



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6:00pm MDT

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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

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	N. Syed
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.	N. Syed
3.0	Call for Attendance	N. Syed
4.0	Welcome and Member-At-Large Input	N. Syed

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** N. Syed
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the June 15, 2023 meeting agenda.

2023-06-15 Council Agenda

- 6.0 Approval of Minutes** N. Syed
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the May 18, 2023 minutes.

2023-05-18 Council 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 Policy Updates** C. Bradley

Note: The following copies of Policy 3.03 By-Elections, Policy 3.04 Petitions, Referendums, and Plebiscites, and Policy 3.05 Council Changeover were approved by the Policy Committee as a part of an informal review.

Policy 3.03 By-Elections

Policy 3.04 Petitions, Referendums, and Plebiscites

Policy 3.05 Council Changeover

- 9.0 Indigenous Student Award Partnership** N. Syed

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the Indigenous Student Awards Partnership with Athabasca University and \$2,500 to the award as recommended by the Executive Committee.

- 10.0 Leasehold Reserve** C. Bradley

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council dissolve the Leasehold Reserve as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Note: This agenda item is by “Special Resolution” and must be passed with greater than 2/3 majority vote to be adopted.

- 11.0 Ratification of E-Mail Vote** N. Syed

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council ratify the email motion that was passed on June 5, 2023 that states “AUSU Council approves the GST payment of \$1,990 USD for the 2023 LinkedIn Learning service agreement.” The motion was moved by N. Syed and seconded by C. Bradley.

Reports

12.0 Reports for the Month of May 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

2023-05 President Report

N. Syed

12.2 Vice President External's Report

2023-05 VP External Report

M. Kaur

12.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report

2023-05 VP Finance and Administration Report

C. Bradley

12.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report

2023-05 VP Community and Wellness Report

N. Iwanek

12.5 Finance Committee Report

C. Bradley

12.6 Awards Committee Report

C. Bradley

12.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report

2023-05 MEC Committee Report

N. Iwanek

12.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report

2023-05 EDI Committee Report

N. Iwanek

12.9 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report

R. Feschuk

12.10 Executive Director's Report

2023-05 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

12.11 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report

2023-05 CMSC Report

A. Janes

Recognition and Acknowledgements

13.0 Recognition and Acknowledgements

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.

N. Syed

Question and Answer Period

14.0 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: 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	-
Create a social media account for the VP Community and Wellness to use for communication with students.	Executive Committee	Completed	June 2023
Connect with our legal counsel on the status of the contract with LinkedIn Learning.	Executive Committee	Completed	June 2023