



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 15, 2021 at 6:30pm MDT

- Council:** President Stacey Hutchings (chair), Vice President External Karen Fletcher, Vice President Finance and Administration Almigdad Eldoma, Vice President Community and Wellness Natalia Iwanek, Councillor Amber McDuffe, Councillor Cassandra MacKay, Councillor Dur-E-Najaf Syed, Councillor Eva Notter, Councillor Jesse Poriz, Councillor Katy Lowe, Councillor Leah Campbell, Councillor Meredith Charlton, 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
- Guests:** Anne-Marie Scott, Kent Provost, Roy Smith, Dawn Litzenburger, Yvegen Yasynskyy, Anneleise Van Dyke, Adam Segal

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Agenda and Minutes

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| 1.0 | Announcement of Accessibility Officer | S. Hutchings |
| 2.0 | Land Acknowledgement
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| 3.0 | Call for Attendance | S. Hutchings |
| 4.0 | Welcome and Member-At-Large Input | S. Hutchings |
| 5.0 | Approval of Agenda
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the July 15, 2021, meeting agenda.
<i>2021-07-15 Council Agenda</i>

S. Hutchings / K. Lowe (Carried) | S. Hutchings |
| 6.0 | Approval of Minutes
Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the June 17, 2021 minutes.
<i>2021-06-17 Council Meeting Minutes</i>

S. Hutchings / R. Johnson (Carried) | S. Hutchings |

Old Business

7.0 Review of Action Items All

Note: The status of action items can be found at the bottom of the minutes.

New Business

8.0 Council Oath of Office S. Hutchings
President Stacey Hutchings welcomed new councillors and lead them in reciting the Oath of Office.

Councillor Oath Document

9.0 Integrated Learning Environment (ILE) Demonstration S. Hutchings /
D. Litzenburger

- A. Scott presented alongside other AU staff members the new Integrated Learning Environment.
- A question from the floor was posed if the “weeks” breakdown would be for all classes, Y. Yasynskyy answered that in most undergraduate courses they would be “units” rather than weeks.
- A question from the floor was posed on a feature to increase and decrease the font within units. A. Scott answered that was a great idea and would be looked at.
- A question from the floor was posed if this would also replace Moodle, MyAU, and the Landing? A. Scott answered not all would be replaced right away other than Moodle, but over time the ILE would become the main portal for courses.
- A question from the floor was posed on what features does bright space have that Moodle lacks that you think are particularly exciting, or what do you think it does better than Moodle? A. Scott gave an overview of the features the ILE will have that Moodle lacks.
- A question from the floor was posed on whether the graded rubrics were given back previously as documents by the tutor? A. Scott said it would depend on the course, but the ILE will make it easier.
- A question from the floor was posed on if there is video conferencing platform built in? A. Scott gave an overview of the video abilities of the platform.

10.0 Committee Appointments N. Iwanek
10.1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoints Anne Ndegwa, Cheyenne Johns, Vevangapi Katjamana as members-at-large for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.

Amanda Saunders – EDI Application

Anne Ndegwa – EDI Application

Cheyenne Johns – EDI Application

Vevangapi Katjamana – EDI Application

S. Hutchings / K. Fletcher (Carried)

10.2 Indigenous Circle at AUSU

S. Hutchings

Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoints Amanda Tobin, Jo-Mary Crowchild-Fletcher, Marley Curtis, Regan Johnson, Tianna Green, and Trishtina Godoy-Contois as members of the Indigenous Circle at AUSU.

- Amanda Tobin – Indigenous Circle Application*
- Jo-Mary Crowchild-Fletcher – Indigenous Circle Application*
- Marley Curtis – Indigenous Circle Application*
- Regan Johnson – Indigenous Circle Application*
- Tianna Green – Indigenous Circle Application*
- Trishtina Godoy-Contois – Indigenous Circle Application*

K. Lowe / N. Iwanek (Carried)

10.3 Finance Committee

A. Eldoma

Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoints Leah Campbell and Jesse Poriz as members of the Finance Committee.

A. McDuffe / E. Notter (Carried)

10.4 Awards Committee

R. Johnson

Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoints Eva Notter and Cassandra MacKay as members of the Awards Committee.

S. Hutchings / E. Notter (Carried)

10.5 Member Engagement and Communications Committee

N. Iwanek

Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoints Dur-E-Najaf Syed as a member of the Member Engagement and Communications Committee.

S. Hutchings / N. Iwanek (Carried)

11.0 By-Election Update

J. Campbell

- J. Campbell gave an overview of the results of the recent by-election.

12.0 Executive Work Plans

S. Hutchings

- S. Hutchings gave an overview of the Executive Work Plan writing process and will be ready for presentation at the Council Retreat.

Reports	
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13.0 Reports for the month of June 2021

13.1 President’s Report

S. Hutchings

2021-06 President Report

13.2 Vice President External’s Report

K. Fletcher

2021-06 VP External Report

13.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration’s Report

A. Eldoma

2021-06 VP Finance and Administration Report

13.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report N. Iwanek
2021-06 VP Community and Wellness Report

13.5 Executive Committee Meeting Report A. Eldoma
2021-06 Executive Committee Report

Note: Executive meeting reports are not public and circulated only to council for review.

13.6 Finance Committee Report A. Eldoma
2021-06 Finance Committee Report

13.7 Awards Committee Report R. Johnson
2021-06 Awards Committee Report

13.8 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report N. Iwanek
2021-06 MEC Committee Report

13.9 Student Advisory Committee Report N. Iwanek
2021-06 Student Advisory Committee Report

13.10 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report N. Iwanek
2021-06 EDI Committee Report

13.11 Executive Director's Report J. Campbell
2021-06 Executive Director Report

13.12 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report A. Janes
2021-06 CMSC Report

Recognition and Acknowledgements

11.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements All

- S. Hutchings recognized the candidates who ran in the recent by-election.
- A. McDuffe recognized K. Fletcher for her hard work as VP External.
- C. MacKay recognized the Executive Committee for making her feel welcome in joining council.
- K. Fletcher recognized A. Eldoma for working on the relationship with Open University in the United Kingdom.
- N. Iwanek recognized the staff for all the great support.

Question and Answer Period

12.0 Question and Answer Period All

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of council will be: August 19, 2021
 Motion to Adjourn: S. Hutchings

Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Name	Status	Deadline