



University of Alberta Students' Union

**ABORIGINAL  
RELATIONS &  
RECONCILIATION  
COMMITTEE  
(ARRC)**

**July 12, 2020**

**4:00pm**

**Google Meet**

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.

**ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Malijha Moyan (chair)		Y
Talia Dixon		N
Eric Einarson		Y
Alana Krahn		N
Katie Kidd		Y
Elizabeth Blanchette		Y
Vaughn Beaulieu-Mercredi		Y
Simran Dhillon (chair)		Y

**MINUTES (ARRC 2020-02)**

- 2020-02/1                    INTRODUCTION**
- 2020-02/1a                **Call to Order****
- 2020-02/1b                **Chair's Business****

DHILLON: Determined to schedule a regular meeting time from 4:00pm to 5:00pm on non-Council weeks.

**2020-02/2**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2020-02/2a**

**Permanent Chair Selection**

BLANCHETTE: Proposed delaying permanent chair selection to allow future members-at-large to run for the position.

DHILLON: Expressed concern that delaying the chair selection may further delay the Committee's progress as there is a lack of regularity without a coordinating chair.

KIDD: Proposed that the Committee select an acting chair for the time-being and advertise the vacancies on the Committee to students.

EINARSON: Agreed with Kidd.

DHILLON: Agreed to serve as acting chair. Inquired as to whether the Committee has feedback about the marketing campaign to fill vacancies.

KIDD: Determined to check to see if Marketing can develop a graphic advertising for the Committee. Determined to send the advertisement to First Peoples House for circulation.

MERCREDI: Noted that the Native Studies Students Association has been unresponsive and may not be a good option for outreach.

KIDD: Proposed sending the advertisement to the Aboriginal Teacher Education Programme.

DHILLON: Proposed distributing the advertisement via the University Undergraduate Digest.

MERCREDI: Clarified that students-at-large must be 'self-identifying Aboriginal students' are those who have either registered as such with the University of Alberta or are those who identify as Indian, Inuit, or Métis under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Inquired as to whether the Committee has considered opening up positions to international students that are indigenous countries outside Canada.

DHILLON: Agreed that this an issue for future consideration.

EINARSON: Identified that up to thirty-nine (39) self-identifying Aboriginal undergraduate students currently enrolled at the University of Alberta, shall

be voting members of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.

BLANCHETTE: Identified that all thirty-eight (38) Student Council voting Members shall be voting members of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.

DHILLON: Determined to contact Nominating Committee to extend the deadline for applications to join the Committee in order that the marketing campaign can be carried out.

KIDD: Proposed placing the advertisement in the SU newsletter.

BLANCHETTE: Agreed that it is ideal if First People's House distribute the advertisement as all registered FNMI students receive their emails. Expressed concern, therefore, that placing the advertisement in the digest would not add value. Proposed that the advertisement be directed as persons who are interested in advocating for Indigenous students on campus, passionate about student governance, passionate about reconciliation and consultation, and care about representation and advocacy. Noted that it would also be important to indicate that no experience is required, that applicants must be FNMI, and provide specific details about what serving on the Committee entails.

**2020-02/3**

**ADJOURNMENT**