



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 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 (late), 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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| 1.0 | Announcement of Accessibility Officer | S. Hutchings |
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| 2.0 | Land Acknowledgement
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| 3.0 | Call for Attendance | S. Hutchings |
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| 4.0 | Welcome and Member-At-Large Input | S. Hutchings |
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| 5.0 | Approval of Agenda
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the October 21, 2021, meeting agenda.

<i>2021-10-21 Council Agenda</i>

E. Notter / C. MacKay (Carried) | S. Hutchings |
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| 6.0 | Approval of Minutes
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the September 16, 2021, minutes.

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L. Campbell / E. Notter (Carried) | S. Hutchings |

Old Business

7.0 Review of Action Items

All

- S. Hutchings, A. Eldoma, and K. Fletcher provided an update on course content review.

New Business

8.0 Council Oath of Office

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the updated copy of the Council Oath of Office as recommended by the Indigenous Circle at AUSU.

S. Hutchings /
J. Crowchild-
Fletcher

Councillor Oath Document

K. Fletcher / N. Iwanek (Tabled)

- Councillors agreed to table it to add to the sentence at the end of the Oath and refer back to the Indigenous Circle those changes.

9.1 Policy 9.21 Accessibility and Accommodations

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Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves Policy 2.21 Accessibility and Accommodations.

A. Eldoma /
N. Iwanek

Policy 2.21 Accessibility and Accommodations

A. Eldoma / N. Iwanek (Carried)

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the updates to Policy 5.02 Staff Hiring.

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A. Eldoma

Policy 5.02 Staff Hiring

- Friendly amendment to remove the word “compatibility” from the policy.

A. Eldoma / M. Charleton (Carried)

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the updates to Policy 7.02 Scholarships,

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A. Eldoma

Policy 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program

- Councillors discussed the closure of the Computer Bursary application during the Awards cycles.

S. Hutchings / A. Eldoma (Carried with two opposed)

Note: The following copy of Policy 5.03 Staff Management has been approved by the Executive Committee as a part of an informal review.

Policy 5.03 Staff Management

10.0 Awards Program Update J. Campbell

- J. Campbell provided an update on the Awards cycle and the applications received.

11.0 Pride Week Update N. Iwanek

- N. Iwanek provided an update on the upcoming Pride Week activities.

Reports

12.0 Reports for the Month of September 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.

12.1 President's Report S. Hutchings
2021-09 President Report

12.2 Vice President External's Report K. Fletcher
2021-09 VP External Report

12.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report A. Eldoma
2021-09 VP Finance and Administration Report

12.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report N. Iwanek
2021-09 VP Community and Wellness Report

12.5 Executive Committee Meeting Report A. Eldoma
2021-09 Executive Committee Report

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

12.6 Finance Committee Report A. Eldoma
2021-09 Finance Committee Report

12.7 Awards Committee Report R. Johnson
2021-09 Awards Committee Report

12.8 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report N. Iwanek
2021-09 MEC Committee Report

12.9 Student Advisory Committee Report N. Iwanek
2021-09 Student Advisory Committee Report

12.10 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report N. Iwanek /
A. McDuffe
2021-09 EDI Committee Report

12.11 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report J. Crowchild-
Fletcher
2021-09 Indigenous Circle Report

12.12 Executive Director's Report
2021-09 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

12.13 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report
2021-09 CMSC Report

A. Janes

Recognition and Acknowledgements

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All

- L. Campbell acknowledged N. Iwanek for the accessibility and accommodations policy.
- J. Campbell acknowledged R. Johnson and the Awards Committee for working so hard towards the year end.
- K. Fletcher acknowledged R. Johnson, the Awards Committee, and J. Mulder for the work of the Awards Committee.
- K. Fletcher acknowledged the work of the Indigenous Circle.
- A. Janes acknowledged N. Iwanek for her work on Pride Week.
- A. McDuffe acknowledged J. Crowchild-Fletcher for helping her.
- J. Campbell acknowledged the work of J. Poriz in his time as a councillor.

Question and Answer Period

14.0 Question & Answer Period

All

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: November 18, 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