



University of Alberta Students' Union

**COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

**November 21st, 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
Aamir Mohamed		Y
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Precious Majekodunmi		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A

**MINUTES (CAC-2023-14)**

2023-14/1	<b><u>INTRODUCTION</u></b>
2023-14/1a	<b>Call to Order</b> LAM called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM
2023-14/1b 2023-14/1c	<b>Approval of Agenda</b> <b>THEISSEN/MAJEKODUNMI MOVE TO</b> approve the agenda CARRIED <b>Approval of Minutes</b> TABLED
2023-14/1d	<b>Chair's Business</b>

2023-14/2	<b><u>CLOSED SESSION</u></b> <b>PICH/ABDELWAHAB MOVE TO</b> conduct the session in-camera CARRIED
2023-14/2a	<b>SAL Positions on Students' Council Committees and Sub-Committees Adjudication</b> <b>MAJEKODUNMI/THEISSEN MOVE TO</b> appoint Mohcene Maher Bouceneche as the Student at Large for PAWSOC. CARRIED
2023-14/3	<b><u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u></b> MOHAMED: A lot of people have joined the GFC and not council, do we want to promote council to people who might be potentially interested in joining? LAM: Will reach out to Jacob (CRO) and see what he thinks of that idea.
2023-14/4	<b><u>PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS</u></b>
2023-14/5	<b><u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u></b>
2023-14/5a	<b>Sharing Circle Discussion</b> LAM: Reminder that the Sharing Circle will be happening next week. Reminder that attendance is one of the duties given to council members in the ARRC guidelines. <b>Council Food Order Discussion</b>

	<p>LAM: There will be a special meeting next week to accommodate the many presentations that council will have to view. What will occur regarding ordering food for council? Will let the Committee decide on a course of action.</p> <p>THEISSEN: A treat could be ordered for the council, especially as there's a large budget and volunteers should be rewarded. Wants to earmark some of the budget towards incentivizing volunteers.</p> <p>LAM: We could discuss that, but we have to be cognizant of the budget. If we do want to order food for our next council meeting from the Horowitz, a motion will need to be passed today.</p> <p>THEISSEN: Wants to support SU businesses, so is partial to the Horowitz.</p> <p>LAM: There are potentially 3 presentations scheduled for next week, and each one will probably be 30 minutes each. So there'll be a total of 1.5 hours of presentations.</p> <p><b>THEISSEN/MOHAMED MOVE TO</b> direct staff to order food for the November 28 council meeting as per usual CARRIED</p>
<p><b>2023-14/5b</b></p>	<p><b>Trimester End Celebration Discussion</b></p> <p>LAM: Would like to host an event celebrating the hard work the councillors have been doing.</p> <p>PICH: Like a Christmas party of some sort? When would it be hosted?</p> <p>LAM: Potentially after the final council meeting, or a different day after councillors have finished with finals.</p> <p>THIESSSEN: Could invite not only council, but other heads to network and meet new people.</p> <p>LAM: Then we can draw from the council fund or from the CAC fund. No decisions need to be made immediately, but there are only 2 more CAC meetings.</p> <p>MOHAMED: The SU is having a holiday dinner. CAC could reserve a table so councillors can sit and eat together. It's on Friday, December 8.</p> <p>LAM: GRAHAM and LAM can reach out to the rest of council and see what they think as well.</p>
<p><b>2023-14/6</b></p>	<p><b><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></b></p>

**2023-14/7 ADJOURNMENT**

LAM adjourned the meeting at 5:37 PM.

**Next Meeting: December 5th, 2023 at 5 pm**