



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

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

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
Guests:	Jana Menard
Regrets:	Communications and Member Services Coordinator Ashley Janes

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	K. Fletcher

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the November 17, 2022 meeting agenda.

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T. Godoy-Contois / B. Collett (Carried)

6.0 Approval of Minutes K. Fletcher

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the October 20, 2022 minutes.

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E. Embree / N. Iwanek (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 Appointment to the Indigenous Circle at AUSU K. Fletcher

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

2022-09-28 IC Application

D. Syed / E. Embree (Carried)

9.0 Policy 2.04 Discipline B. Collett

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

Policy 2.04 Discipline

K. Fletcher / T. Godoy-Contois (Carried)

10.0 Formal Complaint T. Godoy-Contois

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council go in camera excluding all non-voting members except the Executive Director.

A. Wojtaszek / E. Embree (Carried)

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the executive committee seeking HR mediation.

K. Fletcher / A. Wojtaszek (Carried)

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council table all items except acknowledgements and question and answer period to the next meeting of Council.

K. Fletcher / R. Weubbolt

Recognition and Acknowledgements

13.0 Canada Student Loans Become Interest-Free and Improvements to the Repayment Assistance Plan K. Fletcher

- K. Fletcher highlighted the major successes AUSU and CASA had in changes to the Canada Student Loan Program.

15.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements All

- T. Godoy-Contois acknowledged all of Council, especially N. Iwanek and D. Syed for their work in having difficult conversations.

Question and Answer Period

16.0 Question & Answer Period All

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	Ongoing	
Look at changing council and executive retreats for accessibility, efficacy, and cost.	K. Fletcher	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. 2022
Look at decisions being ratified at public meetings in bylaws.	D. Syed	Ongoing	