iwanek / K. Fletcher** **Carried 7-0**
- 10.0 Appointment of AUSU Standing Committee Membership**
- 10.1 Finance Committee** A. Eldoma
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the finance committee: Vice President Finance and Administration Almigdad Eldoma as chair, and Regan Johnson, Amber McDuffe, and Katy Lowe as voting members.
- S. Hutchings / N. Iwanek** **Carried 7-0**
- 10.2 Awards Committee** S. Hutchings
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the awards committee: Regan Johnson, Amber McDuffe, and President Stacey Hutchings as voting members.
- S. Hutchings / K. Fletcher** **Carried 7-0**
- 10.3 Member Engagement and Communications Committee** N. Iwanek
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the member engagement and communications committee: Vice President Community and Wellness Natalia Iwanek as chair, and Amber McDuffe, Katy Lowe, Regan Johnson, and Vice President External and Student Affairs Karen Fletcher as voting members.
- S. Hutchings / K. Lowe** **Carried 7-0**
- 10.4 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee** N. Iwanek
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approve the following appointments to the equity, diversity, and inclusion committee: Vice President Community and Wellness Natalia Iwanek as chair, and Vice President External and Student Affairs Karen Fletcher, Amber McDuffe, Vice President

Finance and Administration Almgidad Eldoma, and Regan Johnson as voting members.

- 11.0 S. Hutchings / K. Fletcher** **Carried 7-0**
- Policy Revisions**
- 11.1: Policy 6.01 General Financial Management** A. Eldoma
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approve the updated copy of Policy 6.01 General Financial Management.
- Policy 6.01 General Financial Management DRAFT*
- S. Hutchings / K. Lowe** **Carried 7-0**
- 11.2: Policy 6.03 Expense Claims** A. Eldoma
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approve the updated copy of Policy 6.03 Expense Claims.
- Policy 6.03 Expense Claims DRAFT*
- S. Hutchings / N. Iwanek** **Carried 7-0**
- 11.3: Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses** A. Eldoma
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approve the updated copy of Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses.
- Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses DRAFT*
- S. Hutchings / A. Eldoma** **Carried 7-0**
- 11.4: Policy 6.05 Expenditures** A. Eldoma
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approve the updated copy of Policy 6.05 Expenditures.
- Policy 6.05 Expenditures DRAFT*
- S. Hutchings / N. Iwanek** **Carried 7-0**
- 11.5: Policy 6.06 Oversight** A. Eldoma
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approve the updated copy of Policy 6.06 Oversight.
- Policy 6.06 Oversight DRAFT*
- S. Hutchings / A. McDuffe** **Carried 7-0**
- 11.6: Policy 6.07 Reserves and Investments** A. Eldoma
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the updated copy of Policy 6.07 Reserves and Investments.
- Policy 6.07 Reserves and Investments DRAFT*
- S. Hutchings / A. McDuffe** **Carried 7-0**
- 11.7: Policy 6.08 Membership Fees** A. Eldoma
- Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approve the updated copy of Policy 6.08 Membership Fees.
- Policy 6.08 Membership Fees DRAFT*
- S. Hutchings / K. Fletcher** **Carried 7-0**

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 <i>2021-03 Student Advisory Committee Report</i>	S. Hutchings
12.9 Executive Director's Report <i>2021-03 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell

Recognition and Acknowledgements

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S. Hutchings recognized the time Kathryn Hadden has put into her time as an AUSU councillor and as a member of the Awards Committee. ● S. Hutchings recognized Katy Lowe for serving as chair of the Awards Committee. ● N. Iwanek recognized Stacey Hutchings for her work on CASA. ● K. Lowe recognized the Executive Committee for meeting with councillors one-on-one and working towards shared goals set at those meetings. ● K. Fletcher recognized D. Fleming for her hard work as an AUSU councillor. ● J. Campbell recognized the outgoing executive committee for their hard work. 	

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 Council Meeting on May 19th, 2021 at 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn: S. Hutchings, 8:10 pm

Summary of Action Items

Date	Status	Action Item and Responsible Party
	Deadline	