



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

**Monday, September 24, 2018  
4:00pm  
SUB 6-06**

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.

**AGENDA (ARRC-2018-10)**

**2018-10/1    INTRODUCTION**

**2018-10/1a    Call to Order**

**2018-10/1b    Prayer/Smudging Ceremony**

**2018-10/1c    Approval of Agenda**

**2018-10/1d    Approval of Minutes**

**2018-10/1e    Chair's Business**

**2018-10/2    QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2018-10/2a    PSE Facts on Indigenous Peoples**

See ARRC-2018-10.02.

**2018-10/2b    Trevor Phillips presentation on Indigenous recruitment**

**2018-10/3    COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2018-10/4    INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2018-10/4a    ARRC-2018-09, Meeting Minutes - September 19 2018.**

See ARRC-2018-10.01.

**2018-10/4b    PSE Facts on Indigenous Peoples**

See ARRC-2018-10.02.

2018-10/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2018-10/5a **Next Meeting:** Monday, October 8, 2018 @ 4:00PM in SUB 6-06.



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**Monday, September 19, 2018**

**6:00pm**

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NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Nathan Sunday (Chair)		Y	
Deirdra Cutarm		N	
Katherine Belcourt		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar		Y	
Andre Bourgeois		Y	
Mpoe Mogale		Y	
Ariyanna Callihoo		Y	
Heather Lindsey (NSSA VP Finance)		N	
Kimberley Fraser-Airhart (NSSA VP Academic)		N	
Reed Larsen		N	
Arcand Rhiannon		Y	
Stephen Raitz		Y	
Tahra Haddouche		Y	

**AGENDA (ARRC-2018-09)**

**2018-09/1**            **INTRODUCTION**

**2018-09/1a**        **Call to Order**

Meeting, called to order at 6. 04 pm by Chair Sunday.

**2018-09/1b**        **Prayer/Smudging Ceremony**

**2018-09/1c**        **Approval of Agenda**

**BOURGEOIS/MOGALE MOVED** to approve the agenda  
9/0/0 CARRIED

**2018-09/1d**        **Approval of Minutes**

BHATNAGAR

Suggested that an amendment be made in attendance list, stating that  
Councillor Bhatnagar left early

SUNDAY

Asked If anyone remembers what the first motion in Question and Discussion  
period was about

(No one could come up with the wording or remembered what it was about)

SUNDAY

Suggested that the motion be deleted in the amended minutes

(There were suggestions for recording the minutes for the committee's and  
minute-taker's reference)

**BOURGEOIS/RHIANNON MOVED** to amend the minutes

7/0/2 CARRIED

Councillors Haddouche and Raitz abstained

**2018-09/1**        **Chair's Business**

**2018-09/2**        **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2018-09/2a

**ARRC Town Hall**

SUNDAY

The preamble is in the folder and I shared it with you; please let me know once you have the document:

(Members confirmed that they got it)

SUNDAY

My idea for this is not to come in for full recommendation; I have condensed them into few points and each in one of the groupings; How does everybody feel about it?

MOGALE

We can redo it and put in a working list;

BHATNAGAR

Posters will cost \$28 (showed some printed posters)

BELCOURT

We can have a few bigger posters on the board rather many smaller printed ones

SUNDAY

I don't know if we want to put all the recommendations because these points have all the recommendations

BOURGEOIS

We have flip-chart drive papers, and so we can have flip-chart paper and sticky notes that will look aesthetically pleasing; it would take a bit of time but save money;

MOGALE

(Disagreed)

BELCOURT

I am for printing a few ones and that way if people ask questions then one can answer

BOURGEOIS

I agree with Chair Sunday that condensed version is good

SUNDAY

Before finalizing it is better to have the condensed version

BELCOURT

Condensed version is fine but if somebody asks questions, we should not look like we don't know what we are talking about

BHATNAGAR

We can have our own personal copies but not publicly circulate them

SUNDAY

Can everyone/anyone come to the event and help, from 10am to 2 pm?

(Councillors Haddouche and Bourgeois offered to come)

SUNDAY

Suggested bringing laptops and pieces of papers to write them down, and doing what VP Bourgeois suggests;

BOURGEOIS

We can have flip-chart papers and list the advocacy points; By doing so, we can say something like 10 people came and advocated their points;

HADDOUCHE

Suggested Google Forms rather manual responses;

BOURGEOIS

Emphasized the need for oral communication rather than something in the internet like Google Form;

BELCOURT

Suggested sticky notes for feedback;

SUNDAY

Said that he is fine with all the ideas and is open to people volunteering

HADDOUCHE

If someone has an extra laptop, that will be helpful in quickly inputting

BOURGEOIS

In addition to flip-chart paper, will it be a good idea for people to write in a White Board?

It will be a standard graffiti kind of thing and would be suggestive that people want to bring in such and such ideas;

White board can be used for reconciliation type of things; It can encourage people to have coffee, think and write on the board;

BHATNAGAR

We should have all the information and suggest people to come for information; I can have a report, with planning process, and can give it to the

chair next year, and also to the ARRC; I can use the language that people use in the recommendations;

BOURGEOIS

We can station a councillor at the door and have people scan their OneCard and later asks them for their opinion, like a short survey about who is showing up and what is their opinion;

RAITZ

A sheet is more of friendly entrance than OneCard (which can be a little scary to people);

CALLIHOO

Agreed that sign-up sheet is better;

BHATNAGAR

We can station people at certain areas; Not having somebody to welcome people is bad; It becomes like standing jobs; We can grab people a lot better that way;

MOGALE

Do you want to have someone like greeter and facilitator?

BOURGEOIS

U of A put it clearly like money and stationed people with green shorts who said that we are giving people like give-away; It looked nice; We can have Student Council sweaters and have someone to welcome; What are your thoughts?

(All agreed it is a good idea)

BHATNAGAR

What is the budget?

SUNDAY

It is \$500

BHATNAGAR

Calculated the costs and confirmed that there will be enough money;

BOURGEOIS

Asked who will take charge of posters

BHATNAGAR

Undertook the task of posters;

SUNDAY

I will send out an email and am hoping to get people involved; Should I ask Council for people to get involved?

(All agreed)

BOURGEOIS

Should I make a copy of Council Week of Welcome sheet and send it for you?

SUNDAY

Agreed with Bo;

BOURGEOIS

It feels like a community-based event and it is like an antithesis to the Council;

BELCOURT

Asked what should be the color of shirts of volunteers?

(Suggestions came that red color is good)

BELCOURT

Asked about catering;

SUNDAY

Said that it will be very costly

BHATNAGAR

I can ask Gerry directly about catering cost;

BELCOURT

If it were about \$200 or less would it be doable? I am thinking that if there will be food then people will come;

MOGALE

In SUB, it must be L-Express;

BHATNAGAR

Signs, posters and coffees will be about \$300;

SUNDAY

We are going to spend less than \$100 in things like markers;

Asked if there is anything that is left;

BHATNAGAR

Live stream launch: Social media during the day should be run by someone; It can be Facebook event - like "here is the event, come and be part of it and have some coffee"



BOURGEOIS

I think social media event is good but live stream is not;

MOGALE

I think we must do live stream and then save the video and save it for later;  
500 words written is better than 500 words said;

SUNDAY

Thinking about having a radio slot for having the committee to do the  
recommendations;

BELCOURT

Do you want to create a relationship?  
Photographs and informing people about the same will be helpful in doing so;

BHATNAGAR

We should think larger than CJSR and think about people to contact;

SUNDAY

CJSR has 25000 listeners;

BHATNAGAR

CJSR is \$25 for two weeks; Our event is next week:  
Somebody should email CJSR; Suggested Chair Sunday to do that;

SUNDAY

There will also be something for Gateway in this;

BOURGEOIS

There will be a meeting between 8.30 am to 10 am in the senate and we have a  
little bit of time and can prepare the materials; It's about the SU operations  
time;  
Asked Chair Sunday if he can come to SUB between 11am and 2 pm on Sunday,  
and he can be present as well;

BELCOURT

For Social media do we want to do a hashtag?

SUNDAY

We can with SU at ualberta;  
I will send out Facebook invites and so that everybody gets prompted;

BHATNAGAR

Suggested that she can do it;

CALLIHOO

For real time posting of the event, what should the preferred Facebook page?

BHATNAGAR

We can create Council's page and organically use it by creating an event;

SUNDAY

Let's just go by what Councillor Bhatnagar is making and modify that  
Asked what's next;

BHATNAGAR

We just want to ask students to be presents in different places like Filistix to  
indicate where to go for the events

RAITZ

Registration Table should be ideally outside the room  
The greeter can frame a message and that should serve to mitigate concerns  
for people to put their email;

BOURGEOIS

It will be welcoming for people to get in when other people are standing  
(Councillor Bourgeois departs from the meeting)

BELCOURT

Asked if Town Hall is on Sep. 27<sup>th</sup> 2018;

SUNDAY

Confirmed that Sept 27<sup>th</sup> is the date

BOURGEOIS

Said that he can take on a few posters and put it in places;

HADDOUCHE

Inquired if there are aboriginals in the Campus Saint John (CSJ)?  
Offered to put posters in CSJ;

BHATNAGAR

Asked who to invite in Social Media;  
If we create Facebook, people can post there;

SUNDAY

I can send email about action-items and if everyone is free Monday or  
Tuesday;  
Asked if after ARRC meeting on Monday, members are available to discuss  
about the nitty-gritty stuff;

(Members confirmed their availability to discuss about details after the ARRC  
meeting on Monday 9September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018)

2018-09/3            **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2018-09/4            **INFORMATION ITEMS**  
None

2018-09/5            **ADJOURNMENT**  
Meeting was adjourned at 7.07 pm.

2018-09/5a           **Next meeting: Monday, September 24, 2018 @ 4:00PM**

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<b>BOURGEOIS/MOGALE MOVED</b> to approve the agenda	9/0/0 CARRIED
<b>BOURGEOIS/RHIANNON MOVED</b> to amend the minutes	7/0/2 CARRIED (Councillors Haddouche and Raitz abstained)

Facts from the 2016 - 17 U of A Annual Report:

<https://cloudfront.ualberta.ca/-/media/ualberta/reporting/annual-reports-and-financial-statements/annual-report-20162017.pdf>

1. The U of A has committed to increasing recruitment of Indigenous students within “For the Public Good” (Objective 1 and 4 under “Build”), and hopes to accomplish this by 2025; page 15
2. The U of A intends to increase support for Indigenous students in “For the Public Good” (Objective 1.ii under “Build”), and hopes to accomplish this by 2020; page 15.
3. The U of A seeks a higher number of faculty hired who identify as Indigenous in “For the Public Good” (Objective 2.ii under “Build”), and hopes to accomplish this by 2025; page 15
4. According to the 2011 National Household Survey, 6.2% of Albertans identify as Indigenous; page 17
5. 4% of students at the U of A identify as Indigenous, or 1012 students; page 20
6. For the Public Good has a goal of “Develop ... a thoughtful, respectful, meaningful, and sustainable response to the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada“, page 10

2016 Canadian Public Opinion on Aboriginal Peoples:

[http://nctr.ca/assets/reports/Modern%20Reports/canadian\\_public\\_opinion.pdf](http://nctr.ca/assets/reports/Modern%20Reports/canadian_public_opinion.pdf)

7. 22% of Canadians believe that Aboriginal peoples have poor living conditions, including poverty, in Canada.
8. 47% of Canadians have had more favorable impressions of Aboriginal peoples because of their increased visibility in the community and in media.
9. Of Canadians whose impressions have worsened over time, 53% of them state this is because of the special treatment that Aboriginal peoples receive from the government.
10. 45% of Canadians learned about Aboriginal peoples primarily through education while in school, followed by 36% from their media coverage.
11. 79% of Canadians strongly (39%) or somewhat (40%) agree in being interested in learning more about Aboriginal cultures.
12. In 2008, Canadians believed the most important issue Aboriginal peoples faced was around land and treaty rights. In 2016, this shifted towards stigma and discrimination against Aboriginal peoples.
13. 58% of Canadians acknowledge there is a large gap in the standard of living for Aboriginal peoples.
14. 66% of Canadians had read or heard about residential schools in 2016.

Assembly of First Nations Fact Sheet on Education:

[http://www.afn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/PSE\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.afn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/PSE_Fact_Sheet_ENG.pdf)

15. Based on the 2006, 2011, and 2016 Canadian Censuses, settler Canadians have completed university at a rate 22% above Indigenous peoples.
16. From 1996 to 2016, no more than 25 000 students have received funding from the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP), despite the population of Indigenous youth growing over that time period.
17. Between 2012 and 2016, less than half of PSSSP students had received funding to complete a post-secondary program.
18. In 2012, there were 112 230 First Nations peoples between age 25 - 64 eligible to enter post-secondary, but only 21% of them received PSSSP funding.

Aboriginal Students Success Survey, U of A, 2015 (paper copy provided)

19. 38% of Aboriginal students are the first in their family to attend university.
20. 82% of students believe the U of A is culturally supportive.
21. 22% of Aboriginal students on campus have children.
22. 27% of Aboriginal students reported a barrier when trying to find out more information about U of A programs, 51% identified financial barriers in applying to the U of A, and 31% identified housing as a barrier.

U of A Student Seminar on Indigenous History, Health, and Cultural Safety

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23. From 2006 to 2011, the First Nations population increased by 19%; slide 16
24. In 2011, 73% of all children in foster care in Alberta were Indigenous; slide 17
25. The most common cause of death in Indigenous people up to age 44 is suicide; slide 22
26. Indigenous youth rates of suicide are 5 times above the national average; slide 22
27. Indigenous peoples' life expectancy is 7 years below the rest of the population; slide 24

Per 6: We would like to see

<https://blog.ualberta.ca/partnership-with-national-centre-for-truth-and-reconciliation-60f6c37ebd3a>

To make sure they're making good on 6