



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

**Thursday, October 19, 2017
 6:00pm
 SUB 6-06**

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, Sauteaux, 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.

NAME	PRESENT	PROXY	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Nathan Sunday (chair)	N		
Ilya Ushakov	Y		
Shane Scott	Y		
Haley Lefferson	N	Srosh Hassan	
James Thibaudeau (acting-chair)	Y		
Mike Sandare	N		
Emily Howell	Y		
Nomi Igbelina (Native Studies Student Association President)	Y		
Deirdra Cutarm (ASC Representative)	Y		
Katherine Belcourt (ASC Representative)	Y		
Megan Arcand (Student at Large)	Y		

MINUTES (ARRC-2017-13)

2017-13/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2017-13/1a **Call to Order**

THIBAUDEAU: called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2017-13/1b **Prayer/Smudging Ceremony**

Cancelled for today.

2017-13/1c **Approval of Agenda**

SCOTT, USHAKOV: moved to approve the agenda.
6/0/0.

2017-13/1d **Approval of Minutes**

HASSAN, SCOTT: moved to approve the minutes.
6/0/0.

2017-13/1e **Chair's Business**

2017-13/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2017-13/2a Meeting with Groups

THIBAUDEAU: Noted dialogue reports are to be created after each consultation meeting. Noted Councillor Sunday has shared a spreadsheet detailing the list of groups for consultation.

USHAKOV: Clarified the intent of post-discussion reports as providing transparency in the operations of the committee.

BELCOURT: Suggested the consultations gather feedback on the standing orders of the committee.

SCOTT: Noted dialogue reports are generally pre-filled in sections like the purpose of the proposal. Inquired if the committee planned on citing the relevant recommendation number(s) when undertaking a consultation.

USHAKOV: Checked for understanding in that the dialogue reports are intended to be completed by members of the committee based on feedback, rather than the organisation being consulted.

SCOTT: Responded that the intent of consultations is to strengthen the outline of issue framework. Suggested the dialogue reports serve as the cover-page for a larger report. Suggested two forms be used in consultations (1) a form which explains the nature of the recommendations to the group being consulted (2) a form filled out by the committee which represents the outcomes from the consultation.

USHAKOV: Suggested the committee hear Councillor Sunday's considerations.

Suggested that at the end of a document a page summarises the outcomes of all the consultations.

THIBAUDEAU: Compared the first document cover page as a Cliffsnote of ARRC's objectives and how they relate to the group which is being consulted.

SCOTT: Volunteered to develop a draft dialogue framework. Reviewed its constituent elements: purpose of the proposal, impact of discussion, implementation timeline, next steps, participation, alignment to ARRC mandate, and authority from the PSLA.

THIBAUDEAU: Noted a new document, specifically for consultations, would have to be developed.

BELCOURT: Inquired into whether the page for feedback be included with other forms for consultation.

USHAKOV: Emphasized the importance of the consultations being face-to-face. Volunteered to make a template for post-consultation group feedback collection. Supported having all document sent together.

THIBAUDEAU: Noted the completed feedback forms are for internal committee use.

CUTARM: Linked the completed feedback forms as progress reports for future members of ARRC and the Students' Council.

SCOTT: Suggested adding another section for discussion dialogues in which areas for future consultation would be listed. Inquired into the specific objectives of the proposed consultations.

THIBAUDEAU: Supported the notion of having a briefing sent prior to consultations.

ARCAND: Suggested areas to write concerns for wording, implementation, reasons for rejection, additional feedback.

BELCOURT: Noted there remain open seats on ARRC to be filled by indigenous students. Inquired into whether groups would be approached during consultations.

ARCAND: Responded that there are not enough seats on ARRC to accommodate the whole of the consulted groups.

USHAKOV: Responded that the standing orders should be completed prior to accepting new members.

CUTARM: Expressed consulted groups be advised to maintain consistent membership on an ongoing basis.

SCOTT: Proposed offering informal, exploratory invitations to specific consulted parties. Declared to draft the dialogue report and follow-up consultation document.

THIBAudeau: Clarified that the consultation list can be expanded as external aboriginal groups are identified. Volunteered to consult the Organization for Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies and the Education Students' Association.

BELCOURT: Volunteered to consult the Engineering Students' Society, Aboriginal Student Services Centre, , Medical Students Association, Engineering Students Society, Transition Year Programme (with Cutarm).

ARCAND: Volunteered to consult Law Students' Association, Aboriginal Law Students Association
Faculty of Native Studies (Arcand, Igbelina)
Transition Year Programme (Belcourt, Cutarm)
Faculty of Extension (Arcand with Igbelina and Belcourt)

USHAKOV: Volunteered to consult the Dean of Students Office, the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society, The Landing, Students' Union staff people (with President Banister).

SCOTT: Volunteered to consult Alberta Pharmacy Students Association, Arts Aboriginal Student Council, Aboriginal Health Group, Augustana Aboriginal Students Office (with Ushakov), Indigenous Advisory Office (with Cutarm).

CUTARM: Volunteered to consult Aboriginal Focus Group, Nursing Undergraduate Association, Council of Aboriginal Initiatives (with Igbelina),

IGBELINA: Volunteered to consult Native Studies Student Association and Aboriginal Teacher Education Programme.

LEFFERSON: Volunteered to consult both the Alberta Public Interest Research Group and Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (with Igbelina).

HOWELL: Volunteered to consult the Faculty of St. Jean Association.

SCOTT: Noted the dialogue report template includes as section in which to record the impacts of a consultation. Suggested relevant recommendations are highlighted in group consultations.

THIBAUDEAU: Inquired into whether the complete list of recommendations be shown to all parties or only partial lists which include relevant recommendations.

USHAKOV, CUTARM: moved all ARRC recommendations be shown to every consulted group.

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ARCAND: Inquired into the status of non-council members participating on committees as voting members.

THIBAUDEAU: Responded that a motion which would have enabled such participation was tabled indefinitely. Noted that the current bylaw framework does not address the participation of non-council members.

SCOTT: Noted that the ARRC standing orders, once passed by Students' Council, will establish the precedent of non-council members serving as voting committee members.

THIBAUDEAU: Noted the ARRC standing orders will be reviewed by the Bylaw Committee for compliance on October 24th, 2017.

2017-13/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2017-13/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2017-13/4a ARRC-2017-12 *Meeting Minutes*

See ARRC 2017-13.01

2017-13/5 **ADJOURNMENT**
Meeting adjourned for 6:58PM.

2017-13/5a **Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:00PM.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
SCOTT, USHAKOV: moved to approve the agenda.	6/0/0 - MOVED.

HASSAN, SCOTT: moved to approve the minutes.	6/0/0 - MOVED.
USHAKOV, CUTARM: moved all ARRC recommendations be shown to every consulted group.	9/0/0 - MOVED.