



# Athabasca University Students' Union

## Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 19, 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, Indigenous Circle Voice Jessica Anderson, 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	<b>Announcement of Accessibility Officer</b>	N. Syed
2.0	<b>Land Acknowledgement</b> 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	<b>Call for Attendance</b>	N. Syed
4.0	<b>Welcome and Member-At-Large Input</b>	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 October 19, 2023 meeting agenda.

*2023-10-19 Council Agenda*

**6.0 Approval of Minutes** N. Syed

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approves the September 21, 2023 minutes.

*2023-09-21 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.

**8.0 Fee Increase** N. Syed

**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.

*2024 Fee Increase Report to Council*

**N. Syed / C. Bradley**

**Note:** This agenda item is the second reading of a change to the membership fee in accordance with the bylaws section 1.01 e) "Special Resolution". The first reading passed at the September 21, 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.

**New Business**

**9.0 Policy Updates**

**9.1 Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses**

C. Bradley

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses as presented.

*Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses*

**10.0 Strategic Plan**

N. Syed

**Proposed Motion:** BIRT AUSU Council approve the Strategic Plan for 2023-2026 as presented.

**Note:** This agenda item is the first reading of the strategic plan approval in accordance with the bylaws section 1.01 e) "Special Resolution". The

second reading is scheduled for the November 16, 2023 Council meeting. Both readings of the strategic plan must be passed with a greater than 2/3 majority vote. If both motions pass, the strategic plan will be officially adopted.

## Reports

### 11.0 Reports for the Month of September 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.

#### 11.1 President's Report

*2023-09 President Report*

N. Syed

#### 11.2 Vice President External's Report

*2023-09 VP External Report*

M. Kaur

#### 11.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report

*2023-09 VP Finance and Administration Report*

C. Bradley

#### 11.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report

*2023-09 VP Community and Wellness Report*

N. Iwanek

#### 11.5 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report

*2023-09 Indigenous Circle Report*

J. Anderson

#### 11.6 Executive Compensation Review Committee's Report

*2023-09 ECRC Report*

A. Wojtaszek

#### 11.7 Executive Director's Report

*2023-09 Executive Director Report*

J. Campbell

## Recognition and Acknowledgements

### 12.0 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

### 13.0 Question & Answer Period

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.

All

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](mailto:ausu@ausu.org) or 780-497-7000.

#### Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: November 16, 2023  
Motion to Adjourn

#### Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Status	
	Name	Deadline