

Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 6:30pm MST

Council: President External Karen Fletcher (chair), Vice President Finance and Administration

Leah Campbell, Vice President Community and Wellness Natalia Iwanek, Councillor Amber McDuffe, Councillor Dur-E-Najaf Syed, Councillor Eva Notter, Councillor Katy

Lowe, 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: Blake Collett, Cilhane Ahmed, Rebecca Wuebbolt, Trishtina Godoy-Controis, Allie

Wojtaszek, Anli He

Regrets: Councillor Cassandra MacKay, Councillor Meredith Charlton, Indigenous Circle

Representative Jo-Mary Crowchild-Fletcher

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Agenda and Minutes				
1.0	Announcement of Accessibility Officer	K. Fletcher		
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.	K. Fletcher		
3.0	Call for Attendance	K. Fletcher		
4.0	Welcome and Member-At-Large Input	K. Fletcher		
5.0	Approval of Agenda Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the March 17, 2022, meeting agenda.	K. Fletcher		

2022-03-17 Council Agenda

 The agenda was updated to list K. Fletcher responsible for items listed for S. Hutchings.

K. Lowe / D. Syed (Carried)

6.0 Approval of Minutes

K. Fletcher

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the February 17, 2022, minutes.

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N. Iwanek / D. Syed (Carried)

Old Business

7.0 Review of Action Items

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

New Business

8.0 Ratification of President

J. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU council ratify Karen Fletcher as AUSU President, as per Policy 3.02 Election of Executive Officers.

K. Lowe / N. Iwanek (Carried)

9.0 Election Results

J. Campbell

 J. Campbell provided an overview of the election and offered congratulations to all new Councillors and Indigenous Circle members.

10.0 Policy Updates

10.1 Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibilities and Honoraria and 8.02 Awards Committee Terms of Reference

L. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the updates to Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibilities and Honoraria, and 8.02 Awards Committee Terms of Reference.

Policy 2.14 Councillor Responsibilities and Honoraria Policy 8.02 Awards Committee Terms of Reference

Note: The following copies of Policy 2.04 Discipline, Policy 2.08 Meeting Attendance, and Policy 2.18 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion have been approved by the Executive Committee as a part of an informal review.

R. Johnson / E. Embree (Carried)

11.0 Annual Report

K. Fletcher

Motion: BIRT AUSU council approves the 2020-2021 AUSU Annual Report as presented.

2020-2021 AUSU Annual Report

N. Iwanek / K. Fletcher (Carried)

12.0 Indigenous Award

K. Fletcher

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the Indigenous Student Award as presented, as a pilot project.

2022-03 Indigenous Award Pilot Project

N. Iwanek / K. Lowe (Carried)

13.0 Virtual Food Assistance Program

K. Fletcher

2022-03 Virtual Food Assistance Program Statistics

Reports

14.0 Reports for the Month of February 2022

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.

14.1 President's Report		
2022-02 President Report		

Resignation of Stacey Hutchings

K. Fletcher

14.2 Vice President External's Report

2022-02 VP External Report

K. Fletcher

14.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report

2022-02 VP Finance and Administration Report

L. Campbell

14.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report

2022-02 VP Community and Wellness Report

N. Iwanek

14.5 Finance Committee Report

2022-02 Finance Committee Report

L. Campbell

14.6 Awards Committee Report

2022-02 Awards Committee Report

R. Johnson

14.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report

2022-02 MEC Committee Report

N. Iwanek

14.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report

2022-02 EDI Committee Report

N. Iwanek / A. McDuffe

14.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report

2022-02 Indigenous Circle Report

J. Crowchild-Fletcher

14.10 Executive Director's Report

2022-02 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

14.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report 2022-02 CMSC Report

A. Janes

Recognition and Acknowledgements

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- K. Fletcher recognized K. Lowe's contribution to undergraduate research and announced that AU would be creating a permanent research week.
- L. Campbell recognized staff for election and communications over the month.
- L. Campbell recognized K. Fletcher for stepping into the role of President.
- E. Embree recognized K. Fletcher for explaining the role of councillor so well over the course of the meeting.
- N. Iwanek recognized the Indigenous Circle, EDI Committee, and MECC for their input over the year.
- K. Fletcher recognized D. Wojtaszek for his work in the election.

Question and Answer Period

16.0 Question & Answer Period

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 T. Godoy-Contois asked about the ease of getting statistics from the AUSU app; A. Janes replied that it was a feature of the app.

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		