



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00pm MST

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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 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

Guests: Chad Knippel, Natalia Toth (KRP Auditors)

- 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 January 18, 2024 meeting agenda.

2024-01-18 Council Agenda

6.0 Approval of Minutes N. Syed

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the November 16, 2023 minutes.

2023-11-16 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 Policy Updates C. Bradley
8.1 Policy 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approve the changes to Policy 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program as presented.

Policy 7.02 Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries Program

Note: The following copies of Policy 2.04 Discipline, Policy 5.03 Staff Management, Policy 5.04 Progressive Discipline and Termination, Policy 5.07 Professional Development were approved by the Policy Committee as a part of an informal review.

Policy 2.04 Discipline

Policy 5.03 Staff Management

Policy 5.04 Progressive Discipline and Termination

Policy 5.07 Professional Development

New Business

9.0 2023 Audited Financial Statements J. Campbell

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council accepts the 2023 audited financial statements as presented by Kingston Ross Pasnak (KRP).

2023 AUSU Audited Financial Statements

2023 AUSU Final Audit Findings Report

Note: Chad Knippel and Natalia Toth from KRP will be joining us for the meeting and can answer any audit questions Council might have. Council may choose to move this item to the top of the agenda to accommodate our guests.

10.0 Selection of Auditors for 2024

J. Campbell

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoints Kingston Ross Pasnak (KRP) as AUSU's financial auditor for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

11.0 Executive Compensation Review Committee Report and Recommendations

A. Wojtaszek

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the recommendations made by the Executive Compensation Review Committee and approves the changes to Policy 2.15 Executive Accountability and Compensation.

2022-01-20 ECRC Report to Council
Policy 2.15 Executive Accountability and Compensation

12.0 Committee Appointments

12.1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

N. Iwanek

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint Saniya Ghalehdar as a Member-at-Large to the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.

EDI Application 1
EDI Application 2
EDI Application 3
EDI Application 4
EDI Application 5

12.2 Awards Committee

C. Bradley

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint *[up to two (2) Councillors]* to the Awards Committee.

Note: The awards committee currently has two (2) available Council seats due to recent departures. The committee meets quorum and can operate with its current membership. Discussion is open to any Councillors wishing to join committee for the remainder of the term.

C. Bradley

12.3 Finance Committee

Proposed Motion: BIRT AUSU Council appoint *[one (1) Councillor]* to the Finance Committee.

Note: The finance committee currently has one (1) available Council seat due to a recent departure. The committee meets quorum and can operate with its current membership. Discussion is open to any Councillors wishing to join committee for the remainder of the term.

Reports

13.0 Reports for the Month of November and December 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
2023-12 President Report

N. Syed

13.2 Vice President External's Report
2023-12 VP External Report

M. Kaur

13.3 Vice-President Finance and Administration's Report
2023-12 VP Finance and Administration's Report

C. Bradley

13.4 Vice President Community and Wellness' Report
2023-11 VP Community and Wellness Report
2023-12 VP Community and Wellness Report

N. Iwanek

13.5 Indigenous Circle at AUSU Report
2023-12 Indigenous Circle Report

J. Anderson

13.6 Executive Director's Report
2023-11 Executive Director Report
2023-12 Executive Director Report

J. Campbell

Recognition and Acknowledgements

14.0 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

15.0 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: February 15, 2024

Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Status	
	Name	Deadline