



University of Alberta Students' Union

**COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

**August 15th, 2023**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Juniper Room (Sub 0-33)/[Zoom](#)**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłíné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

**ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Adrian Lam (Chair)		Y
Noor Abdelwahab		Y
Nathan Thiessen		N
Mason Pich		Y
Precious Majekodunmi		N
Nathan Perez		Y
Megan Garbutt		Y
Muneeba Qadir		Y
Elm Elahi		Y
Michael Griffiths		Y
Levi Flaman		Y

Aamir Mohamed		Y
Jacob Verghese		N/A
Christian Zukowski		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A
Jetro Dano		N/A

**MINUTES (CAC-2023-07-M)**

**2023-07/1**

**INTRODUCTION**

**2023-07/1a**

**Call to Order**

LAM called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM

**2023-07/1b**

**Approval of Agenda**

**PICH/GARBUTT MOVE TO** approve the agenda

CARRIED

**2023-07/1c**

**Approval of Minutes**

**GARBUTT/PICH MOVE TO** approve the minutes

CARRIED

**2023-07/1d**

**Chair's Business**

**2023-07/2**

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2023-07/3**

**PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

**2023-07/3a**

**2023 By-Election Advertising Strategy by the CRO**

**2023-07/3b**

**Social Media Sub-Committee by the Chair**

**2023+07/3c**

**Council Mentorship Program by Team Lead**

**2023-07/4**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2023-07/4a**

**KAIROS Blanket Exercise**

GRAHAM: Mentions that KAIROS no longer does in-person exercises in

Alberta and Saskatchewan. However, online exercises are still available. Adds that they are available for September 5th & 19th off-council Tuesdays or weekend dates in September. Price ranges between \$2000 and \$1900.

Also, mentions that Governance will typically cover most of the cost (to be determined). Adds that KAIROS recommends a 20 person attendance per session (maximum 40 people)

ZUKOWSKI: Mentions that the KAIROS Blanket Exercise is not just in the recommendations but also in the regulations.

FLAMAN: States that the regulations hint that it is solely for Council. However, there are discussions about having one for staff as well. Suggests combining both if needed to meet the target attendance.

GRAHAM: Mentions that the KAIROS Blanket Exercise for staff is also in the booking process. Adds that the attendance estimate will be between 30-35 people for staff and will exceed the maximum capacity if combined with Council.

PICH: Suggests going forward with the online exercises for September

**PICH/ELAHI MOVE TO** direct staff to book the KAIROS Blanket Exercises to happen on September 19th online

CARRIED

LAM: Mentions that costing will be discussed in the next committee meeting

**2023-07/4b**

### **Activity Planning - Council and WOW**

Council Activity Planning.

LAM: Mentions that the Council activity date is set for a Saturday. Adds that potential dates are August 26th or September 2nd in the afternoon (time to be determined)

MOHAMED: Suggests September 9th

LAM: States that another questionnaire will be sent to the group chat to get council members' thoughts on the activity date and to finalize the scheduling of the event in the next committee meeting

Week of Welcome (WOW) Activity Planning.

PICH: Suggests doing a BBQ event during the Week of Welcome

FLAMAN: Mentions that the Council can do BBQ during the event. However, due to the University's rule about vendors doing business during the event, BBQ items would have to be sold instead of given out.

LAM: Asks PICH to draft a plan to be further discussed in the next meeting.

2023-07/5

**CLOSED SESSION**

2023-07/6

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2023-07/6a

[Advertising Strategy Presentation](#)

2023-07/6b

[KAIROS Blanket Exercise Bylaw](#)

2023-07/7

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting: August 29, 2023, at 5 pm**

**ABDELWAHAB/GARBUTT MOVE TO** adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM

CARRIED

LAM adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM