



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:30pm MST

- Council:** President Stacey Hutchings (chair), Vice President External Karen Fletcher, Vice President Finance and Administration Leah Campbell, Vice President Community and Wellness Natalia Iwanek, Councillor Cassandra MacKay, Councillor Dur-E-Najaf Syed, Councillor Eva Notter, Councillor Katy Lowe, 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
- Guests:** Chad Knippel and Natalia Toth from KRP, Kent Provost
- Regrets:** Councillor Amber McDuffe

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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 January 20, 2022, meeting agenda. | S. Hutchings |

2022-01-20 Council Agenda

- The action item "Review period between course reviews in Position Policy 9.21" was added back to the action items to be spoken to in the meeting.

N. Iwanek / K. Lowe (Carried)

6.0 Approval of Minutes S. Hutchings
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the November 18 and November 23, 2021, minutes.

2021-11-18 Council Minutes
2021-11-23 Council Minutes

C. MacKay / D. Syed (Carried)

New Business

7.0 2021 Audited Financial Statements J. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU council accepts the 2021 audited financial statements as presented by Kingston Ross Pasnak (KRP).

2021 AUSU Audited Financial Statements
2021 AUSU Final Audit Findings Report

L. Campbell / D. Syed (Carried)

8.0 Selection of Auditors for 2022 J. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU council appoints Kingston Ross Pasnak (KRP) as AUSU's financial auditor for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

L. Campbell / E. Notter (Carried)

Old Business

9.0 Review of Action Items All

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

10.0 Council Oath S. Hutchings /
J. Crowchild-
Fletcher

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

2022-01-13 Councillor Oath

K. Fletcher / N. Iwanek (Carried)

New Business

11.0 Executive Compensation Review Committee
11.1 Report and Recommendations C.MacKay /
M.Charlton

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the recommendations made by the Executive Compensation Review Committee.

2022-01-20 ECRC Report to Council
2021-11-30 Executive Compensation Review Comparison

C. MacKay / M. Charlton (Carried)

11.2 Policy 2.15 Executive Accountability and Compensation

L. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updates to Policy 2.15 Executive Accountability and Compensation.

Policy 2.15 Executive Accountability and Compensation

C. MacKay / K. Lowe (Carried)

12.0 Policy Updates

12.1 Policy 2.03 Responsibilities of Executive Councillors

L. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updates to Policy 2.03 Responsibilities of Executive Councillors.

Policy 2.03 Responsibilities of Executive Councillors

L. Campbell / K. Fletcher (Carried)

12.2 Policy 2.06 Student Representatives on AU Committees

L. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updates to Policy 2.06 Student Representatives on AU Committees.

Policy 2.06 Student Representatives on AU Committees

S. Hutchings / D. Syed (Carried)

12.3 Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibility and Honoraria

L. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updates to Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibility and Honoraria.

Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibility and Honoraria

R. Johnson / N. Iwanek (Carried)

Note: The following copies of Policy 2.07 Member Representatives on AUSU Committees and 2.11 Committee Governance have been approved by the Executive Committee as a part of an informal review.

Policy 2.07 Member Representatives on AUSU Committees

Policy 2.11 Committee Governance

13.0 Near Virtual Work Environment

S. Hutchings

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the organizational move to a “near virtual work environment”, based on the proposed recommendation of the Executive Committee.

2022-01-04 AUSU Near Virtual Work Environment

L. Campbell / M. Charlton (Carried)

14.0 Committee Appointments
14.1 Finance Committee Appointment L. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoints Natalia Iwanek as a voting member of the Finance Committee.

S. Hutchings / L. Campbell (Carried)

14.2 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Appointment N. Iwanek

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoints Dur-E-Najaf Syed as a voting member of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.

S. Hutchings / C. MacKay (Carried)

Reports

15.0 Reports for the Month of November and December 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.

15.1 President's Report S. Hutchings
2021-11 President Report
2021-12 President Report
Resignation of Almigdad Eldoma

15.2 Vice President External's Report K. Fletcher
2021-11 VP External Report
2021-12 VP External Report

15.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report L. Campbell
2021-11 VP Finance and Administration Report
2021-12 VP Finance and Administration Report

15.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report N. Iwanek
2021-11 VP Community and Wellness Report
2021-12 VP Community and Wellness Report

15.5 Executive Committee Meeting Report L. Campbell
2021-11 Executive Committee Report
2021-12 Executive Committee Report

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

15.6 Finance Committee Report L. Campbell
2021-11 Finance Committee Report
2021-12 Finance Committee Report

<p>15.7 Awards Committee Report <i>2021-11 Awards Committee Report</i> <i>2021-12 Awards Committee Report</i></p>	<p>R. Johnson</p>
<p>15.8 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2021-11 MEC Committee Report</i> <i>2021-12 MEC Committee Report</i></p>	<p>N. Iwanek</p>
<p>15.9 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report <i>2021-11 EDI Committee Report</i> <i>2021-12 EDI Committee Report</i></p>	<p>N. Iwanek / A. McDuffe</p>
<p>15.10 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report <i>2021-11 Indigenous Circle Report</i> <i>2021-12 Indigenous Circle Report</i></p>	<p>J. Crowchild- Fletcher</p>
<p>15.11 Executive Compensation Review Committee <i>2021-11 ECRC Report</i> <i>2021-12 ECRC Report</i></p>	<p>C. MacKay</p>
<p>15.12 Executive Director's Report <i>2021-11 Executive Director Report</i> <i>2021-12 Executive Director Report</i></p>	<p>J. Campbell</p>
<p>15.13 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report <i>2021-11 CMSC Report</i> <i>2021-12 CMSC Report</i></p>	<p>A. Janes</p>

Recognition and Acknowledgements

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. Fletcher recognized all AUSU staff for their work on Research Week. • K. Fletcher recognized Jo-Mary Crowchild-Fletcher for her work on expanding her directness on meeting the needs of Indigenous students. • N. Iwanek recognized all AUSU staff for their work on recent events. • N. Iwanek recognized the hard work of the Indigenous Circle. • J. Campbell recognized the Executive Compensation Review Committee and their hard work in preparing recommendations for council. 	

Question and Answer Period

14.0	Question & Answer Period	All
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Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: February 17, 2022
Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items

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