



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 19, 2022, at 6:32pm MDT

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

Regrets:

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
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the May 19, 2022, meeting agenda.

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D. Syed / B. Collett (Carried) | K. Fletcher |
| 6.0 | Approval of Minutes
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the April 21, 2022 minutes.

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E. Embree / N. Iwanek (Carried) | K. Fletcher |

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 Appointment of AUSU Committees
8.1 Member Engagement and Communications Committee N. Iwanek

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoints Lorie Tran to the Member Engagement and Communications Committee, as the student-at-large voting member.

K. Fletcher / A. McDuffe (Carried)

8.2 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee J. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoints Vevangapi Katjamana to the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, as the student-at-large voting member.

R. Weubbolt / D. Syed (Carried)

9.0 Policy Updates
9.1 Policy 2.16 Email Voting D. Syed

Policy 2.16 Email Voting

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 2.16 Email Voting.

D. Syed / C. Ahmed (Carried)

Note: The attached copies of Policy 2.13 Code of Ethics and Policy 8.09 Executive Committee Terms of Reference have been approved by the Executive Committee as a part of an informal review.

10.0 Annual Members' Meeting K. Fletcher

- K. Fletcher announced the members' meeting next week on May 26, 2022.

Reports

11.0 Reports for the Month of April 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.

11.1 President and Vice President External's Report K. Fletcher
2022-04 President Report

11.2 Vice President External's Report T. Godoy-Contois
2022-04 VP External Report

11.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report D. Syed
2022-04 VP Finance and Administration Report

11.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report <i>2022-04 VP Community and Wellness Report</i>	N. Iwanek
11.5 Finance Committee Report <i>2022-04 Finance Committee Report</i>	D. Syed
11.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2022-04 Awards Committee Report</i>	D. Syed
11.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2022-04 MEC Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
11.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report <i>2022-04 EDI Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
11.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report <i>2022-04 Indigenous Circle Report</i>	T. Godoy-Contois
11.10 Executive Director's Report <i>2022-04 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
11.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report <i>2022-04 CMSC Report</i>	A. Janes

Recognition and Acknowledgements

12.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements	K. Fletcher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N. Iwanek recognized D. Syed and T. Godoy-Contois for their work as new Executive Councillors. K. Fletcher thanked all Councillors who helped identify problematic course content over the last year. D. Syed recognized the Awards Committee for their work on getting bursaries and awards out right away and the level of participation. D. Syed recognized the work of the Finance Committee to date. D. Syed recognized K. Fletcher and N. Iwanek for their work in orientation. K. Fletcher recognized D. Wojtaszek for ensuring the EC retreat was accessible for virtual participation. 	

Question and Answer Period

13.0 Question & Answer Period	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. Low asked D. Syed which committees she is enjoying so far. D. Syed replied the Student Appeals Committee was enjoyable but is confidential, so can't go into further details. 	

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: June 16, 2022
Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Status	
	Name	Deadline