



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 16, 2023 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 February 16, 2023 meeting agenda.

2023-02-16 Council Agenda

- 6.0 Approval of Minutes** K. Fletcher
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the January 19, 2023 minutes.

2023-01-19 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.

New Business

- 8.0 Policies**
8.1 Policy 8.12 EDI Committee Terms of Reference N. Iwanek

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Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 8.12 EDI Committee Terms of Reference.

- 8.2 Policy 9.31 Accessibility and Accommodations** N. Iwanek

Policy 9.31 Accessibility and Accommodations

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve Policy 9.31 Accessibility and Accommodations and include it AUSU's Position Policy Manual.

Note: The attached copies of Policy 2.18 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Policy 4.01 Privacy, Policy 4.02 Copyright, and Policy 4.03 Records Management have been approved by the Executive Committee as a part of an informal review.

Policy 2.18 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Policy 4.01 Privacy

Policy 4.02 Copyright

Policy 4.03 Records Management

- 9.0 Indigenous Circle Appointments** T. Godoy-Contois

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council Juanita Powder, Amanda Leeman, Jennifer Nabess, Kate Hamshere, Rylee Feschuk, Janis Gullion, Joni Roy, Sasha Chiefbody, and Sonya Stuffco-McGee to the Indigenous Circle at AUSU.

- 10.0 AUSU Survey Results** J. Campbell

2022 AUSU Annual Survey Results

Note: A discussion around the results of the AUSU survey in the fall of 2022 that received over 900 responses.

11.0 Alberta Blue Cross Budgeted Expenditure Overage J. Campbell

2023-02 Alberta Blue Cross Overview

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the expenditure of \$36,620 to Alberta Blue Cross for staff benefits, an overage of \$8,280 over the budgeted amount for 2022-2023.

12.0 AUSU EDI Report and Recommendations N. Iwanek

2023-02 AUSU EDI Report

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council accept the 2023 AUSU EDI Report and set the EDI goals of advocate for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC's) Calls to Action, within AUSU, AU, the provincial and federal governments, and all external advocacy efforts; create more equitable, diverse, and inclusive spaces within AUSU; celebrate the voices and experiences of equity-deserving groups within AUSU; create accessible spaces within AUSU, and advocate to the university and all external advocacy efforts; advocate for EDI principles at AU, and advocate for EDI principles at the provincial and federal levels.

13.0 AUSU EDI Audit N. Iwanek

2023-02 AUSU EDI Audit Proposals

2023-02 Proposal 1 – Erin Davis Co.

2023-02 Proposal 2 – CCDI Consulting Inc.

2023-02 Proposal 4 – Ajané Adams

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve an expenditure of up to \$3,000 for an EDI audit from Ajané Adams.

Reports

14.0 Reports for the Month of January 2023

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.

14.1 President's Report

K. Fletcher

2023-01 President Report

14.2 Vice President External's Report

T. Godoy-Contois

14.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report

D. Syed

2023-01 VP Finance and Administration Report

14.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report

N. Iwanek

2023-01 VP Community and Wellness Report

14.5 Finance Committee Report

D. Syed

2023-01 Finance Committee Report

14.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2023-01 Awards Committee Report</i>	D. Syed
14.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2023-01 MEC Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
14.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report <i>2023-01 EDI Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
14.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report	T. Godoy-Contois
14.10 Executive Director's Report <i>2023-01 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
14.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report <i>2023-01 CMSC Report</i>	A. Janes

Recognition and Acknowledgements

14.0 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

15.0 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 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: March 16, 2023
Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items			
Action Item	Name	Status	Deadline
Schedule a workshop for Councillors to review AUSU's bylaws in advance of being brought to Council.	D. Wojtaszek	Started	March 2023
Develop the terms of reference for a Policy Committee.	D. Syed	Started	March 2023