



*University of Alberta Students' Union*  
**ABORIGINAL RELATIONS  
 AND RECONCILIATION  
 COMMITTEE**

**Monday, June 25, 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, Saulteaux, 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		Y	
Andre Bourgeois		N	No
Mpoe Mogale		N	No
Ariyanna Callihoo		Y	
Nathan Sunday		Y	
Heather Lindsey (NSSA VP Finance)		Y	
Rhiannon Arcand (NSSA President)		Y	

**AGENDA (ARRC-2018-03)**

**2018-03/1    INTRODUCTION**

**2018-03/1a Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5.05 pm by Chair Sunday.

**2018-03/1b Prayer/Smudging Ceremony**

**2018-03/1c Approval of Agenda**

SUNDAY:

Does anyone want to make any changes to the agenda?

NSSA President ARCAND:

I would like to add something to the agenda. NSSA is currently considered student at large, so we cannot have a voting seat.

SUNDAY: NSSA does have a seat we are just waiting for it, and we can put that under Committee Business. So is there a mover for the amendment?

**CUTARM/ASC VP CALLIHOO MOVE** to amend the agenda

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CARRIED.

**VP BHATNAGAR/CUTARM MOVE** to approve the amended agenda.

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CARRIED

**2018-03/1d Approval of Minutes**

SUNDAY:

I have an amendment I would like to make. The First Peoples' House needs to be capitalized and the place where it says 'Palace' needs to be amended to 'House'.

**CUTARM/SUNDAY MOVE** to amend the agenda

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CARRIED.

(Note: President Belcourt was the additional vote).

**CUTARM/ASC VP CALLIHOO MOVE** to approve the amended agenda .

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CARRIED

(VP Bhatnagar abstains)

SUNDAY:

I would also like to amend the structure agenda just for this meeting such that the Committee Business will go before the Question/ Answer Period.

**2018-03/1e Chair's Business**

SUNDAY:

In regards to the late additions, there was a motion to nominate Councillor Cutarm to the position on Council on Aboriginal initiatives. I will speak to the speaker tomorrow to get it on the main agenda. So that is currently happening.

**2018-03/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2018-03/2b ARRC Recommendations**

(Note 1: For future min reference on recommendations: When trying to find the recommendation, go off the subject matter in discussion and not the recommendation number as they are liable to change.

Note 2: The recommendations not listed below didn't have detailed discussions.)

Summary discussion regarding recommendation forty-four ( On Informal Agreement):

Committee members discussed the need to ensure the MOU was detailed out and agreed this recommendation to be under Operations and SC.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation forty-six ( On editing its Acknowledgement of Traditions Territories).

Committee members discusses the need for consistent acknowledgements between SU and SC. Committee members discussed the idea and additional recommendation that will enable SU and SC work with ARRC to ensure the Treaty 6 acknowledgement is accurately reflected. Members discussed the idea of having information packages distributed with the help of Discover Governance as an educational resources.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation forty-seven ( On reflecting Traditional names of the Nations mentioned in Treaty Acknowledgement ).

Committee members debated in depth on the recommendation and how best to execute it in partnership with SU. Other discussions involved finding ways to promote the use of the acknowledgement in all SU Committees and ensure that Councillors actively engage with the recommendation.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation forty-nine ( Aboriginal Achievement Strategic Plan).

Committee members discussed whether the Faculty Specific Strategic plan was sufficient and on how hard it is to locate it. Members discussed the need to have a stand-alone plan for Indigenous Initiatives as opposed to being a subsection in the University's all encompassing Strategic Plan, hence the recommendation.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation fifty (Aboriginal Awareness Week).

Committee members discussed the need for an Awareness Week for Indigenous students that is not clumped into other awareness events such as International Week. Committee members discussed the issue of only two Aboriginal groups being on campus and how that may drain their members if all the planning of this week is given to them. The members discussed the idea of beginning plans but not to actually have it this year. The members favoured the idea of having SU lead this event and other Indigenous agencies would work in collaboration to organize it.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation fifty-one (SU invitation to ARRC and ASC).

Committee members discussed the need for accurate flow of information from SU to ARRC and ASC members and also discussed the possibility of extending this recommendation all Indigenous stakeholders on campus.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation fifty-three (Smudging).

Committee members discussed the possibility of having this recommendation applied to all future SU buildings if erected and also having the listed Smudging Places more accessible to students.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation fifty-four (Services under Dean of Students).

Committee members discussed how Dean of Students and execute this recommendation and noted to find out the role and responsibilities of *Assistant Dean, First Nations and Inuit Students*.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation fifty-six (Amend Bylaw 1500).

Committee members discussed the relevance of this recommendation as DIE Board currently can only rule on Bylaw and therefore cannot provide impartial advice and answer reference/abstract questions.

Summary discussion regarding recommendation fifty-seven (STRIDE program).

Committee members discussed in detail, the challenges of executing this recommendation with the potential opposition that it may not come with solid research that SU can target in their execution. Members discussed the possibility to encourage or find research which lists the possible points of intervention/programming that SU can work with to create the STRIDE program.

**2018-03/3**      **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Note: This item was shifted to before Question/Discussion Period.

NSSA President ARCAND:

In regards to the seat for the NSSA member on this committee, we will have an answer by July as we are yet to have our first meeting and discuss it.

ASC President BELCOURT:

I was just wondering how many spots are allocated for NSSA?

SUNDAY:

Currently the way its structured is that there are three seats available for Aboriginal Organizations, so we are just discussing NSSA taking up one of those seats.

ASC President BELCOURT:

In regards to vacancies, if someone is not in an Indigenous Student group, could they secure a seat?

SUNDAY:

Yes, but they wouldn't be in the permanent membership but could still come to Committee and vote.

**ASC VP CALLIHOO/ASC President BELCOURT MOVES** to give NSSA one Permanent Member Seat in the Committee.

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CARRIED.

**2018-03/4**    **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2018-03/4a**    *ARRC-2018-02, Meeting Minutes - June 15 2018.*

See ARRC-2018-03.01.

**2018-02/5**    **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6.49 pm.

**2018-02/5a**    **Next Meeting:** Monday, July 9, 2018 @ 5:00PM in SUB 0-55.

## SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<b>CUTARM/ASC VP CALLIHOO MOVE</b> to amend the agenda	4/0/0 CARRIED
<b>VP BHATNAGAR/CUTARM MOVE</b> to approve the amended agenda.	4/0/0 CARRIED
<b>CUTARM/SUNDAY MOVE</b> to amend the agenda	5/0/0 CARRIED.
<b>CUTARM/ASC VP CALLIHOO MOVE</b> to approve the amended agenda .	4/0/1 CARRIED
<b>ASC VP CALLIHOO/ASC President BELCOURT MOVES</b> to give NSSA one Permanent Member Seat in the Committee.	5/0/0 CARRIED

