



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 2:00pm MST

Council:	President J. Lehmann (chair), Councillor D. Ramirez, Councillor F. Arsenault, Councillor N. Brown, Councillor A. Karien, Councillor K. Thompson
Guests:	B. Kotowich of Focused Leadership Group, J. Stokes of Strategic Management
Regrets:	Councillor C. Akuchie, Councillor O. Shepherd
Notes:	None

Agenda and Minutes

1.0 Welcome and Call for attendance

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.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion 1: BIRT AUSU Council approves the January 28, 2026 meeting agenda.

F. Arsenault / N. Brown (Carried)

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion 2: BIRT AUSU Council approves the January 22, 2026 Council minutes.

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N. Brown / F. Arsenault (Carried)

Community Agreement

5.0 Reassertion of Community agreement B. Kotowich

- Moderator: B. Kotowich

Old Business

6.0 Review of Action Items J. Lehmann

Note: The status of action items can be found at the bottom of the agenda.

New Business

7.0 Monthly Financial Review J. Stokes

Motion 3: BIRT AUSU Council approves December 2025 Financial Statements and transactions spreadsheet with GL codes as Presented.

2025-12 001 AUSU Collapsed P&L
2025-12 001 AUSU Collapsed P&L YTD
2025-12 001 AUSU Comp Balance Sheet
2025-12 001 AUSU Comp P&L
2025-12 001 AUSU Comp P&L YTD
2025-12 01 AUSU Profit & Loss
2025-12 01 AUSU Profit & Loss YTD
2025-12 02 AUSU Balance Sheet
2025-12 04 AUSU Statement of Cash Flows
2025-12 18 AR Aging Summary
2025-12 19 AP Aging Summary
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N. Brown / F. Arsenault (Carried)

8.0 Year-Round Bursaries J. Lehmann

Motion 4: BIRT AUSU Council approves the Year-Round Bursaries distribution list to date as presented in the FY2025-2026 Log.

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N. Brown / F. Arsenault (Carried)

9.0 Food Assistance Program J. Lehmann

Motion 5: BIRT AUSU Council approves the Food Assistance Program distribution list to date as presented in the FY2025-2026 Log.

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F. Arsenault / N. Brown (Carried)

10.0 Dec 2025 Insta Contest

J. Lehmann

Motion 5: BIRT AUSU Council approves the Dec 2025 Insta Contest winners list as presented in the FY2025-2026 Log.

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N. Brown / F. Arsenault (Carried)

11.0 Member Consultation Survey

J. Lehmann

- Council reviewed and discussed feedback

12.0 Upcoming Events and Engagements

J. Lehmann

- Item tabled to be discussed by the Strategic Committee

Reports

13.0 None

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: February 02, 2026

Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Status	
	Name	Deadline