



*University of Alberta Students' Union*  
**ABORIGINAL RELATIONS  
 AND RECONCILIATION  
 AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
 6:00pm  
 SUB 6-06**

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Dene, Cree, 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 continuing colonial violence and respect Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

**ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Nathan Sunday		Y	
Ilya Ushakov		Y	
Shane Scott		Y	
Haley Lefferson		Y	
James Thibaudeau		Y	
Mike Sandare	N	N	N
Emily Howell		Y	
Deirdra Cutarm (ASC Representative)		N	
Katherine Belcourt (ASC Representative)		Y	

**MINUTES (ARRC-2017-02)**

**2017-02/1    INTRODUCTION**

**2017-02/1a    Call to Order**

**SUNDAY CALLS TO ORDER AT 6:05PM.**

**2017-02/1b Approval of Agenda**

**SUNDAY (summarized):** (In reference to the Order Paper item 2017-02/3) The presentation was written by Dr. Chris Anderson; however, it will not be presented by him.

Dr. Anderson has recently been named the new Dean of the Faculty of Native Studies and has not been able to send the presentation. It will be removed from today's agenda.

**THIBAUDEAU/LEFFERSON MOVE** to approve the adjusted agenda.

7/0/0. CARRIED.

**2017-02/1c Approval of Minutes**

**2017-02/1d Chair's Business**

**2017-02/1e** ARRC Schedule.

**SUNDAY (summarized):** Recommends an increase in the number of meetings depending on the schedules of Committee members.

Other committee members generally agreed that lengthening the meetings would work better for their schedules, as opposed to increasing the frequency. The one hour meetings would now be two hours.

**2017-02/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2017-02/2a** Mandate and Standing Orders for Standing Committee.

This is a draft to be revised by the committee.

**Major Discussion Points:**

Under the "Membership" section, it indicates that an Elder will be a member of the Committee. Although the Committee would like to see multiple Elders, the Budget Principles only approved the funding for one.

Under the "Chair's Responsibility" (Point 3(i)), the interim Chair (should the elected Chair be contested) will be the Elder. Their only responsibility is to moderate discussions, until a replacement is elected.

- If an Aboriginal Student Group rejects the election of a non-Aboriginal Chair (in Point 2(a) ii) the Committee will be tasked to find a suitable candidate.

The Committee agreed that any individual should be able to run for the position of

Chair, regardless of whether they have Aboriginal ancestry.

Points **1(m)** and **(o)** were discussed, in the following manner;

- **1(m)**; The Chair suggested that Nominating Committee is not involved in the selection of the student members/Elder(s) on this committee, because members on ARRC may possess better background knowledge to make those decisions.
- Other Committee members suggested that for the selection of the Elder this approach made sense; however, they felt that for student-at-large positions, it should involve the Nominating Committee.
- Vice President SCOTT suggested that the selection of the student-at-large positions is not within the mandate of the Nominating Committee.

**1(o)**; The discussion centered around whether the Policy Committee should be involved in the crafting/editing of the Committee's policies. The Chair's goal is to centralize all affairs related to Aboriginal students to this committee.

- Other Committee members suggested that by allowing the Policy and Nominating Committee to retain their current powers, it would force them to be involved with Aboriginal affairs and reconciliation.

**2017-02/3**     **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2017-02/4**     **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2017-02/5**     **ADJOURNMENT**

**2017-02/5a**   **Next Meeting:** Wednesday July 12, 2017 at 6:00PM in SUB 6-06.