

Policy Committee

Date: April 4, 2024 Time: 5:00pm

In Person: SUB 6-06 and Online: 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, Dënesųliné (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		Υ
Precious Majekodunmi (Chair)		Υ
Mason Pich		Υ
Nathan Thiessen		Υ
Christian Fotang		N
Abdul Abbasi		Υ
Aseel Atia		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A

MINUTES (PC 2023-16-M)

2024-23/1 INTRODUCTION

2024-23/1a Call to Order (5 min)

Land Acknowledgement

LAM/BEASLEY	MOVE TO	approve t	he agend	a
CARRIED				

2024-22/1b Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (1 min) PC-2023-15-M.pdf PC-2023-14-M.pdf 2024-22/1c

LAM/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO approve the minutes

CARRIED

2024-22/2 COMMITTEE BUSINESS (40 min)

• Mental Health Policy update - Must complete the second principles

LAM: No updates, as it hasn't been worked on. There's been a work backlog, so this policy was not completed.

Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

THEISSEN: Has been absent because of elections. This might be the work of next year's Policy Committee, as the First Principles will not be completed on time.

Quality Academics Policy and Academic Materials policy

THIESSEN: Understands that this is done and will need council approval for the Second Principles.

• TRC Update

GRIFFITHS: The First Principles are done, but the Second Principles need to be completed. Second Principles can be completed within the next few days.

Augustana policy update

LAM: This policy was completed and approved at the Augustana retreat.

MAJEKODUNMI: Discuss the Quality Academics Policy's Second Principles. There should also be a table and a comparison between the old and new versions of the policy.

LAM: Before voting, can the colors be changed to fit with regulation? Then Council won't have any misunderstandings.

THIESSEN/LAM MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of the Quality Academics Policy.

CARRIED

2024-22/3 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD (5 min)

2024-22/4a Action Items / To-Do List

2024-22/4b Next Scheduled Meeting?

2024-22/5 Adjournment

MAJEKODUNMI adjourned the meeting at 5:37 PM