



University of Alberta Students' Union
Audit Committee

January 12 2023
6:00 PM
SUB 6-06/Zoom

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciswaskahikan (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 Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dènesųłiné (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
Simran Dhillon, Chair		Y
Fateh Arslan		Y
Rana Thind		Y
Madina Ussebayeva		Y
Abdul Abbasi		N
Lionel Liu		Y
Milan Regmi		Y
Tanisha Sahu		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A

MINUTES (AC-2022-11)

2022-11/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2022-11/1a **Call to Order**

DHILLON: CALLED the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2022-11/1b **Approval of Agenda**

TABLED.

2022-11/1c **Approval of Minutes**

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2022-11/1d **Chair's Business**

2022-11/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2022-11/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2022-11/3a **Audit Updates**

DHILLON: Discusses the annual audit tracker with members and inquires about any recent updates. They ask members to complete the tracker to indicate whom they have heard from and whether they have received any financial statements from the Associations. We can keep track of the eligible associations for approval using this.

ARSLAN: States that both LSA and OASIS have replied, but neither has provided any documents for review.

LIU: States that documents have been sent from ESS and NUA's end.

DHILLON: Asks THIND if ECSA has provided any documentation in response

THIND: Denies.

DHILLON: Requests members upload the documents they have obtained from the relevant organizations so that members may review them in advance of their auditing process.

States that they will reach out to follow up on the associations that have yet to respond. They hope to approve about 90% of the Audits in the next meeting. The Committee can discuss potential actions to be taken if the associations don't reply.

Assigns USSERBAYEVA with APSA and FAUNA for their audits.

REGMI: Emphasizes the need for DFUs to hire professionals to conduct their audits. Additionally, audits shouldn't be performed by audit committees.

Explains that VILLOSO and the DFUs will meet to discuss this.

DHILLON: The Committee can still approve the audit and the financial statements. It would be more beneficial and relevant to have this topic in the Finance Committee as they are in charge of distributing the funds to the DFUs.

2022-11/3b

Winter Semester Meeting Schedule

DHILLON: Asks the members whether the regular Audit Committee meeting on Thursdays at 6 o'clock works for the winter semester. If it works out for everyone, there are plans to complete the audit approvals.

COMMITTEE: Works.

REGMI: Denies.

DHILLON: Offers Wednesday at 6 p.m. as an alternate and asks whether that works for all members.

COMMITTEE: Agrees.

DHILLON: Asks the members to upload all documents on the allocated drive.

USSERBAYEVA: Asks whom to contact and where to get their information.

DHILLON: Suggests that members can get in touch with the president or the vice president of finance by using the contact information listed on their websites.

Hopes to learn more about the inquiries made by the Council on the KPMG Audit. By the end of January, the auditing process for these SRA Associations will be completed, and the committee will then begin handling the Final Audits and laying the groundwork for the transition to the next year's Audit Committee.

2022-11/4

ADJOURNMENT

DHILLON: ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:32 PM.