



University of Alberta Students' Union

**POLICY  
COMMITTEE**

**June 15, 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		N
Precious Majekodunmi (Chair)		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A

**MINUTES (PC-2023-02-M)**

**2023-02/1                    INTRODUCTION**

**2023-02/1a                 **Call to Order****

MAJEKODUNMI called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

**2023-02/1b                 **Approval of Agenda****

**MAJEKODUNMI/ALMEIDA MOVE TO** approve the agenda.  
CARRIED

**2023-02/1c                 **Approval of Minutes****

**MAJEKODUNMI/THIESSEN MOVE TO** approve the minutes.  
CARRIED

**2023-02/1d                 **Chair's Business****

MAJEKODUNMI: States that they had reviewed the past committee's minutes and agendas for reference.

**2023-02/2                    QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2023-02/3                    COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2023-02/3a                 Individual and Committee Goal Setting**

MAJEKODUNMI: Reads last year's committee member's goals. Asks the members if they are ready to set the goals today

THIESSEN: Recommends the goal-setting be done at the next committee meeting after the Gov Camp

Committee agrees.

MAJEKODUNMI: Asks the members if they find urgent policies or need immediate action.

BEASLEY: Suggests starting with the expired policies.

PICH: Suggests working on the other policies alongside the expired ones.

GRAHAM: Recommends creating a shared Google document for the committee to work on.

MAJEKODUNMI: Suggests creating working groups. Asks the committee to add their names to the policies they want to work on on the proposed shared document- the deadline is set until the next meeting.

Committee agrees.

**2023-02/3b**

Policy Renewal Updates and Prioritization of Policies

TABLED

**2023-02/4**

INFORMATION ITEMS

**2023-02/4a**

Augustana Campus Policy (Expired April 2023)

TABLED

ALMEIDA: Reads Lam's message.

MAJEKODUNMI: Asks the committee if there are any amendments or updates the committee is looking to include in the Augustana Campus Policy. Adds that it is important to consult the Augustana Students' Association regarding this matter as well as the topic of transportation for Augustana students.

BEASLEY: Suggest that the committee makes sure that it advocates for equitable transportation that makes sense for Augustana students while recognizing the shifting landscape of transportation in general.

**2023-02/4b**

Quality Instruction Policy (Expired April 2023)

THIESSEN: Mentions their submission of the amended policy to the chair, which incorporates the SPOT survey

PICH: Asks if the revised policy will be sent out to the rest of the committee members for review before its approval.

GRAHAM: States that any policies the working groups work on will be brought to the committee for review. Once approved, the policy will be sent to the Student Council for approval.

**2023-02/4c**

Student Space (Expired April 2023)

MAJEKODUNMI: Provides a summary of what this policy is all about.

GRIFFITHS: Mentions some essential points that the committee can consider going forward with the policy, including the expansion of undergraduate students that the university hopes to achieve in the next 5-10 years, budget cuts in support of staff, and cleanliness of the buildings.

PICH: Suggests renaming the policy and condensing the other policies into it to make it more accessible and easier to abide by.

THIESSEN: Mentions essential points that the committee can consider going forward with the policy.

MAJEKODUNMI: Asks the committees' perspective about combining relevant policies.

The committee is in support.

PICH: Mentions integrating the existing policies instead of combining them is more fitting.

MAJEKODUNMI: Asks GRAHAM if a policy can have subsections of its own.

GRAHAM: Answers yes.

PICH: Asks how often a policy can be amended.

GRAHAM: Mentions that there is no limit on amending a policy.

**2023-02/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2023-02/5a**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 29, 2023, @ 6 pm

MAJEKODUNMI adjourned the meeting at 6:23 PM