



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 5:31 MDT

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, 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, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low
Guests:	Jana Menard
Regrets:	Indigenous Circle Council Voice Rylee Feschuk, Outgoing Indigenous Circle Representative Trishtina Godoy-Contois

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
5.0	Approval of Agenda Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the April 20, 2023 meeting agenda. <i>2023-04-20 Council Agenda</i> C. Ahmed / N. Iwanek (Carried)	K. Fletcher
6.0	Approval of Minutes	K. Fletcher

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

K. Fletcher / C. Ahmed (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	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
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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 – First Reading	D. Syed
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AUSU Bylaws, May 17, 2023

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.

N. Syed / A. He (Carried, 12 in favour, 0 opposed)

11.0	Policies 11.1 Policy 8.14 Policy Committee Terms of Reference and Policy 1.01 Policy Creation, Format, Maintenance & Review	N. Syed
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Policy 8.14 Policy Committee Terms of Reference

Policy 1.01 Policy Creation, Format, Maintenance & Review

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.

K. Fletcher / R. Weubbolt(Carried)

11.2 Policy 3.02 Election of Executive Councillors

N. Syed

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

A. McDuffe / N. Syed (Carried)

Reports

12.0 Reports for the Months of March 2023

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

2023-03 VP Finance and Administration Report

12.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report

N. Iwanek

2023-03 VP Community and Wellness Report

12.5 Finance Committee Report

N. Syed

2023-03 Finance Committee Report

12.6 Awards Committee Report

N. Syed

2023-03 Awards Committee Report

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

Council Changeover

13.0 New Councillors Oath of Office

All

President Naju Syed welcomed Chantel Bradley and Manmeet Kaur and led them in reciting the Oath of Office.

2022-01 Councillor Oath

14.0 Appointment of the Indigenous Circle at AUSU

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, and Brianna Johnson to the Indigenous Circle at AUSU.

N. Syed / A. McDuffe (Carried)

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

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint Cilhane Ahmed, Karen Fletcher, Eva Embree, Amber McDuffe as voting members of the Awards Committee.

B. Collett / A. He (Carried)

15.2 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

N. Iwanek

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint Allie Wojtaszek, Cilhane Ahmed, Karen Fletcher, Rylee Feschuk, Amber McDuffe, and Amanda Leeman as voting members of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.

N. Iwanek / A. He (Carried)

15.3 Finance Committee

C. Bradley

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint Blake Collett, Amber McDuffe, Allie Wojtaszek, Karen Fletcher, and Jessica Anderson as voting members of the Finance Committee.

N. Iwanek / A. He (Carried)

15.4 Member Engagement and Communications Committee

N. Iwanek

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint Amber McDuffe, Karen Fletcher, Allie Wojtaszek, and Lorie Tran as voting members of the Member Engagement and Communications Committee.

N. Syed / A. Wojtaszek (Carried)

15.5 Policy Committee

C. Bradley

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint Naju Syed, Amber McDuffe, Natalia Iwanek, and Rylee Feschuk as voting members of the Policy Committee.

N. Syed / K. Fletcher (Carried)

Recognition and Acknowledgements

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All

- N. Syed thanked everyone who put their names forward to sit on committees.

- K. Fletcher appreciated the work that B. Collett has done on ProctorU and alternatives for proctoring.
- K. Fletcher thanked N. Syed for stepping up as President.
- J. Campbell, N. Syed, and N. Iwanek thanked the outgoing Executive Committee for their hard work, and offered congratulations to the incoming Executive Committee.
- A. McDuffe thanked Council for advocating for the Recommendations for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and has pushed that forward at the Health Sciences Association of Alberta.

Question and Answer Period		
13.0	Question & Answer Period	All

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