



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 6:30pm MDT

- Outgoing Council:** President 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 Embree, Councillor Katy Lowe, Councillor Regan Johnson
- Incoming Council:** President Karen Fletcher (chair), Vice President External and Indigenous Circle Representative Trishtina Godoy-Contois, Vice President Finance and Administration Dur-E-Najaf Syed, Vice President Community and Wellness Natalia Iwanek, Councillor Cilhane Ahmed, Councillor Blake Collett, Councillor Eva Embree, Councillor Anli He, Councillor Amber McDuffe, Councillor Allie Wojtaszek, Councillor Rebecca Wuebbolt
- 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:** Carly Tougas
- Regrets:** Councillor Cassandra MacKay, Councillor Meredith Charlton, Indigenous Circle Representative Jo-Mary Crowchild-Fletcher

Agenda and Minutes

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| 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 also recognize that our student members span across the lands we now know as Canada and abroad, and we acknowledge and celebrate these Indigenous histories, languages, and cultures. As an organization, AUSU is committed to decolonization, reconciliation, and conciliation efforts, acknowledging that there is much to unlearn. AUSU will continuously strive to build equitable relationships with Indigenous learners at AU, as well as Indigenous members and staff within AUSU, advocate with and for Indigenous learners through consultation, and create spaces that are inclusive, respectful, and equitable. | K. Fletcher |
| 3.0 | Call for Attendance | K. Fletcher |
| 4.0 | Welcome and Member-At-Large Input | K. Fletcher |

5.0 Approval of Agenda K. Fletcher
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the April 21, 2022, meeting agenda.

2022-04-21 Council Agenda

K. Lowe / R. Johnson (Carried)

6.0 Approval of Minutes K. Fletcher
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the March 17, 2022 and March 30, 2022 minutes.

2022-03-17 Council Minutes

2022-03-30 Executive Election Minutes

E. Embree / D. Syed (Carried)

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 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Plan N. Iwanek

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council accept the 2022 AUSU EDI Plan and adopt the recommended goals contained within the plan.

K. Lowe / N. Iwanek (Carried)

9.0 Executive Election Results J. Campbell

- J. Campbell congratulated K. Fletcher, T. Godoy-Contois, Dur-E-Najaf Syed, and N. Iwanek on their election as Executive Councillors for 2022-23.

Reports

10.0 Reports for the Month of March 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.

10.1 President and Vice President External's Report K. Fletcher
2022-03 President and VP External Report

10.2 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report L. Campbell
2022-03 VP Finance and Administration Report

10.3 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report N. Iwanek
2022-03 VP Community and Wellness Report

10.4 Finance Committee Report L. Campbell
2022-03 Finance Committee Report

10.5 Awards Committee Report <i>2022-03 Awards Committee Report</i>	R. Johnson
10.6 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2022-03 MEC Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
10.7 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report <i>2022-03 EDI Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek / A. McDuffe
10.8 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report	J. Crowchild- Fletcher
10.9 Executive Director's Report <i>2022-03 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
10.10 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report <i>2022-03 CMSC Report</i>	A. Janes

Council Changeover

11.0 Council Changeover	
11.1 Council Dissolution	K. Fletcher
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council declare the 2020-2022 term officially dissolved.	
K. Lowe / N. Iwanek (Carried)	
11.2 New Council Oath of Office	K. Fletcher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. Fletcher welcomed and led new and returning councillors in reciting the Oath of Office. 	
12.0 Appointment of AUSU Committees	
12.1 Finance Committee	D. Syed/ K. Fletcher
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint Cilhane Ahmed, Amber McDuffe, Rebecca Wuebbolt, Eva Embree, and Blake Collett as voting members of the Finance Committee.	
E. Embree / N. Iwanek (Carried)	
12.2 Awards Committee	D. Syed/ K. Fletcher
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint Eva Embree, Amber McDuffe, Cilhane Ahmed, Blake Collett as voting members of the Awards Committee.	
A. McDuffe / A. Wojtaszek (Carried)	
12.3 Member Engagement and Communications Committee	N. Iwanek
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint Allie Wojtaszek, Amber McDuffe, Rebecca Wuebbolt, and Trishtina Godoy-Contois as voting members of the Member Engagement and Communications Committee.	
N. Iwanek / A. McDuffe (Carried)	

12.4 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

N. Iwanek

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint Natalia Iwanek, Eva Embree, Allie Wojtaszek, Anli He, Amber McDuffe as voting members of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.

A. McDuffe / D. Syed (Carried)

Recognition and Acknowledgements

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13.1 Appreciation for the 2020-2022 AUSU Council

K. Fletcher

- K. Fletcher recognized and expressed appreciation for the hard work the 2020-2022 AUSU Council in leading the organization through the past two years and leaving AUSU better than when they found it.

13.2 Recognition and Acknowledgements

All

- K. Lowe thanked everyone and all of AUSU for a wonderful experience on Council as a life changing event.
- L. Campbell acknowledged her colleagues on the Executive Committee and staff for supporting her as VP Finance and Administration.
- A. McDuffe recognized K. Lowe and R. Johnson for mentoring her when she was a new councillor.
- N. Iwanek recognized all outgoing councillors for their important contributions to AUSU.
- K. Fletcher recognized all new councillors and thanked them for putting their names forward.

Question and Answer Period

16.0 Question & Answer Period

All

- K. Low asked about the election of T. Godoy-Contois as VP External given she was not elected as a councillor in the general election; J. Campbell answered that she was elected as the Indigenous Circle representative to Council and has the full rights and responsibilities as other councillors, including the ability to run for the Executive Committee.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: May 19, 2022
Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Status
Name	Deadline