



University of Alberta Students' Union

## ABORIGINAL RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

**Monday, June 15, 2018**

**5:00pm**

**SUB 0-55**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Sauleaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Deirdra Cutarm		Y	
Katherine Belcourt		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar	(VP RIPKA)	Y	
Andre Bourgeois		N	
Mpoe Mogale		Y	
Ariyanna Callihoo		N	
Nathan Sunday		Y	

### **AGENDA (ARRC-2018-02)**

**2018-02/1 INTRODUCTION**

**2018-02/1a Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4.31 pm by Chair Sunday.

**2018-02/1b Approval of Agenda**

SUNDAY:

I would like to amend the agenda to the date being Friday at the start time being

4.00pm.

**SUNDAY/ ASC PRESIDENT BELCOURT MOVE** to amend the agenda.

4/0/0

CARRIED

**VP RIPKA/ ASC PRESIDENT BELCOURT MOVE** to approve the amended agenda

4/0/0

CARRIED

**2018-02/1c Approval of Minutes**

SUNDAY: The attendance from our last mins included Interim Chair Jonathan which was from the first meeting. So that needs to be amended.

**ASC PRESIDENT BELCOURT/SUNDAY MOVE** to amend the mins.

4/0/0

CARRIED

**MOGALE/ASC PRESIDENT BELCOURT MOVE** to approve the amended mins.

3/0/1

CARRIED

VP RIPKA abstains.

**2018-02/1d Chair's Business**

SUNDAY:

I wanted to share the news about the two new University residence buildings which will bear the names of former senator Thelma Chalifoux and the Cree word for a plant used to build sweat lodges. That is good but while this may seem like a victory, in reality it doesn't necessarily help the Aboriginal students as those residences aren't necessarily for Aboriginal students and the ones that are, are old, overcrowded with long waiting lists. So there is no substantive change. Nevertheless I thought I would bring this to the Committee

VP RIPKA:

Which ones are the current residences for Aboriginal students

SUNDAY:

There's two or three houses and run out of first-peoples' house. Also a section in HUB mall.

VP RIPKA:

I know there is some conversations happening in Michener Park in relation to single mother students but I will be sure to bring up the Indigenous Residences point in the conversation when I am in those committees.

**2018-02/2**    **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2018-02/2a**    Indigenous Recruitment

SUNDAY:

This item was added by VO Bourgeois who is not present and I have not received any notes from him. So we will move on to the next item.

VP RIPKA:

Regarding the filling up of the 3 empty spots on this Committee, When do we want this filled by?

SUNDAY:

As soon as possible, I sent out an email to a few Aboriginal student groups, informing I would share the Standing Orders. I could send another one regarding the open spots.

VP RIPKA:

Hopefully we can find at least two, and perhaps ASC could fill out the last.

SUNDAY:

Yes that could work, and everyone feel free to send emails as well.

**2018-02/2b**    Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

(Note: The recommendations not listed below didn't have detailed discussions.)

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Recommendation nineteen will be revisited when VP Bourgeois is present.

**Summary discussion regarding recommendation twenty (Expanding the current truth):**

Committee members discussed placing this under Operational and Advocacy categories and discussion involved how this may be implemented.

**Summary discussion regarding recommendation twenty one (Increasing support for Aboriginal student services):**

Committee members decided to change *Aboriginal Student Services Centre* to *First Peoples House*.

**Summary discussion regarding recommendation twenty three (Aboriginal Student Awards):**

Committee members discussed the decision of choosing the sum of \$1000 and for 4 years. They were the most common values of other SU awards.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation twenty four (Community Consultation):

Committee members discussed the existing consultation frameworks as being not entirely adequate and the role of the Students Council in implementing this recommendation.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation twenty five (post-secondary funding advocacy):

Committee members discussed the role of Federal and Provincial governments in this and the possibility of including *post-secondary student program* into this recommendation or item twenty-six.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation twenty nine (Aboriginal specific advising positions):

Committee members discussed the potential issue of having too few positions which may result in overload in the advisor's part. Committee members discussed the potential of having volunteers, assistants or senior mentors to help alleviate this load. Committee members discussed expanding the capacity of existing Aboriginal Advisors and noted to get advice/info from such advisors for this item.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation thirty (Transition Year Program):

Committee members discussed to bring the notes from the ASSC Consultation from last year as well as have an explanation about why the emphasis may be on the Faculty of Science. This item will be revisited after input from appropriate advisors.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation thirty- two (materials translation into Aboriginal languages):

Committee members discussed to the alternative of translating promotional (poster/website/design etc) materials as opposed to the Operating policy as a way to perhaps be more effective in implementing the goal of this recommendation. In regards to item thirty-three, committee members discussed merging it with thirty-two and perhaps translating Bylaw 100 to Cree at the very least.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation thirty- six (KAIROS):

Committee members discussed the point of having this performed after by-law elections as sum Councillors may drop out over the summer and including

“GovCamp” as it includes all Fac Associations as well.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation thirty- eight (Creation of Operational Dedicated Fee Unit):

Committee members discussed other sustainable ways of maintaining this fund (like a specialty grant) and the issue of maintaining agency. VP Ripka noted to discuss this with the Finance Manager.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation thirty- nine (Advocating for institutional commitments):

Committee members discussed the definition of “develop opportunities” in this item and agreed that the item was in regard to every level of the university or unit (like departments, student services as well) having that specific goal.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation forty-one (public discourse and events):

Committee members discussed the issue of having tokenistic events which may seem as a success but in reality have no real representation.

**2018-02/3      COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

SUNDAY:

I have two additions to the agenda. The first one is regarding the ARRC Recommendation for External Aboriginal Committees. For the Council on Aboriginal initiatives, there is only one SU representative, so if there is someone in this Committee who would like to sit on that, ARRC can nominate you.

Councillor Cutarm volunteered.

**SUNDAY/MOGALE NOMINATES** on the recommendation of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee, the appointment of Councillor Cutarm as the Student’s Union Representative on the Council for Aboriginal Initiatives

4/0/0

CARRIED

SUNDAY:

For the First People’s Palace event I will attend CAC to ask for funds so that the Students’ Council can attend it again. If anyone wants to come, they are welcome. We will see what they say.

Regarding an Elder for the Committee, does anyone have any suggestions of an Elder they know? It was originally supposed to be the Indigenous Advisory Office

who was going to help us last year, but since that is defunct, we could ask the First People's House. Committee members discussed ideas for this position .

**2018-02/4    INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2018-02/4a**    *ARRC-2018-01, Meeting Minutes - May 28, 2018.*

See ARRC-2018-02.01.

**2018-02/5    ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 5.53pm

**2018-02/5a**    **Next Meeting:** Monday, June 25, 2018 @ 5:00PM in SUB 0-55.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<b>SUNDAY/ ASC PRESIDENT BELCOURT MOVE</b> to amend the agenda.	4/0/0 CARRIED
<b>VP RIPKA/ ASC PRESIDENT BELCOURT MOVE</b> to approve the amended agenda.	4/0/0 CARRIED
<b>ASC PRESIDENT BELCOURT/SUNDAY MOVE</b> to amend the minutes.	4/0/0 CARRIED
<b>MOGALE/ASC PRESIDENT BELCOURT MOVE</b> to include the amendment to the minutes.	3/0/1 CARRIED VP RIPKA abstains.
<b>SUNDAY/MOGALE NOMINATES</b> on the recommendation of the Aboriginal Relations and	4/0/0 CARRIED

Reconciliation Committee, the appointment of Councillor Cutarm as the Student's Union Representative on the Council for Aboriginal Initiatives	
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