



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 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 Jessica Anderson, 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

Agenda and Minutes

1.0 Announcement of Accessibility Officer N. Syed

2.0 Land Acknowledgement N. Syed

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.

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 October 19, 2023 meeting agenda as presented.

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N. Syed / A. Wojtaszek (Carried)

6.0 Approval of Minutes N. Syed

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

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N. Syed / 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.

8.0 Fee Increase

2024 Fee Increase Report to Council

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.

N. Syed / C. Bradley (Carried)

Note: This agenda item was 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.

New Business

9.0 Policy Updates
9.1 Policy 6.04 Travel and Related Expenses C. Bradley

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C. Bradley / N. Iwanek (Tabled)

10.0 Strategic Plan N. Syed

AUSU Strategic Plan DRAFT

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

K. Fletcher / J. Anderson (Carried)

Note: This agenda item was 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 Months of September 2023		
	11.1 President's Report	N. Syed	
	<i>2023-09 President Report</i>		
	11.2 Vice President External's Report	M. Kaur	
	<i>2023-09 VP External Report</i>		
	11.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report	C. Bradley	
	<i>2023-09 VP Finance and Administration Report</i>		
	11.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report	N. Iwanek	
	<i>2023-09 VP Community and Wellness Report</i>		
	11.5 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report	J. Anderson	
	<i>2023-09 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report</i>		
	11.6 Executive Compensation Review Committee Report	A. Wojtaszek	
	<i>2023-09 ECRC Report</i>		
	11.7 Executive Director's Report	J. Campbell	
	<i>2023-09 Executive Director Report</i>		
Recognition and Acknowledgements			
12.0	Recognition and Acknowledgements	All	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. Campbell acknowledged the work J. Anderson has done on the Indigenous Circle and in stepping up to serve on Council. K. Fletcher acknowledged N. Syed's work on the Board of Governors and leading AUSU. A. He recognized C. Bradley's work on advocating for course recognition. N. Syed reminded Council the need to stay passionate and fun but also to maintain decorum. 		
Question and Answer Period			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. Anderson asked a question regarding the recognition of Athabasca University's human resources program across Canada; N. Syed and K. Fletcher provided insight on crafting a letter to Dr. A. Clark. 		
Next Meeting and Adjournment			
The next meeting of AUSU Council will be November 16, 2023.			
Motion to Adjourn			
Summary of Action Items			
Action Item		Name	Status Deadline