



Athabasca University Students' Union

Public Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 02, 2026 at 2:00pm MST

Council:	President J. Lehmann (chair), Councillor C. Akuchie, Councillor D. Ramirez, Councillor O. Shepherd, Councillor F. Arsenault, Councillor N. Brown, Councillor A. Karien, Councillor K. Thompson
Guests:	B. Kotowich of Focused Leadership Group, AUSU Members
Regrets:	None
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 February 02, 2026 meeting agenda

O. Shepherd / A. Karien (Carried)

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion 2: BIRT AUSU Council approves the January 28, 2026 Council minutes.

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J. Lehmann / 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 Special Resolution: New Bylaws Approval - First Reading J. Lehmann

Motion 3: BIRT AUSU Council approves the amended Bylaws as presented.

AUSU 2026 Bylaws

J. Lehmann / N. Brown (Carried)

8.0 Special Resolution: Strategic Plan Approval - First Reading J. Lehmann

Motion 4: AUSU Council rescinds the 2023–2026 Strategic Plan and replaces it with the new 2025–2030 Strategic Plan as presented.

2025–2030 Strategic Plan

J. Lehmann / D. Ramirez (Carried)

Reports

9.0 Council Updates to Members J. Lehmann

Council provided updates to members on the following items:

- Motions passed since last public meeting
- Resignation of M. Rousseau
- Restructuring updates and milestones
- Policy updates
- New pilot program
- AUSU-FHSS research partnership update
- Preparation for elections and changeover
- Audit update
- Invitation to submit inquiries or suggestions to ausu@ausu.org

Question and Answer Period

10.0 Question & Answer Period

- A member thanked Council for their work.

- J. Lehmann thanked attendees and invited members to attend the second reading on February 23 at 2:00 p.m. MST.
- J. Lehmann thanked those who provided feedback on the bylaws and invited any additional feedback to be submitted to ausu@ausu.org, preferably before 4:00 p.m. MST on February 20 to allow time for Council to review submissions prior to the second reading.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: February 12, 2026
 Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Status
Name	Deadline