

## AUSU Board of Directors Agenda and Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Dec 20, 2023

**Term:** F23

**Temporary Chair:** Alice Wu

		<b>BOARD</b>	
Title		AUSU Members	Authorized Proxy (None)
<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>FBUS - Nidhi 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>MAPT - Somya Patel</b>
<b>VP SSM Programming (SIP)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Andrea Ryall</b>	
<b>Tlmmms 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>Joanne Perrault</b>	
<b>Varsity Rep (VAR)</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Qeila Mbonihankuye</b>	
<b>Residence Rep (RESI)</b>		<b>Vacant</b>	

<b>WUSC Rep (WUSC)</b>		<b>Vacant</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>Sandra Kurian</b>	
<b>Faculty of School of Business Rep (FBUS)</b>		<b>Nidhi Patel</b>	
<b>Faculty of Science Rep (FSCI)</b>		<b>Anamika Krishna</b>	
<b>Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Rep (FHSS)</b>		<b>Shawna Mornix</b>	

<b>STAFF (non-voting)</b>	

<b>Called to Order:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm by Isaac Withers, President, Algoma University Student Union (AUSU)
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## **Land Acknowledgement**

I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered today from various points on Turtle Island and that these lands are the traditional territories of Indigenous, Metis and Urban Indigenous Peoples, who have cared for these lands for thousands of years and continue to do so today.

We commit today to doing good work with open hearts, to honour the legacy set by Chief Shingwauk, and to remind each other to go forward and do the work to achieve true Reconciliation.

## **Announcements:**

We are very excited to have folks here with us for our last Board meeting of the Fall Semester. We hope that everyone has had great success in their finals! AUSU hopes that you enjoy your break and have a happy holiday!

Moving forward, this is our second in-person Board Meeting since Covid. WE appreciate you bearing with us as we work to make this process more efficient.

We are very happy to have Alice Wu here to chair the meeting for us. She is the finance Coordinator from the Canadian Federation of Students Ontario, and we appreciate her taking the time to serve as Chair of this meeting.

In addition, we wished to share a few staffing updates.

We wish to acknowledge that our Communications and Branding Manager, Yves Tambwe, has submitted his letter of resignation. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

## NEW BUSINESS:

<b>Voting Item(s):</b>	<b>Appointment of Temporary Chair</b>		
<b>Time Allotted:</b>	2 minutes		
<b>Motion:</b>	Be it resolved that Alice Wu will serve as Temporary Chair for this meeting.		
<b>Mover:</b>	<b>BAV</b>	<b>Seconders:</b>	<b>SAV</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	None		
<b>Vote Count:</b>	<b>In Favour: 7</b>	<b>Opposed: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

<b>Discussion</b>		<b>Deferral of Minutes</b>		
<b>Time Allotted:</b>				
<b>Information:</b>		Out of transparency, we will be deferring minutes until the appointment of our new Recording Secretary.		
<b>Motion:</b>		Minutes will not be recorded officially for this meeting not until the recording secretary has been determined.  BAV motivated that for transparency purposes, this meeting can be recorded so that all particular information and agreements are well noted.		
<b>Mover:</b>		<b>BAV</b>	<b>Seconders:</b>	<b>SIP</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>		No matters or concerns have been discussed.		
<b>Vote Count:</b>		<b>In Favour: 8</b>	<b>Opposed: 4</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

<b>Voting Item(s):</b>	<b>Project Management Institute</b>		
<b>Time Allotted:</b>	10 Minutes		
<b>Information:</b>	<a href="#">PMI Global Membership</a>		
<b>Motion:</b>	<p>Whereas, AU has inquired whether AUSU would be willing to cover the membership fee of \$12 per student for the Project Management Institute for members of Creekbank-Mississauga.</p> <p>Whereas membership would be beneficial to our members in the Creekbank-Mississauga Campus.</p> <p>Be it resolved that AUSU will cover the membership fee of \$12 per student for members of the Creekbank-Mississauga Campus.</p>		
<b>Mover:</b>	<b>SAV</b>	<b>Seconders:</b>	<b>SIP</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>PRES presented a proposal received from an email from AlgomaU requesting AUSU to cover the fee for members of Creekbank-Mississauga Campus to support the Project Management Institute, there will be a fee of \$12 per student for 2,000 students. He is not in favour of this proposal.</p> <p>Executives present have expressed their disapproval of this proposal, as some of them find this a lacking information as to what type of accommodation are to be given to AUSU as well as to the AlgomaU. It would be viable to provide more clarification so that this matter can be discussed back to board for better planning purposes.</p> <p>Likewise, comments were raised that Algoma University should take charge of paying this, and provide equal services to the Mississauga campus, AUSU should not pay for this, and it should be advocated that Algoma University offer this service and apply this to the students.</p>		
<b>Vote Count:</b>	<b>In Favour: 0</b>	<b>Opposed: 10</b>	<b>Abstain: 1</b>

<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	<b>Hiring Updates</b>
<b>Time Allotted:</b>	15 Minutes
<b>Information:</b>	<a href="#">Hiring Updates</a>
<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>BAV stated that the hiring process is still ongoing and recently administrative support has been on board and helping us provide office support. A board chair has recently got appointed Ambika Peran and she is now on training process and hoping that in the next board meeting she will be there to chair. With regards to hiring the recording secretary, he mentioned that there is still screening and hopes that by the beginning of January there will be one to cover the recording of board meetings.</p> <p>For the Finance Manager position, screening for suitable candidates is ongoing. A selected candidate did not pursue after requesting a background check as part of job requirement. Hiring for Human Resources Manager is likewise ongoing. The hiring for General Manager position has not been started, as they are going through the modification of job description, however this has been posted to indeed and they are getting good applications. Furthermore, the hiring panel has to be determined by mid January 2024.</p> <p>PRES informed students that for those who are interested in providing their service in AUSU, they are open for volunteers at Food Pantry and Peoples Garden, just reach out with AUSU.</p>

<b>Discussion Item(s):</b>	<b>CFS National General Meeting Summary</b>
<b>Time Allotted:</b>	15 Minutes
<b>Information:</b>	<a href="#">NGM Summary</a>
<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>PRES gave a short overview of what has transpired in the CFS National General meeting. He mentioned that they are holding a meeting to discuss issues, vote on motion and conduct business on the federation. He finds it a great opportunity to connect with other folks, although there were some complications, a few issues that were brought up with regards to anti-black racism but there were no specific issues mentioned. In response they have brought forward a motion for a decolonization audit.</p>

	<p>SAV inquired about the NGM, on how it has to be reflected and if there are any takeaways, it is best to come up with a more detailed explanation of it and would like to get an assurance that this situation would not be happening in AUSU, and what will be steps in order to prevent the situation.</p> <p>PRES responded that there are no specifics but he is open for any discussion over a chart for any specific issues that need to be tackled. Any suggestion is welcome from the folks.</p>
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<b>Voting Item(s):</b>	<b>Motion to move into in-camera session</b>		
<b>Motion:</b>	Be it resolved that the meeting move into an in-camera session.		
<b>Mover:</b>	<b>TCLC</b>	<b>Seconder:</b>	<b>SIP</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	No matters or concerns have been discussed.		
<b>Vote Count:</b>	<b>In Favour: 9</b>	<b>Opposed: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>

<b>Voting Item(s):</b>	<b>Motion to Adjourn</b>		
<b>Motion:</b>	Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.		
<b>Mover:</b>	<b>PRES</b>	<b>Seconder:</b>	<b>BAV</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.		
<b>Vote Count:</b>	<b>In Favour: 6</b>	<b>Opposed: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>