



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 16, 2022 at 6:33pm 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 Anli He, Councillor Amber McDuffe, Councillor Allie Wojtaszek,
Staff:	Executive Director Jodi Campbell, Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Ashley Janes
Regrets:	Councillor Eva Embree, Councillor Rebecca Wuebbolt, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low

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 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 June 16, 2022 meeting agenda. <i>2022-06-16 Council Agenda</i> D. Syed / A. He (Carried)	K. Fletcher
6.0	Approval of Minutes Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the May 19, 2022 minutes. <i>2022-05-19 Council Minutes</i> B. Collett / N. Iwanek (Carried)	K. Fletcher

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

New Business		
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8.0	Appointment of AUSU Committees	
	8.1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee	N. Iwanek

Grayson Thate EDI Application
Whitney Hodgins EDI Application

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoints Grayson Thate and Whitney Hodgins to the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee as the member-at-large voting members for the 2022-2023 committee term.

A. He / T. Godoy-Contois (Carried)

9.0	Policy Updates	
	9.1 Policy 8.01 Finance Committee Terms of Reference	D. Syed

Policy 8.01 Finance Committee Terms of Reference

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 8.01 Finance Committee Terms of Reference.

D. Syed / C. Ahmed (Carried)

Note: The attached copies of Policy 8.02 Awards Committee Terms of Reference, Policy 8.04 Member Engagement and Communications Committee Terms of Reference, Policy 8.08 Executive Compensation Review 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. Fletcher announced the members' meeting next week on June 27, 2022. 	

Reports		
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11.0	Reports for the Month of May 2022	
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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
	<i>2022-05 President Report</i>	

	11.2 Vice President External's Report	T. Godoy-Contois
	<i>2022-05 VP External Report</i>	

	11.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report	D. Syed
	<i>2022-05 VP Finance and Administration Report</i>	

11.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report <i>2022-05 VP Community and Wellness Report</i>	N. Iwanek
11.5 Finance Committee Report <i>2022-05 Finance Committee Report</i>	D. Syed
11.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2022-05 Awards Committee Report</i>	D. Syed
11.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2022-05 MEC Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
11.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report <i>2022-05 EDI Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
11.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report <i>2022-05 Indigenous Circle Report</i>	T. Godoy-Contois
11.10 Executive Director's Report <i>2022-05 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
11.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report <i>2022-05 CMSC Report</i>	A. Janes

Recognition and Acknowledgements

12.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements	K. Fletcher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Collett noted the hard work of the Finance and Awards Committees this past month. K. Fletcher acknowledged J. Mulder for preparing the awards applications and for arranging travel for the Council retreat. K. Fletcher recognized the work of T. Godoy-Contois for her work at CASA last week in Ottawa. D. Syed thanked the Awards Committee for their hard work in going through the applications and especially C. Ahmed for her work on the awards spreadsheet. 	

Question and Answer Period

13.0 Question & Answer Period	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T. Godoy-Contois asked councillors about what front line frustrations exist at Athabasca University; A. McDuffe replied that finding specific individuals is impossible; B. Collett replied that often Facebook is a better place to get information even from AU employees than calling the Information Centre. T. Godoy-Contois asked councillors if Front Line Services to present to Council; all councillors agreed it was a good idea. T. Godoy-Contois asked if anyone had heard about student competitions within certain courses; no one had heard of it; A. McDuffe expressed that it would be better if AU used the MyAU portal better to communicate to students. 	

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: August 18, 2022
Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items		
Action Item	Name	Status Deadline