



University of Alberta Students' Union

**ABORIGINAL
RELATIONS AND
RECONCILIATION
COMMITTEE
(ARRC)**

December 4, 2023

5:30 PM

Zoom

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciswaskahikan (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 nēhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dēnesųliné (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
Ella Thomson (Chair)		Y
Noor Abdelwahab		Y
Chris Beasley		Y
Marc Jr. Doire		N
Levi Flaman		Y
Michael Griffiths		Y
Brooklynn Halfe		N
Elizah McColl		N
Mason Pich		N

Muneeba Qadir		N
Dani Okemaw		N/A
Coutney Graham		N/A
Racquel Araujo		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A

MINUTES (ARRC-2023-05-M)

2023-05/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-05/1a **Call to Order**

THOMSON called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM

2023-05/1c **Approval of Minutes**

DOIRE/PICH MOVE TO approve the minutes
CARRIED

2023-05/1d **Chair’s Business**

2023-05/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-05/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-05/3a ICW Discussion

OKEMAW: For Indigenous Celebration week, Cameron, a masters student who does a lot of work in language and Indigenous language revitalization will be asked to speak in the upcoming ICW event that runs January 30th - February 2nd.

All virtual celebrations are heavily attended. Last time there was around 44 people, but not everyone could attend as the Zoom was short staffed and wasn’t able to let more people in.

Main theme will be Indigenous Language and Indigenous Culture. Have been wanting to bring in an indigenous fashion designer, and there’s a long list of people who are potential candidates to speak.

A tentative schedule was shown. These sessions might be moved around, depending on the schedules of the potential speakers. Will be speaking to the bearhead sisters for the Honouring Our Youth section.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-05/5

ADJOURNMENT

THOMSON adjourned the meeting at 6:10 P.M.