



# Athabasca University Students' Union

## Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 25, 2022 at 6:30pm 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

**Guests:** Jana Menard

**Regrets:**

### Agenda and Minutes

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Announcement of Accessibility Officer</b>  | K. Fletcher |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Land Acknowledgement</b><br>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 |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Call for Attendance</b>  | K. Fletcher |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Welcome and Member-At-Large Input</b>  | K. Fletcher |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Approval of Agenda</b>   | K. Fletcher |

#### *2022-08-25 Council Agenda*

- T. Godoy-Contois moved to table the policies until the meeting on September 15, 2022, and was agreed to as a friendly amendment.
- T. Godoy-Contois moved to table budget.

**Motion:** Table the AUSU 2022-2023 Budget until the September 15, 2022 Council meeting.

**T. Godoy-Contois / A. McDuffe (Carried)**

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approves the August 25, 2022 meeting agenda as amended.

**E. Embree / C. Ahmed (Carried)**

**6.0 Approval of Minutes**

K. Fletcher

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approves the June 16, 2022 minutes.

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**T. Godoy-Contois / 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 Parking Lot List**

T. Godoy-Contois

- There was a broad conversation around looking at categorizing the parking lot list developed between meetings by Council.
- D. Syed is tasked with summarizing the parking lot into themes and provide a summary to Council.

**9.0 In-Camera Discussion**

D. Syed

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council agrees to move-in camera.

**D. Syed / C. Ahmed (Carried)**

**Motion:** BIRT that the AUSU Council has determined that Trishtina Godoy-Contois has breached Policy 2.13 Code of Ethics by failing to conduct herself in a respectful, professional manner during an AU stakeholder meeting.

*2022-08-25 Complaint Review*

**K. Fletcher / N. Iwanek (Failed)**

**10.0 VMock Resume Review**

N. Iwanek

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approves the discontinuation of the VMock Resume Review service.

**B. Collett / N. Iwanek (Carried)**

**11.0 Email Vote Ratification**

K. Fletcher

**Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council ratify the email motion that was passed on June 29, 2022 that states “BIRT Council approves AUSU’s members-at-large eligibility for the current Pride Week AUSU’s ad hoc Two-Spirit, Trans, Non Binary, Gender Non-Conforming Students Bursary, to be awarded in July 2022.”

The motion was moved by K. Fletcher and seconded by E. Embree.

*Policy 2.16 Email Voting*

**K. Fletcher / N. Iwanek (Carried)**

**Motion:** Table the rest of the agenda for the September 15, 2022 meeting except for the Question and Answer Period.

**A. McDuffe / K. Fletcher**

Question and Answer Period		
12.0	Question & Answer Period	All
Next Meeting and Adjournment		
The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: September 15, 2022		
Motion to Adjourn		
Summary of Action Items		
Action Item		Status
Name		Deadline
Summarizing the parking lot from the August 12, 2022 informal meeting into themes and provide a summary to Council.		Started
D. Syed		Sept. 15, 2022