



University of Alberta Students' Union

**SOCIAL MEDIA  
SUB-COMMITTEE  
(SMS)**

**July 06, 2023**

**4:00 P.M.**

**[Zoom](#)/SUB 6-06**

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, Dënesų́liné (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
Megan Garbutt		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Nathan Thiessen		N
Jillian Kidd		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A
Jetiro Dano		N/A

## **MINUTES (SMS-2023-00-M)**

### **2023-00/1                      INTRODUCTION**

#### **2023-00/1a                      Call to Order**

GRAHAM called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM

#### **2023-00/1b                      Approval of Agenda**

TABLED

#### **2023-00/1c                      Approval of Minutes**

#### **2023-00/1d                      Chair's Business**

### **2023-00/2                      QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

### **2023-00/3                      COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **2023-00/3a                      Chair Selection**

PICH nominated GARBUTT - accepted

GARBUTT is declared Social Media Sub-Committee Chair via acclamation.

GARBUTT: Mentions interest in having a brainstorming session for the committee to discuss plans on how the committee will operate

KIDD: (SU SOCIAL MEDIA Associate) Shares their thoughts about the SMS Sub-Committee, including student awareness of Students' Council- what it does and how it runs

PICH: Mentions THIESSEN's thoughts- make posts on anything that the council is working on, community engagement and student awareness in general, introduction to the Councilors

States that their focus will be on getting SALs more engaged in the council through electoral processes and raising awareness on elections matters in general

GARBUTT: Mentions the discussion about the committees having an action plan during the Chair's meeting. Deadline set for July 24th

PICH: Asks KIDD about the photos taken at Council 2 weeks ago

KIDD: Mentions that they will send the copies to GRAHAM

PICH: Asks who runs the Social Media accounts for the committee

GARBUTT: Mentions assigning one person to take on the role of answering messages or comments

GRAHAM: Mentions that only the Chair accessed the account last year. The previous year before that, 2-3 has access to the account (one being the Chair)

GARBUTT: Mentions that it will be discussed further next week.

**2023-00/4**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2023-00/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 13th at 4:00 P.M.

GARBUTT adjourned the meeting at 4:18 PM