



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:03pm 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, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Ashley Janes

Guests: Jana Menard

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 October 20, 2022 meeting agenda.

<i>2022-10-20 Council Agenda</i>

D. Syed / B. Collett (Carried) | K. Fletcher |
| 6.0 | Approval of Minutes

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the September 15, 2022 minutes. | K. Fletcher |

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D. Syed / E. Embree (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.	
8.0	Policy Updates	
	8.1 AUSU Position Policies	D. Syed
	<i>2022-08 AUSU Position Policy Manual</i>	
	Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the updated copy of the AUSU Position Policy Manual and the included individual position policies.	
	K. Fletcher / E. Embree (Carried)	

New Business		
9.0	Policy Updates	
	9.1 Policy 2.16 Email Voting	D. Syed
	<i>Policy 2.16 Email Voting</i>	
	Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 2.16 Email Voting.	
	R. Wuebbolt / T. Godoy-Contois (Carried)	
	Note: The attached copies of Policy 7.01 Member Services and Policy 7.03 The Voice Magazine have been approved by the Executive Committee as a part of an informal review.	
	<i>Policy 7.01 Member Services</i>	
	<i>Policy 7.03 The Voice Magazine</i>	

Reports		
10.0	Reports for the Month of September 2022	
	10.1 President's Report	K. Fletcher
	<i>2022-09 President Report</i>	
	10.2 Vice President External's Report	T. Godoy-Contois
	<i>2022-09 VP External Report</i>	
	10.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report	D. Syed
	<i>2022-09 VP Finance and Administration Report</i>	
	10.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report	N. Iwanek
	<i>2022-09 VP Community and Wellness Report</i>	
	10.5 Finance Committee Report	D. Syed
	<i>2022-09 Finance Committee Report</i>	

10.6 Awards Committee Report
2022-09 Awards Committee Report

D. Syed

10.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report
2022-09 MEC Committee Report

N. Iwanek

10.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report
2022-09 EDI Committee Report

N. Iwanek

10.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report
2022-09 VP External Report

T. Godoy-Contois

10.10 Executive Director's Report
2022-09 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

10.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report
2022-09 CMSC Report

A. Janes

Recognition and Acknowledgements

11.0 Funding Visiting Students at Athabasca University

K. Fletcher

- K. Fletcher announced that visiting students that choose Athabasca University full-time can now apply for student aid in Alberta and thanked A McDuffe, CAUS, and all of AUSU for their support in fixing the problem.

15.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements

All

- All of Council thanked B. Collett for his hard work on policy.
- N. Iwanek thanked everyone involved in Pride Week. K. Fletcher thanked N. Iwanek for championing diverse events at AUSU.
- N. Iwanek thanked A. Wojtaszek and D. Wojtaszek for their work on the Rocky Horror Picture Show watch party.

Question and Answer Period

16.0 Question & Answer Period

All

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: November 17, 2022
Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items			
Action Item	Name	Status	Deadline
Review comments and suggest further changes to Policy 2.07 Member Representatives on AUSU Committees around shortlisting, absences, and alternative forms of remuneration.	D. Syed	Started	Ongoing
Look at changing council and executive retreats for accessibility, efficacy, and cost.	K. Fletcher	Started	Ongoing
Review comments and suggest further changes to Policy 7.02 Awards around emergency bursary approval and the suspension of the online emergency bursary collection.	D. Syed	Coming at Nov. Council Meeting	Nov. 17, 2022
Look at decisions being ratified at public meetings in bylaws.	D. Syed	Started	Dec. 2022