



Board of Directors MINUTES

January 26, 2021

1. Call to order: 11:05 AM

2. Roll Call

2.1. Board of Directors

Chair

Brittany Lausen Present

Directors

Ryan Morstad Present

Jerilyn Kotelniski Present

Michael Frankiw Present

Chloe Collins Present

Jonas Bystrom Not present

Membership Staff Advisors, non-voting

Cherie Sawaryn Present

Jay Decore Present

Executive Director, non-voting

Jonathan Bilodeau Present

2.2. ASEC Staff

Dir. Public Relations & Advocacy

Emmanuel Barker Present

Dir. Operations and Finance

Naomi Pela Present

2.3. Guests

3. Approval of Agenda

3.1. Agenda for January 26, 2021.

Motion to approve the agenda for the meeting on January 26, 2021.

Moved by: Director Collins Seconded by: Director Kotelniski Opposed: none CARRIED

Motion to amend the agenda to include new item 5a.

Moved by: Chair Lausen Seconded by: Director Collins Opposed: none CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1. Minutes for December 4, 2020

Motion to approve minutes for the meetings on December 4, 2020.

Moved by: Director Kotelniski Seconded by: Director Collins Opposed: none CARRIED

Motion to reappoint Chair Lausen as the facilitator for the remainder of the ASEC 2020/2021 Board of Directors meetings.

Moved by: Chair Lausen Seconded by: Director Morstad Opposed: none CARRIED



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5. Reports and Presentations

- 5.1. Comprehensive Organizational Report Executive Director Bilodeau
- Questions were put forward regarding the ASEC home office team and workload for each role. ED Bilodeau highlighted that no new projects will be taken on by the team, as the staff are trying to refine and strengthen existing projects and operations.
 - Another question was asked regarding the internship positions ASEC was planning to offer. ED Bilodeau stated that discussions have resumed with Norquest around the social worker internship agreements and that the plan is to run the three internship opportunities in the new year.
- 5.2. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Director Frankiw
- Director Frankiw provided an overview of the Finance Committee's work so far: discussing the latest financial statements, operating budget for the upcoming year, expenses.

6. Old Business

7. Discussion Items

- 7.1. Credit/Non-Credit Programs & International Students Advisor Sawaryn
- ED Sawaryn brought forward this topic with the intention of initiating discussion as well as identifying possible advocacy topics related to international students/non-credit program students and services provided by the student associations.
 - ED Bilodeau brought up the AB2030 review and the discussions around micro-credentials and WIL that took place during those review meetings. The intention is to include micro-credentials in credit programs, in order to help move towards an across the board strategy for campuses across AB.
 - A comment was made regarding the value of a standardized approach among the ASEC member associations.
 - Attention was brought to the fact that these program changes are happening right now and the urgency of the matter, which might warrant the potential creation of a working group as well as further discussion regarding short term solutions and long term strategies on the topic.
- 7.2. IOM and Bylaw review Executive Director Bilodeau
- ED Bilodeau provided an overview of the review process and the direction the staff are taking in working to improve ASEC's policies.
- 7.3. Alberta 2030 Guiding Coalition Executive Director Bilodeau
- As the AB2030 Guiding Coalition draws to a close, ED Bilodeau highlighted the discussions had around tuition and the fight to continue protecting students, as well as the university/polytechnic status of some institutions. ED Bilodeau emphasized the importance of continuing advocacy around OERs, transfers, and other topics included in the AB2030 review.
 - Discussion was also had around the Investment Management Agreements and ways that ASEC can engage them moving forward.



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- 7.4. ASEC Podcasts & Digital Media Director Collins
- A question was posed regarding ASEC's podcasts and an update regarding future plans.
 - ED Bilodeau provided an overview of the plan, frequency of podcasts, as well as some of the topics that will be discussed

8. Decision items

- 8.1. Auditor RFP Director Morstad
- Director Morstad provided an overview of the Auditor RFP that ASEC is about to engage in, as presented to the Finance Committee.

Motion to accept the Auditor RFP document as presented and amended.

Moved by: Director Morstad Seconded by: Director Collins Opposed: none CARRIED

9. New Business

10. In Camera

11. Next meeting: to be scheduled in February

12. Adjournment at 12:32pm

Moved by Director Collins