

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

6:00 PM

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, 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 and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Samantha Tse (chair)		Y	
Oliva Harris		Y	
Adarsh Badesha		Y	
Nathan Sunday		N	
Simran Dhillon	Jenna Mulji	Y	
Katie Kidd		Y	
Andrew Batycki		Y	

MINUTES (AC 2019-16)

2019-16/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-16/1a Call to Order

TSE: Called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

2019-16/1b Approval of Agenda

MULJI/BADESHA MOVED to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2019-16/1c Approval of Minutes

N/A

2019-16/1d Chair's Business

TSE: Clarified that the Committee does not need to review the senior managers' financial statements because there is an internal financial controller that performs this function.

KIDD: Expressed concern that she found a large number of discrepancies in Brennan Murphy's financial statements. Inquired into whether these are receiving review.

TSE: Determined to follow up on this issue. Determined to find out why Vice-President's Larsen credit card is frozen.

2019-16/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-16/2a

Review SU Execs Fall VISA Statements.

2019-16/2b

KSR, ECSA, and ASA Approvals

KIDD: Proposed that the Committee, in the interest of adhering to the highest standards of good governance, stop approving student representative association financial reports via e-votes. Expressed concern that e-votes provide insufficient context as to the manner in which an audit was completed and what findings it resulted from it. Expressed concern also at approving financial reports whose audit was only completed by a single member of the Committee.

TSE: Noted that she took action to complete audits and send their approval via e-vote as the Committee was behind schedule and members were not sending receipt requests. Noted that any member of the Committee has the ability to undertake additional auditing.

KIDD: Expressed concern that Tse unilaterally made changes to the auditing schedule having neither consulted the Committee nor the student representative associations it oversees. Expressed concern that the new schedule has increased the Committee's workload around exam-time.

TSE: Suggested that her changes were in the interest of the Committee and student representative associations because it streamlines the Committee's overall workload.

KIDD: Emphasised that Tse needs to consult the Committee before changing the structure of its work.

TSE: Proposed auditing statements as a group during regular Committee meetings.

KIDD: Expressed concern that audit approval timelines will be overly pressed given that a number of members of the Committee are taking leave to run for the Executive and, therefore, that the next meeting will not occur until March.

BADESHA: Inquired as to why Tse changed the Committee's working relationship with Discover Governance. Clarified that the Committee's members now directly send their audit receipt requests to student representative organisations instead of proceeding via Discover Governance.

TSE: Responded that this change eliminated an unnecessary layer of communication and coordination. Suggested that this change will improve audit processing times.

KIDD: Proposed that the Committee check receipts for all student representative association expenses whose dollar amount is in excess of \$1000. Expressed concern that the Committee will not have time to prepare an adequate transition for the next session of Council given that it has a mounting workload and few scheduled meetings remaining.

TSE: Apologised for not consulting the Committee in making changes to its audit schedule and practices.

KIDD: Proposed, moving forward, that the Committee meet weekly to complete its work. Proposed meeting next week in order to transition plan. Emphasised that councillors joining the Committee must be prepared to have a sustained presence on it throughout the year.

TSE: Outlined that she audited KSR, ECSA, and ASA and documented the results to the Committee in an email titled 'SRA 2019 Spring/Summer eVote' sent on January 28, 2020 at 1:01:29 PM MST.

KIDD: Emphasised the need for better communication moving forward. Proposed having a multi-hour extended meeting before the last week of classes.

BATYCKI: Proposed drafting a general auditing guidelines document.

TSE: Proposed meeting on March 29 and April 4th.

TSE/BADESHA MOVED to approve the East Campus Students' Association and Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation Student Society Spring Summer 2018-2019 Reports.
CARRIED

TSE/KIDD MOVED to approve Augustana Students' Association 2018-2019 Full Year Report.
CARRIED

2019-16/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-16/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-16/4b AC-2019-15-M [Minutes] - Tuesday, January 7, 2020.
Meeting was cancelled.

2019-16/5 **ADJOURNMENT**
TSE: Adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm.

2019-16/5a **Next Meeting:** TBD.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
MULJI/BADESHA MOVED to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
TSE/BADESHA MOVED to approve the East Campus Students' Association and Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation Student Society Spring Summer 2018-2019 Reports.	CARRIED
TSE/KIDD MOVED to approve Augustana Students' Association 2018-2019 Full Year Report.	CARRIED