



# Athabasca University Students' Union

## Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 16, 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 Katy Lowe, Councillor Leah Campbell, Councillor Meredith Charlton, Councillor Regan Johnson, Indigenous Circle Representative Jo-Mary Crowchild-Fletcher (non-voting)

**Staff:** Executive Director Jodi Campbell, Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low

**Regrets:** Councillor Jesse Poriz

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### Agenda and Minutes

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Announcement of Accessibility Officer</b>  | S. Hutchings |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Land Acknowledgement</b><br>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 |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Call for Attendance</b>  | S. Hutchings |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Welcome and Member-At-Large Input</b>  | S. Hutchings |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Approval of Agenda</b><br><b>Motion:</b> BIRT AUSU Council approves the September 16, 2021, meeting agenda.<br><br><i>2021-09-16 Council Agenda</i><br><br><b>K. Fletcher / E. Notter (Carried)</b>  | S. Hutchings |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>Approval of Minutes</b><br><b>Motion:</b> BIRT AUSU Council approves the July 15, 2021, minutes.<br><br><i>2021-07-15 Council Minutes</i><br><br><b>K. Lowe / C. MacKay (Carried)</b>  | 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 agenda.

**New Business**

**8.0 Council Oath of Office** S. Hutchings / J. Crowchild-Fletcher

- S. Hutchings noted that the oath of office would be referred to the Indigenous Circle at AUSU for review and advice on amending the oath.

**9.0 AUSU 2021-2022 Budget** A. Eldoma

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the AUSU budget for 2021-2022 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

*AUSU Budget 2021-2022*

**A. Eldoma / N. Iwanek (Carried, A. McDuffe opposed)**

**10.0 AUSU Executive Workplan** S. Hutchings

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approves the 2021-2022 Executive Workplan.

*AUSU 2021-2022 Executive Workplan*

**A. Eldoma / L. Campbell (Carried)**

**11.0 Position Policy Updates** A. Eldoma

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council rescind Policy 9.10 Athabasca University's National Presence and remove it from the Position Policy Manual.

**A. Eldoma / S. Hutchings (Carried)**

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approves the updated copy of the AUSU Position Policy Manual and the included individual position policies.

*2021-09 AUSU Position Policy Manual*

- An action item was added to look at period between review of courses on Position Policy 9.12 Course and Program Development and Maintenance.

**S. Hutchings / M. Charleton (Carried)**

**12.0 Committee Appointments**  
**12.1 Executive Compensation Review Committee** J. Campbell

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council appoints Leah Campbell, Cassandra MacKay, and Meredith Charlton as voting members of the 2021 Executive Compensation Review Committee.

**S. Hutchings / K. Fletcher (Carried)**

## Reports

### 13.0 Reports for the Month of July and August 2021

**Note:** Regular reports are circulated prior to the meeting and updates may be provided by the author at the meeting. Questions regarding reports may be posed during the question and answer period.

#### 13.1 President's Report

*2021-07 President Report*

*2021-08 President Report*

S. Hutchings

#### 13.2 Vice President External's Report

*2021-07 VP External Report*

*2021-08 VP External Report*

K. Fletcher

#### 13.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report

*2021-07 and 2021-08 VP Finance and Administration Report*

A. Eldoma

#### 13.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report

*2021-07 VP Community and Wellness Report*

*2021-08 VP Community and Wellness Report*

N. Iwanek

#### 13.5 Executive Committee Meeting Report

*2021-07 Executive Committee Report*

*2021-08 Executive Committee Report*

A. Eldoma

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

#### 13.6 Finance Committee Report

*2021-07 Finance Committee Report*

*2021-08 Finance Committee Report*

A. Eldoma

#### 13.7 Awards Committee Report

*2021-07 Awards Committee Report*

*2021-08 Awards Committee Report*

R. Johnson

#### 13.8 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report

*2021-07 MEC Committee Report*

*2021-08 MEC Committee Report*

N. Iwanek

#### 13.9 Student Advisory Committee Report

*2021-07 Student Advisory Committee Report*

*2021-08 Student Advisory Committee Report*

N. Iwanek

#### 13.10 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report

*2021-07 EDI Committee Report*

*2021-08 EDI Committee Report*

N. Iwanek /

A. McDuffe

**13.11 Executive Director's Report**  
 2021-07 Executive Director Report  
 2021-08 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

**13.12 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report**  
 2021-07 and 2021-08 CMSC Report

A. Janes

**Recognition and Acknowledgements**

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All

- C. MacKay acknowledged the members of the Awards Committee for their hard work during the summer.
- K. Fletcher recognized Samantha Colvin and Duncan Wojtaszek for their hard work during the Get Out The Vote campaign.
- N. Iwanek welcomed A. McDuffe as the co-chair of the EDI committee.

**Question and Answer Period**

**15.0 Question & Answer Period**

All

- A question from the floor regarding the drop in career services budget line; J. Campbell replied there was a one time cost last year associated with VMock which is not needed this coming year.
- A question from the floor regarding the increase in executive travel; A. Eldoma replied the changes to CASA and CAUS travel and the hopeful end of the pandemic.

**Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: October 21, 2021  
 Motion to Adjourn

**Summary of Action Items**

Action Item	Name	Status
		Deadline
Review period between course reviews in Position Policy 9.21.	Executive Committee	Ongoing
		Nov. 2021