



University of Alberta Students' Union

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

**December 18, 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, 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.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**DISCUSSION (ARRC 2020-09)**

- 2020-09/1                    INTRODUCTION**
- 2020-09/1a                **Call to Order****
- 2020-09/1b                **Chair's Business****
- 2020-09/2                QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2020-09/3

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2020-09/4a

**ARRC Recommendations Prioritisation**

BLANCHETTE: Proposed that the Committee work on advancing the ARRC Advocacy recommendation 'The SU shall increase advocacy for the implementation of mandatory Aboriginal course content'. Considered that the mandatory course could be Indigenous Canada, NS 201, a Massive Open Online Course. Noted that advocacy efforts to implement the course as mandatory may have greater traction now given that the course has national and international popularity. Considered that the for-credit course could be free to take for students.

MERCREDI: Expressed concern that there may be student backlash to any attempt to implement a mandatory course requirement.

BLANCHETTE: Considered that the fact that executives mention that they have taken the course in their platforms will lead them to advocate for the course to become mandatory. Offered to revise the existing ARRC-ASC Guide for clarity and concision.

MOYAN: Responded that Kidd is working on the revision and anticipates completing the changes for the first meeting of Winter session.

2020-09/4

**ADJOURNMENT**