

Audit Committee

October 6th, 2022 5:00 PM 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, 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

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NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Simran Dhillon, Chair		Υ
Fateh Arslan		Υ
Rana Thind		Υ
Haruun Ali		Υ
Milan Regmi		Ν
Abdul Abbasi		Υ
Lionel Liu		N
Courtney Graham		N/A

MINUTES (AC-2022-05-M)

2022-05/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-05/1a Call to Order

DHILLON: Called the meeting to order at 5:09 P.M.

2022-05/1b Approval of Agenda

ALI/ARSLAN MOVE TO approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2022-05/1c Approval of Minutes

TABLED

2022-05/1d Chair's Business

- 1. Check-In
- 2. SRA Check-Ins

DHILLON: Is still in the process of doing SRA check-ins, with focus being given to the SRAs running FAMFs this year.

3. Wings Wednesday

DHILLON: Thinks that it would be nice to engage in committee team building, such as Wings Wednesday,

4. Attendance

DHILLON: Reiterates that attendance is mandatory to be on a committee, with no more than three missed meetings per Governance year. Will check to see if every committee member has met these attendance requirements.

2022-05/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-05/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. SGC Presentation

MIAO: Gives a presentation on the SRA Reporting Form, SRA standardized annual training and the simplification of the registration and reporting process for SRAS. Refers to Bylaw 8100, for justification in the changes that are being adapted. Outlines current challenges, as identified in Bylaw 8100, which include specifics on who collects the annual report, communication issues between SGS and SRAs and registration struggles for SRAs.

DHILLON: Agrees that standardizing the process is needed and is open to the suggestions that were proposed by SGS.

ALI: Questions why certain SRAs are "frozen"?

MIAO: Student Groups (which SRAs are) need to annually renew their student group status. However, during the COVID period many student group transition documents were scarce, which led to student groups not realising that they had to renew their student group status which resulted in their "frozen" status.

ALI: Questions how many SRAs are frozen at the moment.

MIAO: States that only 1 or 2 SRAs met the registration deadline.

ALI: Questions when registration for SRAs is.

MIAO: States that it is one month after an SRA election. Most elections take place in March in order to utilize SU election software.

ERKUT: The renewal process is outlined in Bylaw 8100. All student groups have university recognition but the SU also has its own recognition process. As such, SRAs can be an SRA with the Student' Union but they don't necessarily have to be a student group with the university.

ALI: Suggests standardizing the registration timeline for SRAs to the month of May.

DHILLON: Suggests, due to time constraints, that questions be directed specifically about the reporting mechanisms presented by SGS.

COMMITTEE: Has no other questions.

DHILLON: Has questions in regards to FAMF materials and looks to set up a meeting with SGS shortly.

2. Email Introductions

DHILLON: Will email the committee the email introduction template by tomorrow.

3. Financial Workshop Discussion - FINALIZE DATE AND TIME

DHILLON: Asks the committee if Friday, October 28th would work for the committee to do a Financial Workshop Discussion. This is the finalized date and time for this.

COMMITTEE: Confirms attendance.

4. FAMF Update

DHILLON: There are a total of 9 SRAs who are running FAMFs this year.

Requests the committee's help in regards to this as this is a lot of work for the Audit Committee. Audit Committee only started supporting FAMFs last year, which means that processes are still being determined/finalized.

ARSLAN: Questions if Audit Committee will be making FAMF presentations.

DHILLON: Confirms that Audit Committee only provides support for FAMF presentations but does not draft or create them.

5. Support

DHILLON: Will host workshops to support this year's FAMFs. Will also reach out to the SRAs running FAMFs in regards to what day they plan to present their FAMF presentations to Students' Council.

Hopes that the Audit Committee can do mock presentations with the committees running FAMFs before they begin presenting.

Would appreciate if all current committee members attend future Audit Committee meetings due to the increasing workload and the heavy amount of FAMFs running this year.

ABBASI: Questions who exactly will be bringing presentations to Council.

DHILLON: Confirms that only SRAs who are running FAMFs will be doing presentations at Students' Council.

2022-05/4 ADJOURNMENT

DHILLON: Adjourns the meeting at 5:54 P.M.