



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6:00pm 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 Eva Embree, Councillor Karen Fletcher, Councillor Anli He, Councillor Amber McDuffe, Councillor Allie Wojtaszek
Staff:	Executive Director Jodi Campbell, Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek
Regrets:	Councillor Blake Collett, Indigenous Circle Council Voice Rylee Feschuk, Voice Magazine Managing Editor Karl Low, Communications and Member Services Coordinator Ashley Janes

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
5.0	Approval of Agenda	N. Syed

Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the June 15, 2023 meeting agenda.

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N. Syed / C. Bradley (Carried)

6.0 Approval of Minutes N. Syed

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

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M. Kaur / C. Bradley (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.

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

Motion: AUSU Council approve the Indigenous Student Awards Partnership with Athabasca University in the amount of \$2,500 annually to the award as recommended by the Executive Committee.

N. Syed / C. Bradley (Carried)

10.0 Leasehold Reserve C. Bradley

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.

N. Syed / M. Kaur (Carried)

11.0 Ratification of E-Mail Vote N. Syed

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.

K. Fletcher / A. Wojtaszek (Carried, one opposed)

Reports		
12.0	Reports for the Months of May 2023	
	12.1 President's Report <i>2023-05 President Report</i>	N. Syed
	12.2 Vice President External's Report <i>2023-05 VP External Report</i>	M. Kaur
	12.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report <i>2023-05 VP Finance and Administration Report</i>	C. Bradley
	12.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report <i>2023-05 VP Community and Wellness Report</i>	N. Iwanek
	12.5 Finance Committee Report	C. Bradley
	12.6 Awards Committee Report	C. Bradley
	12.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report <i>2023-05 MEC Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
	12.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report <i>2023-05 EDI Committee Report</i>	N. Iwanek
	12.9 Policy Committee Report	C. Bradley
	12.10 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report	R. Feschuk
	12.11 Executive Director's Report <i>2023-05 Executive Director Report</i>	J. Campbell
	12.12 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report <i>2023-05 CMSC Report</i>	A. Janes
Recognition and Acknowledgements		
11.0	Recognition and Acknowledgements	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N. Syed acknowledged the work of N. Iwanek, J. Campbell, A. Janes, and S. Colvin on Pride. J. Campbell and D. Wojtaszek congratulated M. Kaur on being elected Treasurer of CASA. N. Iwanek acknowledged the work M. Kaur and C. Bradley are doing in their new roles. M. Kaur acknowledged the hard work of everyone in helping her get orientated in her role. 	
Question and Answer Period		
12.0	Question & Answer Period	All
Next Meeting and Adjournment		
The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: August 17, 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	Completed June 2023
Connect with our legal counsel on the status of the contract with LinkedIn Learning.	Executive Committee	Completed June 2023