HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN COMMITTEE



Dec 1st - 3:00pm - 4:00pm - SUB 2-809/ Google Meet

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųliné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Michael Griffiths (Chair)		Υ
Noor Abdelwahab		Υ
Suhasini Dube (SAL)		N
Marc Dumouchel		Υ
Elm Elahi		Υ
Fariha Fairuz (SAL)		N
Levi Flaman		Υ
Saba Nisa (SAL)		N
Peter Ta		Υ
Robyn Paches		Υ
Courtney Graham		N/A

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MINUTES (HDP-2023-02-M)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. GRIFFITHS called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
 - a. TABLED
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - a. TABLED
- 4. CHAIRS BUSINESS
- 5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
 - a. Claims Statistics
 - i. by Robyn Paches (program manager)
 - I. PACHES: Has two utilization reports. One is a snapshot of the current semester, which gives an idea of enrollment and usage. The second is the annual claims report, which gives a full annual breakdown of all the claims done in the past year. Went over the statistic reports.

ELAHI: What's the most common method of submitting claims?

PACHES: Seeing a large number of people using direct pay.

ELAHI: In previous years, was it possible to submit claims online?

PACHES: Yes, it was first implemented 10 years ago, and now they partner with their insurance partners.

- b. Committee Priorities
 - i. Your experience with the plan
 - I. PACHES: Will do some more research on claims on prescription drugs. The committee should revisit the various ways in which there can be more wiggle room for getting prescription drugs for students. To what extent is the committee comfortable with using the policy tools and are they ready to act on it?
 - ii. What have you heard/ identified as gaps/ strengths of plan design TABLED
- 6. QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION
- 7. ADJOURNMENT
 - a. GRIFFITHS adjourned the meeting at 4 pm