



# Athabasca University Students' Union

## Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 15, 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	<b>Announcement of Accessibility Officer</b>	K. Fletcher
2.0	<b>Land Acknowledgement</b> 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	<b>Call for Attendance</b>	K. Fletcher
4.0	<b>Welcome and Member-At-Large Input</b>	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 December 15, 2022 meeting agenda.

*2022-12-15 Council Agenda*

- 6.0 Approval of Minutes** K. Fletcher  
**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approves the November 17, 2022 minutes.

*2022-11-17 Council Minutes*

#### 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 7.02 Awards** D. Syed

*Policy 7.02 Awards*

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

#### New Business

- 9.0 Student Price Card** K. Fletcher

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approves the SPC student discount card as a new service at AUSU.

**Note:** After consultation with the Member Engagement and Communications committee and the Executive Team, AUSU is proud to offer the Student Price Card (SPC) to AU students. This motion formalizes this new student discount service for AU undergrads. Student purchase price for SPC will be \$11.99 annually.

- 10.0 Policies**  
**10.1 Policy 2.07 Member Representatives on AUSU Committees** D. Syed

*Policy 2.07 Member Representatives on AUSU Committees*

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 2.07 Member Representatives on AUSU Committees.

- 10.2 Policy 2.22 Informal Dispute Resolution** D. Syed

*Policy 2.22 Informal Dispute Resolution*

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approve Policy 2.22 Informal Dispute Resolution.

### 10.3 Policy 6.05 Expenditures

D. Syed

#### *Policy 6.05 Expenditures*

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 6.05 Expenditures.

**Note:** The attached copies of Policy 6.06 Oversight, Policy 6.07 Reserves and Investments, and Policy 6.08 Membership Fees have been approved by the Executive Committee as a part of an informal review.

#### *Policy 6.06 Oversight*

#### *Policy 6.07 Reserves and Investments*

#### *Policy 6.08 Membership Fees*

### 11.0 By-Election

K. Fletcher

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council set a by-election for March 16, 2023 with voting days from March 16-21, 2023 to fill vacancies on Council.

## Reports

### 12.0 Reports for the Month of October and November 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**

K. Fletcher

*2022-10 President Report*

*2022-11 President Report*

#### **12.2 Vice President External's Report**

T. Godoy-Contois

#### **12.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report**

D. Syed

*2022-10 VP Finance and Administration Report*

*2022-11 VP Finance and Administration Report*

#### **12.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report**

N. Iwanek

*2022-10 VP Community and Wellness Report*

*2022-11 VP Community and Wellness Report*

#### **12.5 Finance Committee Report**

D. Syed

*2022-10 Finance Committee Report*

*2022-11 Finance Committee Report*

#### **12.6 Awards Committee Report**

D. Syed

*2022-10 Awards Committee Report*

*2022-11 Awards Committee Report*

#### **12.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report**

N. Iwanek

*2022-10 MEC Committee Report*

*2022-11 MEC Committee Report*

**12.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report**

N. Iwanek

*2022-10 EDI Committee Report**2022-11 EDI Committee Report***12.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report**

T. Godoy-Contois

**12.10 Executive Director's Report**

J. Campbell

*2022-10 Executive Director Report**2022-11 Executive Director Report***12.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report**

A. Janes

*2022-10 CMSC Report**2022-11 CMSC Report***Recognition and Acknowledgements****13.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements**

K. Fletcher

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.

**Question and Answer Period****14.0 Question & Answer Period**

All

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 minutes. Written questions may be provided by councillors or members to [president@ausu.org](mailto: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](mailto:ausu@ausu.org) or 780-497-7000.

**Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: January 19, 2023

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	Completed	Dec. 15, 2022
Look at changing council and executive retreats for accessibility, efficacy, and cost.	K. Fletcher	Started	Ongoing
Look at decisions being ratified at public meetings in bylaws.	D. Syed	Started	January 19, 2023