



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00pm MDT

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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 March 16, 2023 meeting agenda.

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- 6.0 Approval of Minutes** K. Fletcher
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the February 16, 2023 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 Policies**
8.1 Policy 4.06 Annual Timeline and Executive Work Plan D. Syed

Policy 4.06 Annual Timeline and Executive Work Plan

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 4.06 Annual Timeline and Executive Work Plan.

Note: The attached copies of Policy 4.04 Professional Development and Policy 4.09 Membership in Good Standing have been approved by the Executive Committee as a part of an informal review.

Policy 4.04 Professional Development
Policy 4.09 Membership in Good Standing

- 9.0 Ratification of E-Mail Vote** K. Fletcher
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council ratify the email motion that was passed on March 7, 2023 that states "BIRT Council approves the AUSU EDI Audit by Ajané Adams for a cost of \$2,400." The motion was moved by K. Fletcher and seconded by N. Iwanek.

- 10.0 AUSU Annual Report** J. Campbell
2023-02 AUSU Annual Report

Note: A discussion around the AUSU annual report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, highlighting accomplishments and our financial statements for that year.

Reports

- 11.0 Reports for the Month of February 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.

11.1 President's Report <i>2023-02 President Report</i>	K. Fletcher
11.2 Vice President External's Report	T. Godoy-Contois
11.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report	D. Syed
11.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report <i>2023-02 VP Community and Wellness Report</i>	N. Iwanek
11.5 Finance Committee Report <i>2023-02 Finance Committee Report</i>	D. Syed
11.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2023-02 Awards Committee Report</i>	D. Syed
11.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2023-02 MEC Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
11.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report <i>2023-02 EDI Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
11.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report	T. Godoy-Contois
11.10 Executive Director's Report <i>2023-02 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
11.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report	A. Janes

Recognition and Acknowledgements

12.0 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

13.0 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: April 20, 2023; an Executive Election date will be scheduled following the by-election.

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	Completed	March 2023
Develop the terms of reference for a Policy Committee.	D. Syed	Coming to Council on April 20, 2023.	April 2023
Inquire with Alberta Blue Cross the costs and coverage of providing a health and dental plan for students at Athabasca University.	J. Campbell	Ongoing	April 2023