



University of Alberta Students' Union

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

**12 February 2021  
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
Malijha Moyan (chair)		Y
Talia Dixon	Lucas Marques	Y
Eric Einarson		Y
Alana Krahn		Y
Katie Kidd		Y
Elizabeth Blanchette		Y
Daniela Carbajal		N
Vaughn Beaulieu-Mercredi		Y
Simran Dhillon		Y

**MINUTES (ARRC 2020-12)**

**2020-12/1                    INTRODUCTION**

**2020-12/1a                **Call to Order****  
 MOYAN: Called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**2020-12/1b                **Chair's Business****

2020-12/2

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

MOYAN: Determined to plan a meeting between the Committee and Aboriginal Student Council for the purpose of reviewing the Council Acknowledgment.

KRAHN: Proposed identifying an acceptable meeting time using When2Meet and distributing an agenda prior to the meeting.

MOYAN: Determined to look for a meeting time during Reading Week.

2020-12/3

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2020-12/3a

**ARRC Recommendations Goal Planning**

MOYAN: Inquired as to whether the Recommendation that 'The SU shall increase advocacy for the implementation of mandatory Aboriginal course content.' is a long-term or short term goal.

BLANCHETTE: Responded that it is a long-term goal. Suggested that first-steps include consulting students, the Faculty of Native Studies, and the University. Considered that an SU Executive could take on leading the Recommendation. Proposed that the Committee create work plans for the Recommendations in order to facilitate a smooth transition between terms.

KIDD: Suggested that the Recommendation 'The SU shall hire an expert to conduct an organizational review and provide recommendations for reconciliatory actions' is a long-term goal due to current SU budget constraints. Noted that the review would be done in collaboration with the SU's core managers.

BLANCHETTE: Suggested that the Recommendation 'The Students' Union shall edit its Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories to recognize that the University of Alberta is situated on unlawfully stolen and unceded Papaschase Cree territory.' is a short-term goal and can be completed within a month.

KRAHN: Determined to check on progress of the Recommendation 'The SU shall create a policy surrounding smudging in SU buildings.'

MOYAN: Suggested that the Recommendation 'The SU shall make an informal agreement with Aboriginal students outlining the SU's promise to represent them' is a short term goal.

BLANCHETTE: Proposed that the SU make a promise or a statement to fulfil the Recommendation.

KRAHN: Updated that she is working on fulfilling the Recommendation 'The SU shall name a portion of rooms in SUB to acknowledge the ancestral space on which it sits.' Noted that the SU will survey students via ASC of FPH concerning ideas for renaming the rooms and receive the proposed changes from a task force of subject-area experts.

**2020-12/4**

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOYAN: Adjourned the meeting at 4:57pm.