



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:00pm MST

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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

- Please consider the key ethical principles of AUSU, which are respect for persons, respect for the organization, and respect for the common good.
- Attendees are encouraged to mute when not speaking to reduce background noise for all participants.
- The meeting will be recorded and will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order to ensure effectiveness.

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

Note: This is an opportunity to welcome guest observers and offer an opportunity for member input prior to the adoption of the agenda.

- 5.0 Approval of Agenda** K. Fletcher
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the November 17, 2022 meeting agenda.

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- 6.0 Approval of Minutes** K. Fletcher
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the October 20, 2022 minutes.

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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 to the Indigenous Circle at AUSU**

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint Jessica Anderson to the Indigenous Circle at AUSU for the 2022-2023 term.

2022-09-28 IC Application

- 9.0 Policy 2.04 Discipline** B. Collett

Policy 2.04 Discipline

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 2.04 Discipline.

- 10.0 Formal Complaint** T. Godoy-Contois

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council go in camera.

- 11.0 Policy 7.02 Awards** D. Syed

Policy 7.02 Awards

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 7.02 Awards.

Note: The attached copies of Policy 6.01 General Financial Management, Policy 6.03 Expense Claims, and Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses have been approved by the Executive Committee as a part of an informal review.

Policy 6.01 General Financial Management

Policy 6.03 Expense Claims

Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses

Reports		
12.0	Reports for the Month of October 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.	
	12.1 President's Report <i>2022-10 President Report</i>	K. Fletcher
	12.2 Vice President External's Report	T. Godoy-Contois
	12.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report <i>2022-10 VP Finance and Administration Report</i>	D. Syed
	12.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report <i>2022-10 VP Community and Wellness Report</i>	N. Iwanek
	12.5 Finance Committee Report <i>2022-10 Finance Committee Report</i>	D. Syed
	12.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2022-10 Awards Committee Report</i>	D. Syed
	12.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2022-10 MEC Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
	12.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report <i>2022-10 EDI Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
	12.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report	T. Godoy-Contois
	12.10 Executive Director's Report <i>2022-10 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
	12.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report <i>2022-10 CMSC Report</i>	A. Janes
Recognition and Acknowledgements		
13.0	Canada Student Loans Become Interest-Free and Improvements to the Repayment Assistance Plan	K. Fletcher
14.0	Recognition and Acknowledgements Councillors, staff, and observers are encouraged to make a brief statement recognizing and acknowledging organizational and individual accomplishments in the past month, highlighting where AUSU continues to make a positive difference in members' lives.	K. Fletcher
Question and Answer Period		
15.0	Question & Answer Period Councillors and observers are encouraged to participate in the question & answer period. This is a regular part of this meeting and as such will be recorded, will follow Robert's Rules of Order, and will be included in the	All

minutes. Written questions may be provided by councillors or members to president@ausu.org and will be highlighted during this agenda item.

Each individual may be limited to one or two questions per meeting in order to allow access to as many participants as possible. At the discretion of the chair, and if time allows, additional questions may be asked by an individual. The chair will direct all questions to the appropriate councillor or staff member for a response.

Members are also invited to contact the AUSU office with any questions that arise from the meeting at ausu@ausu.org or 780-497-7000.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: December 15, 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	Completed	Nov. 17, 2022