



University of Alberta Students' Union

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

**22 March 2021
12:00pm
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		Y
Eric Einarson		N
Alana Krahn		Y
Katie Kidd		Y
Elizabeth Blanchette		Y
Vaughn Beaulieu-Mercredi		N
Simran Dhillon		Y

MINUTES (ARRC 2020-14)

2020-14/1

INTRODUCTION

2020-14/1a

Call to Order

MOYAN: Called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

2020-14/1b

Chair's Business

2020-14/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2020-14/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-14/3a

SU Land Acknowledgement

BLANCHETTE: Noted that the Acknowledgment needs to reflect the historical record in referring to land as surrendered or unceded.

MOYAN: Agreed with Blanchette that the Acknowledgment needs to be refined in its meaning. Proposed that subject-matter experts review the Acknowledgment.

BLANCHETTE: Proposed that expert consultation should involve multiple indigenous researchers including the Dean of Native Studies. Expressed concern that it would be burdensome to ask Elders to review the Acknowledgment.

DIXON: Proposed consulting students at large on the Acknowledgment via generally open consultation conversations.

BLANCHETTE: Recognised that the Acknowledgment update may not occur in the present session of Council. Suggested that Council Administration Committee may not be open to hosting general consultations. Clarified that sufficient consultation is important given that land acknowledgments are complex and there is often disagreement about their content.

DIXON: Proposed that the Committee set September as the goal for the Acknowledgment's completion.

BLANCHETTE: Determined that the Committee will meet with CAC March 23 to discuss the Acknowledgement. Invited available members to attend. Noted that indigenous students will be unhappy with the SU if it fails to improve the Acknowledgment.

KIDD: Suggested that next year's Committee review the progress the SU has made on the ARRC Recommendations. Proposed that the Committee establish a more regular and formalised connection with CAC. Proposed creating an ARRC-CAC group chat.

BLANCHETTE: Invited the Committee to provide content suggestions for the presentation occurring March 23.

KIDD: Proposed that ARRC take a more active role (less consultative) in fulfilling CAC-related ARRC Recommendations such as the Acknowledgment review.

BLANCHETTE: Agreed with Kidd.

2020-14/4

ADJOURNMENT

MOYAN: Adjourned the meeting at 12:55pm.