



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

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

Council: President Karen Fletcher (chair), 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 Rebecca Wuebbolt, Councillor Allie Wojtaszek

Staff: Executive Director Jodi Campbell, Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low

Regrets: Vice President External Trishtina Godoy-Contois, Councillor Amber McDuffe

Agenda and Minutes

1.0 Announcement of Accessibility Officer K. Fletcher

2.0 Land Acknowledgement K. Fletcher

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.

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 March 16, 2023 meeting agenda.

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- A friendly amendment to add the AUSU Investment Guidelines to follow the ratification of the e-mail vote.

K. Fletcher / D. Syed (Carried)

6.0 Approval of Minutes K. Fletcher

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the February 16, 2023 minutes.

N. Iwanek / A. He (Carried)

Old Business		
7.0	Review of Action Items Note: The status of action items can be found at the bottom of the agenda.	All
New Business		
8.0	Policies 8.1 Policy 4.06 Annual Timeline and Executive Work Plan <i>Policy 4.06 Annual Timeline and Executive Work Plan</i> Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 4.06 Annual Timeline and Executive Work Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none">A friendly amendment was adopted to replace 4.06.02.b to read "Elections for both Council and the Executive Committee are conducted, as per policy, between February and April of a given year."	D. Syed
	C. Ahmed / D. Syed (Carried) 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. <i>Policy 4.04 Professional Development</i> <i>Policy 4.09 Membership in Good Standing</i>	
9.0	Ratification of E-Mail Vote 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. B. Collett / A. Wojtaszek (Carried)	K. Fletcher
10.0	AUSU Investment Guidelines Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to the AUSU Investment Guidelines as recommended by the Finance Committee. D. Syed / K. Fletcher (Carried)	D. Syed
11.0	AUSU Annual Report <i>2023-02 AUSU Annual Report</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">J. Campbell provided an overview of the Annual Report and highlighted the need to update the names of VP Finance and Administration during the 2021-2022 fiscal year to include Leah Campbell.	J. Campbell

Reports		
12.0	Reports for the Months of February 2023	
	12.1 President's Report <i>2023-02 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>2023-02 VP Finance and Administration Report</i>	D. Syed
	12.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report <i>2023-02 VP Community and Wellness Report</i>	N. Iwanek
	12.5 Finance Committee Report <i>2023-02 Finance Committee Report</i>	D. Syed
	12.6 Awards Committee Report <i>2023-02 Awards Committee Report</i>	D. Syed
	12.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2023-02 MEC Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
	12.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report <i>2023-02 EDI Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
	12.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report	T. Godoy-Contois
	12.10 Executive Director's Report <i>2023-02 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
Recognition and Acknowledgements		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. Fletcher acknowledged the hard work D. Syed has done on the Investment Guidelines. D. Syed acknowledged A. Wojtaszek for bringing up the initial concerns on the Investment Guidelines. K. Fletcher recognized B. Collett's work on advocacy for students with ProctorU. 	
Question and Answer Period		
13.0	Question & Answer Period	All
Next Meeting and Adjournment		
<p>The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: April 20, 2023; an Executive Election date will be scheduled following the by-election.</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn</p>		
Summary of Action Items		
Action Item		Status
		Deadline
Develop the terms of reference for a Policy Committee.		Coming to Council on April 20, 2023.

D. Syed	April 2023
Inquire with Alberta Blue Cross the costs and coverage of providing a health and dental plan for students at Athabasca University.	Ongoing
J. Campbell	April 2023