



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

Monday, July 30, 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, Sauteaux, 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)
Nathan Sunday (Chairman, ARRC)		Y	
Deirdra Cutarm		N	N
Katherine Belcourt		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar		Y	
Andre Bourgeois	Emma Ripka	N	N
Mpoe Mogale		Y	
Ariyanna Callihoo		Y	
Heather Lindsey (NSSA VP Finance)		Y	
Kimberley Fraser-Airhart (NSSA VP Academic)		Y	
Non-members:			
Reed Larsen (VP, SU)		Y	

AGENDA (ARRC-2018-06)

2018-06/1 INTRODUCTION

2018-06/1a Call to Order

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

2018-06/1b Prayer/Smudging Ceremony

2018-06/1c Approval of Agenda

No formal agenda

2018-06/1d Approval of Minutes

none

2018-06/1e Chair's Business

none

2018-06/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2018-06/2a President Larsen moves to fully review ARRC's goals in partnership with ARRC, for SU Executive Committee, in 2018-19, to propose recommendations

Larsen:

I intend to propose a new motion to move forward in support of our executive goals

Myself and Sunday had a discussion about it

This motion is for myself and for bylaws and is an open mandate for ARRC Committee bylaws

Asked for feedback

Sunday:

You talked about declaration and that is not a fifth goal

Larsen:

No, because I spoke with Sunday to have a commitment to move with a wholesome base; It will only be a fifth point in the document, where you have an intuitive forward point; It will also allow us to work with new partnership with ARRC;

A committee member:

What is the result of that? Would it go through our recommendations?

Larsen:

We will present ARRC recommendations and executive committee's commitment to its goals as well as its own mandate and positions; According to bylaw mandates, you are mandated to request something like this from the executives; Executive goals were published with order papers to the council on Friday and I received this 3 hours ago and there were questions and feedback; It will allow us to tie ARRC's recommendation, executive committee's goals and whatever recommendations ARRC will have for the executives; we will try to publish all these before September;

A committee member:

Recommendation was to add a standalone executive goal because they was a requirement that we provide feedback and the feedback will incorporate a standalone section during reconciliation; If what we are saying is to reformat the whole executive goals? it is a bit confusing

Larsen:

I am proposing a standalone motion because we received a recommendation but don't have open and transparent motion that has been listed in the items; We will go the council tomorrow with a strong mandate to get it done;

We are working with ARRC to find a timeline for it and will make sure that the executive goals have been published in tomorrow's agenda; It hasn't gone public yet and have been no marketing campaign Working with ARRC to create executives' goals for reconciliation including executives' plan for ARRC's recommendation, which will be published alongside executives' goal in September. I was working on recommendation point for it have its importance to be own point, something worthwhile to be considered as a standalone piece. This is my suggestion to put it all together into one thing to be published with a mandate to take to the Council. If that works for the Committee I will happy to do that, and if other motions will be published, I am excited about those.

Sunday:

I think we should talk about creation of a fifth goal and also must have a separate document for that. ARRC should be an oversight committee; Legislative and oversight affairs should be separate;

A committee member:

I agree with Sunday; Executive always include something about indigenous people but it never follows through; Therefore there has be recommendations that we created;

A committee member:

Two questions and then comments

There are four goals now, and therefore I would argue that reconciliation will make way to all of them; ARRC is making recommendation that surely could already do that;

Creation of the new document will lead to its own separate thing;

If you are doing 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and then 5 is its own separate thing, when in reality ARRC is for advocacy, education, operation and all of these things into the organization as a whole, and not a fifth goal.

Therefore there should not potentially be a fifth goal.

Sunday

A lot of aboriginal people in this committee have proposed this. They said that this is what reconciliation should be like.

A committee member:

By standalone, I mean standalone point as point #5. I did see indigenous issues that were pointed in some of the issues but not to the extent to be properly addressed.

Executive goals do not justice because a lot of jobs left the platform, and that was not seen in the executive goals.

Lindsey:

Some of my thoughts come from my consultations last year; If I am not misrepresenting something, executive goals are goals that the executives oversee and those that can be taken to the next level; I see that consultation is an issue and it is where certain things can be put to place; We can bring it up and entire SU can be involved in doing these things before other things, so that people will be happy;

A committee member:

Considering five people who are not indigenous, and their executive goals is like reconciliation is important to us is amazing and true and we believe in it;

FAs do understand what is ARRC is doing; they don't understand SU's

role;

we will not unambiguously go up and do what ARRC thinks we should integrate with goals; We have developed our platforms to do consultations; At the same time we think a lot of our goals integrated; I am worried that if we go our provost, and we have a fifth point, we will be asked about why these exist, and I don't know how to strike a balance with that;

Larsen:

I got recommendations and proposed our recommendations. This needs to be published as a executives' goals document, as the four executive goals. It is like delaying like a public-push of the document to have a section on reconciliation, and going through the four points and working to integrate indigenous students into it; Having that as an introduction and having a strategic plan to integrate ARRC's recommendation. Before publishing it we will visit ARRC's old documents for the next two months and go to publish.

I will be very to introduce a motion to change that.

Belcourt:

It is just like not wanting to create a fourth because three are there are three.

There is a lot of potential for it to get lost; I am for creating a document that has substance and not something that will get lost in the pile, which is a loss of time; It still feels like there is not enough substance to the fifth document; people need to understand why we are doing that;

Sunday:

President Larsen has requested for feedback and we will be provided feedback; Recommendation letter will not be made public because it is for the executive committee and will not be on the order papers; It is up to the executives to listen to the aboriginals or not;

Belcourt:

Everyone says it is reconciliation but it is not reconciliation; it changed a little bit for some people but not a whole lot; There is the question of why; Those who want to learn more can do so; That's the biggest part of that; A lot that happened last year is in part not understanding the truth;

Larsen:

A solution is more or less proposed in which we have an executives' goals document;

Instead of surfing the document, we will have a short version in which will have the details of reconciliation and the truth of reconciliation; We will

take on the points, some which are four pages long; it is going to take a substantial amount of work for us to do that work with you; we can have our first draft very quickly; In two weeks then we can go on to publish; the reason why I stress this model is because it is received.

But the motion will be binding, so if we make a motion, it will get created; I am proposing this as solution for myself and the executive committee;

The other thing is that we will drop the numbers; So instead of having a new number to document it is these things on the operational side that we created as mandate, we can pull the necessary points, and it will have the look and feel of the document we are looking forward to;

It will be Goal or Goal Reconciliation, which is what you are asking for and we will have to pull all the points out and it will be a simple thing to do, in 10 minutes.

When we have the media push in September, we will have a new document;

It serves two functions: you are mandated within your bylaw and I think you have ability to request this from us; the executive committee will be happy to put this together in two weeks and that way we will be able to publish it all together; this is simplest way I can put it together;

The other way is to have a motion to have it amended;

Tomorrow we will a presentation of our goals; that will be a second part of the document;

Sunday:

Is the presentation on the agenda?

Larsen:

I have control of that and have it included

Belcourt:

We agree with that, but am a bit unclear, as it looks like a bit of compromise; Would you add about reconciliation in your presentation tomorrow?

Larsen:

Yes. I think this is the simplest way I can see, getting everything to work within the next month, so that we can have it published without have you to do a lot of work;

It is a combination of two things but it is a decent way forward;

It is coming along to mind, but is up to the committee to decide;

A committee member:

I was not here for this discussion and it was not in the minutes; I did not know about the contents and what you asking for; I now see this as it

appears in the letter, which says that they want a Fifth Goal and I just feel like there is five goals now; Reconciliation goal can say that we developed it with students who are involved in the community and it was therefore developed with right people;

Sunday:

We are in-camera but the minute taker was taking minutes - look again and you will find it;

When we put together all of our goals we certainly take into account everything, but is certainly a compromise; You can absolutely give us recommendation and we will take that;

Sunday:

I think the only way forward is to have meeting between the executive and the committee

Larsen:

I think we have to reach a compromise where we will say that it is difficult for us to change the points but we can add a section without changing the bulk of it that allows to continue the integrity of the document on our mandate; my understanding of what I am trying to say is that we are compromising on a couple of things: 1. have a section in the document within the time frame to publish - it is the time frame in which myself and the executive want it publish; and 2. it is in my eyes something that was asked for and we can expand on that and unfortunately it has become something like a debate but this looks to me a section of reconciliation, where we as executives can then insert their recommendation;

I will be happy to have a vote on it and public process moving forward; I will have these conversations transparent;

Attendee:

So many people said so many things like, racism, etc. It sounds like the same way but is not the same; If you are saying that we are going to add a fifth point, then it may be, but there appears to be something missing;

Larsen:

I will try a different piece of language; I will write "this is a fifth point that is of same standing as the others:

However, I do not want to pull up the other four points that are already there; instead I would really like to see the executive committee write a full-some fifth point that is in itself a product on which feedback can be

obtained directly; we can obtain the first draft but do not have to do the work; it will be all be published together in a time frame that works;

Attendee:

Can we say additional point, instead of fifth? We are getting rid of numbers;

Larsen:

I know that it is a fifth point; we are working with ARRC to draft that point; this is open discussion that I am hoping to have by including the executive committee, which has taken the recommendation; the executive will have mandate tomorrow to create this document in the way I presented it;

Language seems misplaced but we will have public conversation so that we will have mandate for the executive committee to do so;

I would like to propose an amendment to read that the executive goals document include a section on reconciliation for public consultation.

Sunday:

We had a motion to make it binding

Larsen:

We do not need to be mandate by ARRC because this is public conversation process

We will be voting on the amendment to the motion

018-06/2b

Motion:

Larsen/Ripka move to fully review ARRC's goals in partnership with ARRC, for SU Executive Committee, in 2018-19, to propose recommendations

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Failed

Creation of a fifth goal

Motion:

Sunday/Beclourt move to recommend to the Executive Committee the creation of a fifth goal titled "reconciliation" within its 2018/19 goals

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Carried

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COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2018-06/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

none

2018-06/5 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6.49 pm.

2018-06/5a Next meeting: Monday, August 13, 2018 @ 5:00PM in SUB 0-55.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
Larsen/Ripka move to fully review ARRC's goals in partnership with ARRC, for SU Executive Committee, in 2018-19, to propose recommendations	1/0/6 FAILED
Sunday/Beclourt move to recommend to the Executive Committee the creation of a fifth goal titled "reconciliation" within its 2018/19 goals	7/0/0 CARRIED