



University of Alberta Students' Union

AUDIT COMMITTEE

June 8, 2023
6:00 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 Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłiné (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
Damon Atwood		Y
Megan Garbutt		Y
Adrian Lam		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Nathan Thiessen, Chair		Y
Tanisha Sahu		N/A

MINUTES (AC-2023-01-M)

2023-01/1

INTRODUCTION

2023-01/1a

Call to Order

THIESSSEN: Called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2023-01/1b

Approval of Agenda

LAM/PICH MOVE TO approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2023-01/1c

Approval of Minutes

2023-01/1d

Chair's Business

THIESSEN: Informs that all the faculty associations were contacted after the previous meeting, and has heard back from most of them.

2023-01/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-01/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-01/3a

Allocation of Audit Duties

THIESSEN: Suggests each member take on a maximum of 3 associations.

LAM: Questions about having a family member as part of the faculty associations would be considered a conflict of interest.

THIESSEN: Answers that as long as they aren't an Executive with the organisation, there shouldn't be a problem.

2023-01/3b

Discussion of Audit Duties

THIESSEN: States that upon receiving the materials to review, the members would have to cross-check the transactions and notify if any discrepancies are seen.

ATWOOD: Questions about the timeline to complete the process.

THIESSEN: Answers that July would be a good spot to wrap up the unfinished audits.

2023-01/3c

LSA FAMF and Audit Approval Discussion

THIESSEN: Informs that they reviewed the materials sent by LSA and their financial statements, and everything looked good to be approved by the Committee.

LAM/GARBUTT MOVE TO direct the Students' Union to recommend the FAMF funding.

CARRIED; ATWOOD Abstains

THEISSEN: Plans to assign each member at least 3 organisations to audit and asks members to notify about any conflict of interests.

GARBUTT/LAM MOVE TO adjourn the meeting.
CARRIED

2023-01/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-01/5

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.