



University of Alberta Students' Union

## POLICY COMMITTEE

**June 1st, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**SUB/[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
Pedro Almeida		Y
Chris Beasley		Y
Michael Griffiths		Y
Adrian Lam		Y
Precious Majekodunmi (Chair)		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Jetro Dano		N/A

## MINUTES (PC-2023-01-M)

2023-01/1

### INTRODUCTION

2023-01/1a

#### **Call to Order**

MAJEKODUNMI called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

2023-01/1b

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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#### **Chair's Business**

2023-01/2

### QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-01/3

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Policy Committee duties review

GRAHAM: Shares SU Docs with the committee. Provides an overview of how the committee works. Mentions the unfinished policies that need to be updated or amended from the last committee, the expiring policies this year, and how the policies are approved by Council, including its first principles and second principles

Discussion of policies that committee members are interested in

MAJEKODUNMI: Asks if they can go to the execs and ask what kind of policies they want to work on

BEASLEY: States how and which policies are determined by the committee to work on

ALMEIDA: Mentions that there is one policy that he would like to work on

PICH: Asks GRAHAM which specific policies the committee will work on

GRAHAM: Confirms that the committee can work on the existing policies as well as add new ones if need be

LAM: Mentions that they are looking forward to working on the Augustana Campus Policy

THIESSEN: Gives their insights on what policies the committee should work on

GRIFFITHS: Mentions that it is important for the committee to work on the expiring policies. Adds that they are interested to be working on the Mental Health Policy

BEASLEY: States that there is one policy they do not want to renew (Deferred Maintenance). Adds that they would like to be involved with Student Financial Aid, the TRC, and the Mental Health Policies

PICH: Asks the Chair if the committee can set up an action plan for the policies that the committee will be working on

MAJEKODUNMI: Asks the committee to review SU docs containing all the policies by the next meeting.

**2023-01/4**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2023-01/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

MAJEKODUNMI adjourned the meeting at 6:23 PM