

## AUSU Board of Directors Minutes

**Date:** 27-July-2023

**Term:** SS23

**AUSU Chair Member:** Isaac Withers

		<b>BOARD</b>	
<b>Title</b>		<b>AUSU Members</b>	<b>Authorized Proxy</b>
<b>President (PRES)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Isaac Withers</b>	
<b>VP Brampton Advocacy (BAV)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Jeet Patel</b>	
<b>VP Brampton Programming (BIP)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Yug Modi</b>	
<b>VP SSM Advocacy (SAV)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Minion Paul</b>	
<b>VP SSM Programming (SIP)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Andrea Ryall</b>	
<b>Timmins Campus Life Coordinator (TCLC)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Wayne Thompson</b>	
<b>International Rep (INT)</b>		<b>Adanko Mukhtar</b>	
<b>SASA Rep (SASA)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Joanne Perrault</b>	
<b>Varsity Rep (VAR)</b>		<b>Qeila Mbonihankuye</b>	

<b>Residence Rep (RESI)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Tim Van Weerden</b>	
<b>WUSC Rep (WUSC)</b>		<b>Evan Nooman</b>	
<b>Mature &amp; Part Time Rep (MAPT)</b>		<b>Somya Patel</b>	
<b>Queer &amp; Trans Rep (QUTR)</b>		<b>Mahima Choudhary</b>	
<b>Women's Affairs Rep (WOM)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Trishala Kulpesh Parmar</b>	
<b>Accessibility Rep (ACC)</b>		<b>Harleen Kaur</b>	
<b>Faculty of Cross Cultural Studies Rep (FCCS)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Sandra Kurian</b>	
<b>Faculty of School of Business Rep (FBUS)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Nidhi Patel</b>	
<b>Faculty of Science Rep (FSCI)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Anamika Krishna</b>	
<b>Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Rep (FHSS)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Shawna Mornix</b>	

<b>STAFF</b>	
<b>General Manager (GM)</b>	<b>Kerrie De Poli</b>

**CALL TO ORDER 5:37**

<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	Welcome to Harleen and Somya, New Board Members
<b>Discussion:</b>	PRES extends welcome to new Board Members.

<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	Housekeeping items
<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>The Board is reminded that all things are considered for all four campuses through the lens of equity. Even if an item is being discussed on a certain campus, planning is also in place for equitable distribution of that concept among all campuses. This is how AUSU does business now, and all are asked to remember this, even if each conversation does not specifically mention it.</p> <p>All are reminded that you are welcome to submit Agenda items IN ADVANCE of the meeting. No random agenda items will be brought up during the meeting. If you, in fact, have an actual emergency item, please contact PRES or GM privately BEFORE bringing it up at the meeting.</p> <p>IF ANYTHING IS MISSING FROM THIS AGENDA, please email the GM and the matter will be corrected.</p> <p>Please read the agenda in advance.</p>

<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	Updates
<b>Discussion:</b>	AUSU continues to actively work toward different/larger/more appropriate spaces on all

	<p>campuses, but, particularly at our Brampton and Timmins campuses. These are complex negotiations and we ask everyone to continue directing any conversation of this nature to PRES or the GM to ensure we stay exactly on message. AUSU has standard access to available cubicles at this time on our Mississauga campus which is a very small beginning.</p> <p>This is the <b>LAST CALL</b> for dates of interest to be submitted by Board Members for our planning calendar. Some have submitted dates, thank you. This is the final call for dates, festivals, academic deadlines, holidays, days of observance, etc. to assist AUSU in planning events and activities. Anyone who still has dates to submit is asked to do so by emailing the GM no later than August 2.</p> <p>The Board is reminded that the GM will be off tomorrow, July 28, 2023 to attend a family funeral service. The GM thanks the Board for their patience and support at this time.</p>
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<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	94 Days Campaign
<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>AUSU will begin “94 Days” on October 1st, immediately following the National Day of Truth &amp; Reconciliation, observed September 30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This campaign is heavily inspired by the work of Selkirk University</li> <li>- This campaign will not only share important information and awareness about the 94 Calls to Action and Indigenous cultures, but will also express AUSU’s commitment to the Special Mission of the AU community and our support of Indigenous Peoples and Cultures</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SASA will be as involved in the 94 Days campaign as they wish to be and AUSU will welcome SASA's involvement and support their preferences during this campaign</li> <li>- Additionally, the 94 Days will feature educational pieces, performances, cultural practices and a broad celebration, acknowledgement and respect for Indigenous practices and traditions (referred to as "programming" for planning purposes)</li> <li>- 94 Days programming will take place on all 4 campuses, some programming may be repeated on each campus, other aspects of programming will be located on one campus and shared electronically with others, other aspects of programming will be unique to each, some, or perhaps only one campus. Programming will be distributed across campuses as appropriate on a case by case basis.</li> <li>- Those with ideas are asked to share them with BAV (<a href="mailto:VPBramptonAdvocacy@ausu82.ca">VPBramptonAdvocacy@ausu82.ca</a>), SAV (<a href="mailto:VPSSMAdvocacy@ausu82.ca">VPSSMAdvocacy@ausu82.ca</a>) or GM (<a href="mailto:generalmanager@ausu82.ca">generalmanager@ausu82.ca</a>)</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p>PRES: Provides overview, no further discussion.</p>
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<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	Drinking Water
<b>Agenda Entry:</b>	<p>AUSU is committed to sustainability wherever possible. We have become aware that the students we serve simply do not care to drink tap water. RESI has brought forward the concept of providing water differently.</p>

	<p>A number of filtered water options are being explored, (on all campuses), including the installation of drinking fountains/refillable water bottle filling stations that are plumbed into the water system and filtered before the water leaves the station. There are also options for locations where attaching them to the water line is not possible, (“plumbing them in”).</p> <p>Discussions with physical plant and outside providers are going well and the matter will come to the Board for formal consideration soon.</p>
<b>Discussion</b>	PRES: Provides overview, no further discussion.

<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	Guidance around Purchase of Food at Events
<b>Agenda Entry</b>	<p>The Board is asked to consider and provide general guidance around food at events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Specifically events that do not normally include food, not a “dinner”</li> <li>- Events of a similar nature to dances, karaoke, game nights, etc.</li> <li>- Does AUSU always provide food? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If so, what are the parameters</li> <li>- If not, that should be the guideline across all campuses and activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Discussion:</b>	PRES: provides overview of above, all are encouraged to actively think about this for the next meeting.

<b>Voting Item(s):</b>	<b>Request for Garden Beds for use by Dr. Steeves</b>
<b>Motion:</b>	To give use of four garden beds to Dr. Paulette Steeves for the length of time she requires them to use entirely at her discretion.

	This action is at no cost to AUSU and would be done in a good faith, (no contract required), arrangement with Dr. Steeves.		
<b>Mover:</b>	BIP	<b>Seconders:</b>	SIP
<b>Agenda Entry:</b>	<p>The Board is asked to consider giving Dr. Paulette Steeves use of 4 of the new garden beds, to be located by the CC building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ownership of the beds would be retained by AUSU</li> <li>- The day to day care and responsibility for the beds, including planting decisions, would be left to Dr. Steeves' discretion</li> <li>- There is no real cost to AUSU, the beds were purchased through funding arranged by Dr. Cameron</li> <li>- This action supports our desire to be a good community partner at AU and to support the worthwhile work of Dr. Steeves</li> </ul>		
<b>Discussion:</b>	PRES: provides overview of above. No further discussion.		
<b>Vote Count:</b>	<b>In Favour: 15</b>	<b>Opposed:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>

<b>Voting Item(s):</b>	AUSU E-Sports League		
<b>Motion:</b>	<p>To establish the AUSU E-Sports League, up and running by September 2023 and executed under the leadership of BIP with Staff support. The League will not include first person shooter games and will include all interested students in any location. Annual budget, \$1500.</p>		
<b>Mover:</b>	BIP	<b>Seconders:</b>	BAV
<b>Agenda Entry:</b>	<p>The Board is asked to consider if AUSU wishes to establish an E-Sports league. This is the idea of BIP and following the two enormously successful E-Sports Events in BRA.</p> <p>We explored joining an existing League, that League has faltered, (it was run by volunteers who were not able to continue, this is not a reflection of the popularity of E-sports). So, AUSU is considering starting our own League. This is a concept that BIP will take responsibility to develop with Staff support.</p>		

	<p>The League will be established with an advisory about responsible game play. Additionally, AUSU will not include games that are categorized as “first person shooter”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 games will be selected, Hearthstone, Rocket League, League of Legends and two others to be selected</li> <li>- Players can play on all 4 campuses, the play is online</li> <li>- BIP will design the schedule and monitor results</li> <li>- According to student demand, a “rec league” may also be established for casual play</li> <li>- These games are free or very low cost to play and are played on students’ existing devices</li> <li>- This allows students of a variety of physical abilities and levels of social comfort to participate in a league environment and develop a new relationship with AUSU</li> </ul> <p>Possible developments as the League develops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An in-person tournament</li> <li>- Joining a League with some or all teams, depending on League rules/interest of students</li> <li>- Creating a League for other University Students</li> <li>- Team/League Tshirts/Jerseys</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Discussion:</b></p>	<p>PRES: provides overview.</p> <p>BIP provides a supportive comment.</p> <p>BAV questions if the campuses will be different for each campus. BIP explains that it will be all four campuses at the same time. SIP questions if students will play in the same rooms. BIP clarifies that they will. MATP suggests providing merch for players. PRES explains that is a consideration in the agenda.</p>			
<p><b>Vote Count:</b></p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>In Favour: 14</b></td> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>Opposed:</b></td> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>Abstain: 1</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>In Favour: 14</b>	<b>Opposed:</b>	<b>Abstain: 1</b>
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<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	AUSU Months
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<p><b>Agenda Entry:</b></p>	<p>As previously discussed, for ease of planning and to assist in AUSU’s brand recognition, (to help us better serve students), AUSU is declaring theme months.</p> <p>January - WOW (Winter Orientation, started in 2022)  February - Black History Month (widely observed)  March -  April -  May -  June -  July -  August -  September - mOnth (Fall Orientation month)  October - AUSU Mental Health Month  November - AUSU Pride in November (started in 2022)  December - AUSU Celebrates Culture</p> <p>Themes are required for March - August. May is Asian Heritage Month widely, and April is associated strongly with environmental action and Earth Day falls in April.</p>
<p><b>Discussion:</b></p>	<p>PRES provides overview.</p> <p>Trishala - Int’l Women’s Day falls in March, BAV agrees</p> <p>MARCH - will be Women’s Month</p> <p>ANDREA questions having double theme....May is Spring Orientation and also Asian Heritage</p> <p>PRES suggests “no theme month”</p> <p>BIP suggests welcoming summer in June</p> <p>Trishala notes Pride is in June</p>

	<p>GM mentions that November is AUSU Pride in November</p> <p>SAV July 30 is Int'l Day of Friendship...could it be Friendship Month</p>
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<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	No Activity Days
<b>Agenda Entry:</b>	<p>Sections of days have been selected each month to create a buffer in AUSU's calendar. This allows periods of time for Board Members to plan personal/family activities, focus on studies, and/or take a mental health break. Additionally, this creates a small window of time each month in case a great opportunity suddenly arises.</p> <p>PRES provides overview</p>
<b>Discussion:</b>	

<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	Garden Help Requested - SSM
<b>Agenda Entry:</b>	<p>Agenda Outline: Due to the AUSU Peoples' Garden Coordinator Retiring we are asking for support in the Garden.</p> <p>Specific details will be provided on the form to be provided, if you are able to volunteer some time in the Garden, please complete the form when it is circulated.</p>
<b>Discussion:</b>	PRES: provides overview, encourages folks to reach out if they wish to be involved.

<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	<b>2023 AUSU Board Retreat</b>
<b>Agenda Entry:</b>	

- In Sault Ste. Marie, partially camping at Serenity Lodge, partially activities in Sault Ste. Marie
- Partially at the rustic Serenity Lodge ( a private cottage offered to us through the generosity of TCLC, Wayne, with AUSU's thanks)
  - **Rustic** camping (outdoor toilet)
  - Swimming
  - Canoeing
  - Snorkelling
  - All food will be provided by AUSU
  - No alcohol or intoxicants permitted
  - Camp fire if the Fire Ban is not in place ("fire bans" are enforced by the government from time to time when the risk of forest fires is high)
  - Fishing available (licenses will be arranged by AUSU)
  - Sleeping arrangements are bunk beds
    - a true camping experience
  - All logistic arrangements will be handled by the office
  - Those interested in tenting should speak to PRES
- Travel day, August 9
- Retreat activities: August 10, 11, 12
- Travel day, August 13 or 14
- Once you are in SSM, all arrangements will be handled by the AUSU office
- You will require clothing (beach wear/bathing suit, warm clothes), your own toiletries
- AUSU 2023/24 Team Hoodies and Event Tshirts for future use at AUSU activities will be available for distribution on Aug 13 to all even if you are not able to attend the Retreat

Like any corporate retreat, this is a chance for bonding, relaxation and a bit of skill building. The

	<p>detailed itinerary will be provided on August 9 to attendees.</p> <p><b>IF YOU HAVE any personal concerns or barriers</b> to participation, <b>PLEASE speak to the GM</b> in confidence, and any possible accommodation(s) will be made in advance with no fuss. If you are able to attend for only part of the time, please speak in confidence to the GM. We understand that work/life/classes may prevent some of you from attending this time, but we all understand that a great deal of effort was put into choosing dates hoping to accommodate the most folks, if you cannot be there, you will be missed!</p> <p><b><u>THOSE who are willing/able to attend should RSVP to Staff by AUGUST 1</u></b></p> <p>Travel from BRA will be by vehicle, arranged by BAV and BIP, please speak to BAV about details.</p>
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>FCCS: raises the point that folks do not all know each other, and it may be nice to meet in person before the retreat</p> <p>GM clarifies any sort of participation can be accommodates</p> <p>SAV agrees that it would be nice to meet in person</p> <p>FCCS indicates that social media should be more inviting, echoing Anamika's earlier comment</p> <p>PRES encourages all to reach out for any information or connection</p> <p>Discussion about those who are interested in documents should ask for them, and they can be</p>

	sent, all are asked to email the GM to request specific documents
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<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	General Discussion
	WOM asks about opportunities to be involved with the beds being given to Dr. Steeves, PRES explains that all are welcome, general discussion about the great work of Dr. Steeves and that we may indicate to her that folks are interested in any help they can provide
<b>Discussion:</b>	