



University of Alberta Students' Union
**STUDENT GROUP
 COMMITTEE**

February 2, 2024
3:30 P.M.
SUB 6-06/[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 Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłiné (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
Rebecca Barnes (SAL)		N
Selen Erkut (SGS)		N
Michael Griffiths (Chair)		Y
Alison Kennedy (SAL)		Y
Michelle Kim		N
Precious Majekodunmi		N
Colton Meronyk (SAL)		N
Muneeba Qadir		N
Aaryan Shetty (SAL) (Guest)		Y

Courtney Graham		N/A
Jetro Dano		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A

MINUTES (SGC-2023-04-M)

2023-04/1

INTRODUCTION

2023-04/1a

Call to Order

GRIFFITHS: Called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM.

2023-04/1b

Approval of Agenda

TABLED

2023-04/1c

Approval of Minutes

CARRIED, via e-vote

2023-04/1d

Chair's Business

2023-04/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-04/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-04/3a

[Bylaw 5100 review/ changes](#)

[First principles for potential changes](#)

Committee discusses Bylaw 5100: Student Group Conduct.

GRIFFITHS: Mentions that Bylaw changes require two readings to Students' Council. First Principles readings set the intention, while the Second Principles reading involves comparing the old and new changes. Adds that due to tight timelines, evaluations necessitate quorum and sufficient time for deliberation. Furthermore, adjustments to student groups are anticipated, and the University is exploring the transfer of event control to the Student Union in the coming years.

SHETTY: Asks about Section 9: Student Group Committee Decisions.

GRIFFITHS: Mentions that discussions in the first week will revolve around the case and that decisions will be made at the next meeting of the committee, or within two (2) calendar weeks of receiving the item. However, this can be reworded to fit appropriately, allowing for greater clarity and understanding.

KENNEDY: Suggests that a timeline specifying the number of weeks is more appropriate given the weight of each case.

2023-04/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

[Bylaw 5100](#)

2023-04/5

ADJOURNMENT

GRIFFITHS: Adjourned the meeting at 3:56 PM.