



University of Alberta Students' Union

**COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

September 26th, 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, Dènesų́liné (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		Y
Mason Pich		N
Chris Beasley		Y
Damon Atwood		Y
Megan Garbutt		Y
Precious Majekodunmi		Y
Aamir Mohamed		Y
Levi Flaman		Y

Pedro Almeida		Y
Christian Zukowski		Y
Jacob Verghese		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Racquel Araujo		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A

MINUTES (CAC-2023-10)

2023-10/1	<u>INTRODUCTION</u>
2023-10/1a	Call to Order LAM called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM
2023-10/1b	Approval of Agenda LAM/THIESEN MOVE TO approve the agenda CARRIED
2023-10/1c	Approval of Minutes THIESEN/MAJEKODUNMI MOVE TO approve the minutes CARRIED
2023-10/1d	Chair's Business LAM will send a message on the Whatsapp group to more easily facilitate scheduling

2023-10/2	<u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u>
2023-10/3	<u>PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS</u>
2023-10/4	<u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>
2023-10/4a	KAIROS Blanket Exercise Discussion THIESEN: Thought that the Blanket Exercise was very educational and it was a good learning experience. FLAMAN: Asks if the exercise needed to be reapproved for the future, and GRAHAM replied that it would.
2023-10/4b	SAL for Green and Gold Grant Adjudication Committee Committee

	<p>THIESSEN/MOHAMED MOVE TO rescind the appointment of Kingsley from the Green and Gold Grant Adjudication Committee due to not committing to job duties. CARRIED</p> <p>THIESSEN/MAJEKODUNMI MOVE TO reopen the student at large position for the Green and Gold Grant Adjudication Committee position, with them reviewed biweekly. CARRIED</p>
<p>2023-10/4c</p>	<p>Council Dinner/Snacks Discussion</p> <p>LAM: Reviewing the food budget this year, as there has not been enough food for everyone during meetings recently. There have also been complaints about the variety of the food.</p> <p>GRAHAM: CAC attendance has improved since implementing food during the meeting. Students' Council Chambers doesn't allow food, so food cannot be delivered there. In the past, a previous system of submitting food requests was not consistent and didn't work well as not everyone who planned to attend CAC submitted a food request.</p> <p>THIESSEN: There was adequate food at the last meeting and believes the current system to be satisfactory.</p> <p>BEASLEY: Wants to prevent and diminish food waste by not over-ordering food. However, with less food ordered, there's a risk of not having enough food per meeting. If food is over-ordered, to ensure that everyone gets something to eat, the risk of food waste increases. CAC needs to recognize what their values are and what they'd like to err on the side of. To diminish food waste, members could take extra food home with them and bring reusable food containers.</p> <p>ZUKOWSKI: Other SU offices will commonly leave leftover food in the staff room to avoid food waste.</p> <p>GRAHAM: Food left in the SU staff room will always get eaten and waste will be prevented if that is the direction that committee wants to go.</p> <p>ZUKOWSKI: Suggests to keep the current level of food, but have food vouchers for some of the restaurants around the SUB area. Then, to align values with food diversity, see if the foods that will be served will be vegan/vegetarian/gluten free, etc</p> <p>GRAHAM: The food order that is currently submitted states that the food ordered should contain no nuts, must be halal, and provide at least one vegan option.</p> <p>LAM: Some councilors requested pizza to be served during CAC.</p>

	<p>ALMEIDA: With meal vouchers, suggests that there may be more than potential costs than can be seen right now. There aren't only two options or one set of values that can be abided by; there can be compromises for this.</p> <p>GRAHAM: If CAC wants to explore a pizza dinner, Students' Council already could explore utilizing the Students' Council Fund.</p> <p>BEASLEY: Cautions against using the Students' Council Fund for such purposes.</p> <p>THIESEN/MAJEKODUNMI MOVE TO ask staff to change the standing food order from 10 to 12 people, for the duration of the next 3 CAC meetings CARRIED</p>
<p>2023-10/5</p>	<p><u>CLOSED SESSION</u></p>
<p>2023-10/6</p>	<p><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></p>
<p>2023-10/7</p>	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>LAM adjourned the meeting at 5:49 PM</p> <p>Next Meeting: October 10th, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.</p>