



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 21, 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, 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 September 21, 2023 meeting agenda.

2023-09-21 Council Agenda

- 6.0 Approval of Minutes** N. Syed
Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the August 17, 2023 minutes.

2023-08-17 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 Fee Increase** N. Syed

2024 Fee Increase Report to Council

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the membership fee increase by \$0.75 a credit, to a total of \$4.50 a credit, effective January 1, 2024.

Note: This agenda item is the first reading of a change to the membership fee in accordance with the bylaws section 1.01 e) "Special Resolution". The second reading is scheduled to take place during the October 19, 2023 Council meeting. Both readings of the membership fee change must be passed with a greater than 2/3 majority vote. If both motions pass, the membership fee change will be officially adopted.

- 9.0 Policy Updates** C. Bradley

Note: The following copy of Policy 5.02 Staff Hiring was approved by the Policy Committee as a part of an informal review.

Policy 5.02 Staff Hiring

Reports

- 10.0 Reports for the Month of August 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.

10.1 President's Report

N. Syed

2023-08 President Report

Resignation of Rylee Feschuk

10.2 Vice President External's Report

M. Kaur

2023-08 VP External Report

10.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report*2023-08 VP Finance and Administration Report*

C. Bradley

10.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report*2023-08 VP Community and Wellness Report*

N. Iwanek

10.5 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report

N. Iwanek

10.6 Executive Director's Report*2023-08 Executive Director Report*

J. Campbell

Recognition and Acknowledgements**11.0 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**12.0 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: October 19, 2023

Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Status
Name	Deadline