



# Athabasca University Students' Union

## Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 5:30pm MDT

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### Outgoing Council:

President Karen Fletcher (chair), Vice President External and Indigenous Circle Representative Trishtina Godoy-Contois, Vice President Finance and Administration Naju Syed, Vice President Community and Wellness Natalia Iwanek, Councillor Cilhane Ahmed, Councillor Chantel Bradley, Councillor Blake Collett, Councillor Eva Embree, Councillor Anli He, Councillor Manmeet Kaur, Councillor Amber McDuffe, Councillor Allie Wojtaszek, Councillor Rebecca Wuebbolt

### Incoming Council:

President Naju Syed (chair), Vice President External Manmeet Kaur, Vice President Finance and Administration Chantel Bradley, Vice President Community and Wellness Natalia Iwanek, Councillor Cilhane Ahmed, Councillor Blake Collett, Councillor Eva Embree, Indigenous Circle Council Voice Rylee Feschuk, Councillor Karen Fletcher, 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

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

**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 April 20, 2023 meeting agenda.

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**6.0 Approval of Minutes** K. Fletcher  
**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approves the March 16, 2023 and March 31, 2023 minutes.

*2023-03-16 Council Minutes*

*2023-03-31 Executive Election 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 By-Election Results** J. Campbell

The results of the 2023 By-Election for two vacancies on Council was held on March 16-21, 2023 and Manmeet Kaur and Chantel Bradley were elected to complete the 2022-2024 Council Term. Congratulations!

**9.0 Executive Election Results** J. Campbell

The results of the 2023 Executive Committee Election, held on March 31, 2023 in accordance with AUSU Policy 3.02: Election of Executive Councillors, are hereby announced.

The AUSU Executive Councillors are Naju Syed as President, Manmeet Kaur as Vice President External, Chantel Bradley as Vice President Finance and Administration, and Natalia Iwanek as Vice President Community and Wellness. Congratulations!

**10.0 Bylaws** K. Fletcher

*AUSU Bylaws, May 17, 2023*

**Proposed Motion:** Whereas the Post-Secondary Learning Act gives authority to AUSU Council for the creation and amendment of its own bylaws, be it resolved that AUSU Council adopt the proposed changes to the AUSU Bylaws as presented in the attached document titled, "AUSU Bylaws, May 17, 2023". This document represents the only official bylaws of the Athabasca University Students' Union and hereby replaces any prior versions or copies.

**Note:** This agenda item is the first reading of changes to the AUSU Bylaws in accordance with the current bylaws section 1.01 e) "Special Resolution". The second reading is scheduled to take place during the May 17, 2023 Council meeting. Both readings of the AUSU Bylaws must be passed with a greater than 2/3 majority vote. If both motions pass, the proposed bylaw changes will be officially adopted.

## 11.0 Policies

### 11.1 Policy 8.14 Policy Committee Terms of Reference and Policy 1.01 Policy Creation, Format, Maintenance & Review

N. Syed

*Policy 8.14 Policy Committee Terms of Reference*

*Policy 1.01 Policy Creation, Format, Maintenance & Review*

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approve Policy 8.14 Policy Committee Terms of Reference and the changes to Policy 1.01 Policy Creation, Format, Maintenance & Review.

### 11.2 Policy 3.02 Election of Executive Councillors

N. Syed

*Policy 3.02 Election of Executive Councillors*

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 3.02 Election of Executive Councillors.

## Reports

## 12.0 Reports for the Month of March 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.

### 12.1 President's Report

K. Fletcher

*2023-03 President Report*

### 12.2 Vice President External's Report

T. Godoy-Contois

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

N. Syed

### 12.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report

N. Iwanek

*2023-03 VP Community and Wellness Report*

### 12.5 Finance Committee Report

N. Syed

### 12.6 Awards Committee Report

N. Syed

### 12.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report

N. Iwanek

*2023-03 MEC Committee Report*

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

N. Iwanek

*2023-03 EDI Committee Report*

**12.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report**

T. Godoy-Contois

**12.10 Executive Director's Report**

J. Campbell

*2023-03 Executive Director Report***12.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report**

A. Janes

*2023-03 CMSC Report***Council Changeover****13.0 New Councillors Oath of Office**

N. Syed

President Naju Syed will welcome Chantel Bradley, Manmeet Kaur, and Riley Feschuk and lead them in reciting the Oath of Office.

*2022-01 Councillor Oath*

**Note:** From this point on all motions will be moved, seconded, and voted upon by the 2023-2024 Council members.

**14.0 Appointment of the Indigenous Circle at AUSU**

Naju Syed

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council re-appoint Jessica Anderson, Sasha Chiefbody, Rylee Feschuk, Janis Gullion, Kate Hamshire, Amanda Leeman, Jennifer Nabess, Juanita Powder, Joni Roy, Sonya Stuffco-McGee, Jessie Richardson, and Brianna Johnson to the Indigenous Circle at AUSU.

**Note:** Marley Curtis, Trishtina Godoy-Contois, and Amanda Tobin were elected by Indigenous Members to serve a two-year term until 2024 and will also remain Indigenous Circle members for 2023-2024.

**15.0 Appointment of AUSU Committees****15.1 Awards Committee**

C. Bradley

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council appoint *[between two and four Councillors]* as voting members of the Awards Committee.

**15.2 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee**

N. Iwanek

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council appoint *[at least three Councillors]* and Amanda Leeman as voting members of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.

**Note:** The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee must have at least four Councillors including the VPCW as chair as voting members, and total voting members may not exceed eight members including Councillors and Members-at-Large. The Executive Committee is also putting Amanda Leeman from the Indigenous Circle at AUSU forward as a member of the EDI Committee.

**15.3 Finance Committee**

C. Bradley

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council appoint *[between two and four Councillors]* and Jessica Anderson as voting members of the Finance Committee.

**Note:** The Finance Committee must have at least three councillors including the VPFA as chair as voting members, and total voting members may not exceed six members including Councillors and Members-at-Large. The Executive Committee is also putting Jessica Anderson from the Indigenous Circle at AUSU forward as a member of the Finance Committee.

#### 15.4 Member Engagement and Communications Committee

N. Iwanek

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council appoint *[between one and four Councillors]* and Jessie Richardson as voting members of the Member Engagement and Communications Committee.

**Note:** The Member Engagement and Communications Committee may have as few as two Councillors sitting on it including the VPCW as Chair but must have a minimum of four and a maximum of six voting members appointed, of which two may be Members-at-Large. The Executive Committee is also putting Jessie Richardson from the Indigenous Circle at AUSU forward as a member of the Member Engagement and Communications Committee.

#### 15.5 Policy Committee

C. Bradley

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council appoint *[three Councillors]* and Rylee Feschuk as voting members of the Policy Committee.

**Note:** This appointment is conditional on the approval of Policy 8.14 Policy Committee Terms of Reference earlier in the meeting. The Policy Committee has five Councillors sitting on it, including the VPFA as Chair. The Executive Committee is also putting Rylee Feschuk from the Indigenous Circle at AUSU forward as a member of the Policy Committee.

### Recognition and Acknowledgements

#### 16.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements

N. Syed

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

#### 17.0 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](mailto:ausu@ausu.org) or 780-497-7000.

#### Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: May 17, 2023  
Motion to Adjourn

#### Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Name	Status	Deadline
Develop the terms of reference for a Policy Committee.	N. Syed	Completed	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