



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

**Monday, February 26, 2018  
 5:00pm  
 SUB 0-55**

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)	Y		
Ilya Ushakov			
Shane Scott			
James Thibaudeau			
Mike Sandare			
Delane Howie	Y		
Brandon Christensen	Y		
Cassady Halcrow (ASC Representative)	Y		
Katherine Belcourt (ASC Representative)	Y		
Deirdra (Student-At-Large)	Y		

## **AGENDA (ARRC-2017-18)**

### **2017-18/1     INTRODUCTION**

#### **2017-18/1a    **Call to Order****

Meeting called to order at 5:09pm

#### **2017-18/1b    **Prayer/Smudging Ceremony****

#### **2017-18/1c    **Approval of Agenda****

Agenda approved at 5:13pm

Vote passes 5/0/0

#### **2017-18/1d    **Approval of Minutes****

Agenda approved at 5:14pm

Vote passes 5/0/0

#### **2017-18/1e    **Chair's Business****

### **2017-18/2     QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

#### **2017-18/2a    Standing Order(s) Finalization**

### **2017-18/3     COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Link of the Document Being Referred To:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/18GMnzzanp8i4MJWmDJN0Q6NjodPaBhGJzyGk\\_jkkoMM/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18GMnzzanp8i4MJWmDJN0Q6NjodPaBhGJzyGk_jkkoMM/edit)

Nathan expresses his wish to finish reviewing the document ideally today; discussion will begin on the "Elder Protocol" section of the document.

Committee will begin reviewing on Section 3: Membership. Comments made by various committee members on the site of the document are discussed, and either ratified or removed.

Within 3(1), the committee talks about the problems with having an elder from the same Aboriginal group each time.

3(3) The word "notice" clarified in the document. An SU staffer was wondering what kind of notice would need to be provided. Delanie points out that the 48 hours notice should be for both Councillors and Student at Large if you wanted to

vote. Wording is clarified to show that a “48 hours notice of their intention to attend as part of the voting membership.” They also remove the numerical requirement for voting and change it to everyone on Students’ Council, as it will help Council sessions when there are less than 39 voters in Council. In the event that there are more than necessary # of voters on Council, the clause “first come, first serve” is agreed upon. The changes is agreed upon by everyone.

#### Section 4: Chair’s Responsibilities and Duties

4(2) The clause states that the Chair of the ARRC committee should not be a member of the Students’ Council Executive Committee; an SU staffer expressed concern with this clause, as it could be a potential conflict of interest and an accountability issue. The committee discusses this issue with the ultimate outcome being to keep the same clause in tact with no changes being made.

4(3) This clause stays as before.

4(4) There are several issues in this. 4C stays the same as before. 4F is a question of either having two or one blanket exercises and who is in charge of organizing who. Delanie mentions that practicality-wise it would be wise to having the Chair and the SU splitting the two blanket exercises with them having one each. 4I has issues from an SU staffer who does not know what the smudging ceremony is referring to. The decision is made to resolve the comment as there will be an Elder there to explain. 4K is an issue flagged by the SU Staff as there are too many reports that the clause calls for (trimesterly). Delanie mentions how the report can be more limited in nature if only the Chair has to give this report.

#### Section 5: Member Responsibilities and Duties

5(1): The SU Staff takes issue with the “harbours views” point of the clause. The committee deliberates to what extent the act/views would be allowed in the committee. Nathan suggests rewording it to “acts in a way that contradicts the purpose of the committee. Everyone agrees with the changes.

5(2) This clause is about attendance regulations and whether it should be mandatory to attend 50% of meetings resulting in immediate removal, or whether it should be 3. Missing 3 meetings is the normal with attendance regulations in the bylaw. The committee believes it should be 3 so that it is easier to determine missed meetings. The appropriate change is made.

#### Section 6: Elder Protocol

The discussion in general as the focus is on the gift that the Elder is enabled to receive. Traditionally, tobacco and cigarettes are gifts that are given, but the committee is deliberating whether this can be done with the University bylaws.

6(5) A typo is fixed to refer to Section 8 and not Section 7 in regards to the Elder.

6(6) This clause refers to educating the Elder on the Student Council practices and policies. The word “relevant” is added to make sure that the Elder is not

wasting his time learning things that are not relevant.

#### Section 7: Proxies/Guests

7(1) The comment called for stating @ualberta email addresses instead of the normal ones, and this change is rejected by the committee.

#### Section 8: Discussion and Reports

8(2) A proposed change wants to allow the committee to present to other councils, including the Student's Council. Currently, it's just the Student Union and the Student' Council. The committee discusses the ramifications of this wording with the final outcome being to keep the current wording.

8(3) The comment on this clause argues for an biannual report. By encouraging reports when there isn't much to say, the value of the report will go down. The committee goes back and forth on this discussion with the final outcome being having the report once a year, but not later than November 30th.

#### Section 13: Presentations

13 (1) The committee suggests that they change the wording to "an agreed upon date" or by the first trimester instead of the current "suggested date". The wording is change to "by the end of the first trimester". Everyone is in agreement.

The committee makes some closing remarks with the fulfillment of the committee's mandate.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm

#### **2017-18/4**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2017-18/4a**      ARRC-2017-17 *Minutes* - February 5, 2017

See ARRC-2017-18.01.

#### **2017-18/5**      **ADJOURNMENT**