



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

**Thursday, February 10, 2022
 3:00 PM
 Zoom**

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
Christopher Beasley		Y
Serena Manansala Yabut		N
Latiya Northwest		N
Shailley Peacock		N
Danielle Lapatack		Y
Talia Dixon		Y
Malijha Moyan		Y
Vaughn Beaulieu-Mercredi, Chair		Y
Andrew Batyicki		N
Emily Kimani		Y
Shauna Tâlisi		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A
Ethan Hunter		N/A

MINUTES (ARRC 2021-10-M)

2021-10/1 INTRODUCTION

2021-10/1a Call to Order

BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: Called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M.

2021-10/1b Approval of Minutes

BEASLEY/MOYAN MOVED TO approve the minutes from last meeting

CARRIED

2021-10/1c Approval of Agenda

KIMANI/BEASLEY MOVED TO approve the agenda

CARRIED

2021-10/1d Chair's Business

BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: Inquires Talia about an update on Land Acknowledgement consultations

DIXON: Specialist gave a critique on land acknowledgement. Thinks for the most part that the consultation is finished

2021-10/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2021-10/2a Discussion on the UASU Land Acknowledgement

2021-10/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: Sent Land Acknowledgement to NSSA but have not heard anything back. Said if anybody has any comments to reach out. Have not reached out to Chris Anderson yet, Matt, and Florence. As it is getting close to mid-terms, does not want to fill up emails to make any further inquiries. Students in native studies as a whole have not heard anything about the NSSA. Inquires for updates and questions

BEASLEY: Still has to do meeting with AFSJ for Augustana. Requests Emily to do a

meeting with AFSJ. Also a meeting with the First People's House with Daniella.

LAPATAK: Inquires if Chris and Emily are meeting in person to do consultations

BEASLEY: Has never met with First Peoples House yet for consultations.

BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: Is not sure about the exact situation on what is to be done. Potentially get consultation form as well but potentially backfire as it might be a couple hundred or couple thousand land acknowledgement forms. It is a way to reach out to indigenous students across campus as a whole. Has 3 meetings left on February 24, March 10, and March 24th for ARRC. Things will need to move very quickly on this as it can drag on to the second or third year.

Consultation can be done in any way possible. Will send out an email and hopefully First Peoples respond on the issue of land acknowledgement. In terms of other consultations, Talia is signed up to do indigenous nursing association. Thinks they are just getting started out. Once the next set of consultations is done, that is all. Possibility of doing a perks survey to get a wider range of student opinions.

KIMANI: Can bring it up to John who runs all perks surveys

BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: Inquires committee what they think. Not sure about turnout on the issue

Committee members agree

BEASLEY: Claims perks can't stratify to indigenous and non-indigenous. Also inquiring what data students are going to get. Expresses the possibility of having trouble coming up with questions that are too reductive or too much information to sift through if getting too many responses

BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: Does express that many questions need to be indigenous specific. Does understand the need to clarify what questions are being asked.

BEASLEY: Agrees

KIMANI: Explains that part of Johns's job is to figure out if the survey is a feasible idea. Bringing the idea up to John will be a good and go from there on what next steps are

BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: Expresses that if they can go to First Peoples House and present them with various land acknowledgement questions.

TÂNISI: Does not have questions or comments

BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: Thinks going to John would be great to see if the survey is feasible and if it is, committee can figure out how to get the survey out before the next ARRC meeting. Wants to open to survey for a few days at the most

BEASLEY: Inquires Emily about how collecting perks points might interfere with survey

2021-10/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-10/4a

 **2022 Land Acknowledgement**

[Land Acknowledgement Consultation Form](#)

2021-10/5

ADJOURNMENT

BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: Adjourned the meeting at 3:21 PM

2021-10/5a

Next Meeting: February 24th, 2022, 3-4 PM