



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

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019
 1:00pm
 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.

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Standing Committee Members			
Nathan Sunday (Chair)		Y	
Katherine Belcourt		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar		Y	
Mpoe Mogale		N	
Ariyanna Callihoo		N	
Shuaa Rizvi		Y	
Andre Bourgeois		Y	
Colin Mulholland (Vice-President (External), NSSA)		Y	
Kimberley Fraser-Airhart, NSSA		N	

MINUTES (ARRC-2018-23)

2018-23/1 INTRODUCTION

- 2018-23/1a Call to Order**
SUNDAY: Called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.
- 2018-23/1b Prayer/Smudging Ceremony**
- 2018-23/1c Approval of Agenda**
BOURGEOIS/BELCOURT MOVED to approve the agenda with the addition of *2018-23/3a*.
7/0/0 - CARRIED
- 2018-23/1d Approval of Minutes**
SUNDAY/BELCOURT MOVED to approve the minutes of *ARRC-2018-22-M*
4/0/3 - CARRIED
Bhatnagar abstains.
- 2018-23/1e Chair's Business**
SUNDAY: Confirmed that Council will receive ARRC's Recommendations within the present term.
- 2018-23/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**
- 2018-23/2a Committee Manual**
- SUNDAY: Established that ARRC is in the process of drafting a Committee manual. Noted that all other committees of Students' Council have manuals.
- BHATNAGAR: Proposed that the manual include background information as to the history and the process through which Council created the Committee.
- BOURGEOIS: Proposed including an outline of the Committee's past event programming with considerations as to their success, best practices, and a recommendation either for or against their continuation.
- BELCOURT: Supported Bhatnagar.
- MULHOLLAND: Supported Bhatnagar.
- SUNDAY: Proposed that the manual include a set of definitions to aid students external to the Students' Union in understanding the organisation and the work of ARRC within it.
- MULHOLLAND: Proposed including an organisational chart that views the University and Students' Union through the frame of the four directions.
- BELCOURT: Proposed that the manual include bulleted points outlining the function and scope of the work of ARRC.
- SUNDAY: Noted that the manual will include the standard material existent in all

current manuals and, in addition, include supplementary materials as requested by the Committee.

2018-23/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2018-23/3a Indigenous Political Policy

CUTARM: Established that the Committee updated Fact 8. Considered that the recognition of the education as a treaty promise, as per Fact 8, provides background for Fact 9 relating to the Assembly of First Nations Fact Sheet on Education.

SUNDAY: Noted that Fact 8 intends to provide clarification as to why Aboriginal persons receive education supports.

CUTARM: Supported Fact 8 as providing valuable background information to encourage understanding

BELCOURT: Noted that there is also a question related to which treaties provide for what levels of education.

CUTARM: Clarified that Indigenous persons can control the provision of education on reserves and the regulation of curriculum. Noted that reserves generally adopt the curriculum of the province in which they reside. Confirmed that, in addition to the Fact 8 change, there was the addition of Resolutions 2 and 3 which provide that the University and Students' Union shall strive toward hiring more First Nations, Métis and Inuit persons across all levels of the institution in order to achieve workplace diversity.

BOURGEOIS: Identified that the Policy includes a connection to the ARRC Recommendations as an additional accountability measure to ensure their achievement.

SUNDAY/BOURGEOIS MOVED to forward the Indigenous Political Policy to Policy Committee.

7/0/0 - CARRIED

CUTARM: Inquired into the rationale of creating the Indigenous Political Policy from the Truth and Reconciliation Policy.

BOURGEOIS: Proposed that the Committee recommended the renewal and revision of the TRC Policy in addition to the Indigenous Policy.

BELCOURT: Proposed renaming the Indigenous Policy as the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Policy.

CUTARM: Clarified that the Indigenous Policy is the updated version of the TRC

Policy.

BOURGEOIS: Determined to present Policy Committee with the Committee's feedback.

2018-23/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2018-23/4a *ARRC-2018-22, Meeting Minutes - March 6, 2019.*

See ARRC-2018-23.01.

2018-23/5 ADJOURNMENT

SUNDAY: Adjourned the meeting at 1:22pm.

2018-23/5a **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019 @ 1:00PM in SUB 6-06.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
BOURGEOIS/BELCOURT MOVED to approve the agenda with the addition of <i>2018-23/3a</i> .	7/0/0 - CARRIED
SUNDAY/BELCOURT MOVED to approve the minutes of <i>ARRC-2018-22-M</i>	4/0/3 - CARRIED Bhatnagar abstains.
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