



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 17, 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 August 17, 2023 meeting agenda.

2023-08-17 Council Agenda

- 6.0 Approval of Minutes** N. Syed
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the June 15, 2023 minutes.

2023-06-15 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 AUSU Budget** C. Bradley

2023-2024 AUSU Draft Budget

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the 2023-2024 AUSU Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.

- 9.0 Executive Workplans** N. Syed

2023-2024 AUSU Executive Workplans

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the AUSU 2023-2024 Executive Workplans as presented.

- 10.0 Policy Updates** C. Bradley

Note: The following copies of Policy 2.19 Students' Council Meetings
Policy 2.20 Equitable Access and Inclusion for 2SLGBTQIA+ Students
Policy 2.21 Accessibility and Accommodations are being voted upon by the
Policy Committee as an email vote as a part of an informal review.

Policy 2.19 Students' Council Meetings

Policy 2.20 Equitable Access and Inclusion for 2SLGBTQIA+ Students

Policy 2.21 Accessibility and Accommodations

- 11.0 Awards Overbudget** C. Bradley

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the additional allocation of \$1,200 to the Emergency Bursary fund from the awards reserve for the remainder of the 2023 fiscal year.

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the additional allocation of \$1,000 to the Travel Bursary fund from the awards reserve for the remainder of the 2023 fiscal year.

12.0 Ratification of E-Mail Votes

N. Syed

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council ratify the email motion that was passed on June 23, 2023 that states "AUSU Council appoints Deidra Mahabal to the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee." The motion was moved by N. Iwanek and seconded by M. Kaur.

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council ratify the email motion that was passed on June 23, 2023 that states "BIRT AUSU Council appoints Desmond Denvich to the MECC Committee for the 2023-2024 term, as recommended by the Executive Committee." The motion was moved by N. Iwanek and seconded by C. Bradley.

Reports

13.0 Reports for the Month of June and July 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.

13.1 President's Report

N. Syed

2023-06 President Report

2023-07 President Report

13.2 Vice President External's Report

M. Kaur

2023-07 VP External Report

13.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report

C. Bradley

2023-07 VP Finance and Administration Report

13.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report

N. Iwanek

2023-06 VP Community and Wellness Report

2023-07 VP Community and Wellness Report

13.5 Finance Committee Report

C. Bradley

2023-06 Finance Committee Report

2023-07 Finance Committee Report

13.6 Awards Committee Report

C. Bradley

2023-06 Awards Committee Report

2023-07 Awards Committee Report

13.7 Member Engagement and Communication Committee Report

N. Iwanek

2023-06 MEC Committee Report

2023-07 MEC Committee Report

13.8 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Report

N. Iwanek

2023-06 EDI Committee Report

2023-07 EDI Committee Report

13.9 Policy Committee Report

C. Bradley

2023-06 Policy Committee Report

2023-07 Policy Committee Report

13.10 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report

R. Feschuk

13.11 Executive Director's Report

J. Campbell

*2023-06 Executive Director Report**2023-07 Executive Director Report***13.12 Communication and Member Services Coordinator's Report**

A. Janes

*2023-07 CMSC Report***Recognition and Acknowledgements****13.0 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**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: September 21, 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	-