



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:00pm MDT

Council:	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 (chair), Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Ashley Janes, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low
Guests:	Jana Menard
Regrets:	President Naju Syed, Vice President External Manmeet Kaur

Agenda and Minutes

1.0	Announcement of Accessibility Officer	J. Campbell
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.	J. Campbell
3.0	Call for Attendance	J. Campbell
4.0	Welcome and Member-At-Large Input	J. Campbell
5.0	Approval of Agenda	J. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the May 18, 2023 meeting agenda.

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- Friendly amendment to remove the social media item from the agenda.

B. Collett / K. Fletcher (Carried)

6.0 Approval of Minutes J. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the April 20, 2023 minutes.

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K. Fletcher / C. Ahmed (Carried)

Old Business

7.0 Review of Action Items All

Note: The status of action items can be found at the bottom of the agenda.

8.0 Bylaws – Second Reading J. Campbell

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.

K. Fletcher / A. He (Carried, 11 in favour, 0 opposed)

New Business

9.0 LinkedIn Learning Budgeted Expenditure Overage J. Campbell

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the additional GST tax expenditure of \$1,990 USD for LinkedIn Learning for 2022-2023.

LinkedIn Learning Invoice Feb 2022/2023

A. Wojtaszek / C. Bradley (Defeated)

Reports

10.0 Reports for the Months of April 2023

10.1 President's Report N. Syed

2023-04 President Report

10.2 Vice President External's Report M. Kaur

2023-04 VP External Report

10.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report C. Bradley

2023-04 VP Finance and Administration Report

10.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report N. Iwanek

2023-04 VP Community and Wellness Report

10.5 Finance Committee Report C. Bradley

2023-04 Finance Committee Report

10.6 Awards Committee Report
2023-04 Awards Committee Report

C. Bradley

10.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report
2023-04 MEC Committee Report

N. Iwanek

10.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report
2023-04 EDI Committee Report

N. Iwanek

10.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report
2023-04 Indigenous Circle Report

R. Feschuk

10.10 Executive Director's Report
2023-04 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

10.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report
2023-04 CMSC Report

A. Janes

Recognition and Acknowledgements

- 11.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements** All
- J. Campbell and N. Iwanek thanked R. Wuebbolt for her service.
 - K. Fletcher, B. Collett, and N. Iwanek thanked J. Campbell for the Council Workshop and Executive Workshop last week.
 - R. Wuebbolt thanked everyone on Council for their hard work.
 - K. Fletcher thanked T. Godoy-Contois for championing Map the System at Athabasca University.

Question and Answer Period

- 12.0 Question & Answer Period** All

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: June 15, 2023
Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Name	Status
		Deadline
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
Create a social media account for the VP Community and Wellness to use for communication with students.	Executive Committee	Started June 2023
Connect with our legal counsel on the status of the contract with LinkedIn Learning.	Executive Committee	Started June 2023