

# Athabasca University Students' Union

# Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 17, 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 Amber McDuffe, Councillor Cassandra MacKay, Councillor Dur-E-Najaf Syed, Councillor Eva Notter, Councillor Katy Lowe, Councillor Regan Johnson, Indigenous Circle Representative Jo-Mary Crowchild-Fletcher (non-

voting)

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: Blake Collett, Kent Provost

Regrets: Councillor Meredith Charlton

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	Agenda and Minutes	
1.0	Announcement of Accessibility Officer	S. Hutchings
2.0	Land 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.	S. Hutchings
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 February 17, 2022, meeting agenda.	S. Hutchings
	2022-02-17 Council Agenda	
	L. Campbell / C. MacKay (Carried)	
6.0	Approval of Minutes  Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the January 20, 2022, minutes.	S. Hutchings
	2022-01-20 Council Minutes	
	N. Iwanek / K. Fletcher (Carried)	

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	Old Business	
7.0	Review of Action Items	All
	<b>Note:</b> The status of action items can be found at the bottom of the agenda.	

	New Business	
8.0	Councillor Oath of Office	S. Hutchings /
	President Stacey Hutchings will lead Jo-Mary Crowchild-Fletcher in reciting the Oath of Office.	J. Crowchild- Fletcher
	<ul> <li>All councillors recited the new oath, including J. Crowchild-Fletcher.</li> </ul>	
	2022-01 Councillor Oath	

9.0 Policy Updates 9.1 Policy 3.03 By-Elections

L. Campbell

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the updates to Policy 3.03 By-Elections.

Policy 3.03 By-Elections

K. Fletcher / R. Johnson (Carried)

9.2 Policy 6.06 Oversight

L. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updates to Policy 6.06 Oversight.

Policy 6.06 Oversight

K. Lowe / L. Campbell (Carried with one opposed)

9.3 Policy 8.02 Awards Committee Terms of Reference

L. Campbell

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU council approves the updates to Policy 8.02 Awards Committee Terms of Reference.

Policy 8.02 Awards Committee Terms of Reference

N. Iwanek / R. Johnson (Carried)

**Note:** The following copies of Policy 2.09 Delegation of Authority, Policy 2.10 Executive Director, and Policy 2.17 Non-Partisanship have been approved by the Executive Committee as a part of an informal review.

Policy 2.09 Delegation of Authority; Policy 2.10 Executive Director; Policy 2.17 Non-Partisanship

#### 10.0 Student Advisory Committee Report

N. Iwanek

**Motion:** BIRT the AUSU Council approves the dissolvement of the Student Advisory Committee and repeals Policy 8.10 Student Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

2022-02 Student Advisory Committee Report

#### L. Campbell / D. Syed (Carried)

#### 11.0 Health and Dental Plan Reserve

S. Hutchings

N. Iwanek /

A. McDuffe

J. Crowchild-

Fletcher

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approves the closure of the Health and Dental Plan Reserve and the transfer of its current funds totalling \$181.77 into the Awards and Bursaries Reserve.

#### L. Campbell / K. Fletcher (Carried)

#### Reports

#### 12.0 Reports for the Month of January 2022

2022-01 MEC Committee Report

2022-01 EDI Committee Report

2022-01 Indigenous Circle Report

12.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report

12.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report

**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 2022-01 President Report 2022-01 Executive Retreat Report	S. Hutchings
12.2 Vice President External's Report 2022-01 VP External Report	K. Fletcher
<b>12.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report</b> 2022-01 VP Finance and Administration Report	L. Campbell
12.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report 2022-01 VP Community and Wellness Report	N. Iwanek
12.5 Finance Committee Report 2022-01 Finance Committee Report	L. Campbell
12.6 Awards Committee Report 2022-01 Awards Committee Report	R. Johnson
12.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report	N. Iwanek

#### 12.10 Executive Director's Report

2022-01 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

# **12.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report**

A. Janes

2022-01 CMSC Report

### **Recognition and Acknowledgements**

#### 13.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements

Αll

- K. Fletcher recognized Athabasca University's data team for evaluating where students from Athabasca University are located for CASA.
- K. Lowe recognized E. Embree as a new parent while working hard on her research and being on council.
- N. Iwanek recognized AUSU Staff for their work on Black History Month and Research Week.
- R. Johnson recognized L. Campbell for stepping into the role of VPFA and chairing the Finance Committee so well.
- E. Embree recognized the work of K. Fletcher for the hard work on Research Week.

## **Question and Answer Period**

#### 14.0 Question & Answer Period

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#### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

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

Summary of Action Items		
Action Item	Status	
Name	Deadline	