



**AUDIT
COMMITTEE**

Date: June 22nd, 2023

Time: 6pm - 8pm

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		N
Megan Garbutt		Y
Adrian Lam		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Nathan Thiessen (Chair)		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Tanisha Sahu		N/A

MINUTES (AC-2023-02-M)

2023-02/1

INTRODUCTION

2023-02/1a

Call to Order

THIESSEN: Called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

2023-02/1b

Approval of Agenda

LAM/GARBUTT MOVE TO approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2023-02/1c

Approval of Minutes

GARBUTT/LAM MOVE TO approve the previous minutes.
CARRIED

2023-02/1d

Chair's Business

THIESSEN: Informs that they had a discussion with CoFA about the goals of the Audit Committee and the action plan on wrapping up business from the previous year and streamlining all the further submission processes for the auditing.

2023-02/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-02/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-02/3a

Discussion of Audit Duties

LAM: Asks if the members are doing the first wave of audits from the ones they were assigned.

THIESSEN: Confirms that the organisations from which we already have the documents made up the initial wave. Adds that the Committee has received materials from the Education Students' Association (ESA).

PICH: Asks whether members should email the organisations directly or wait for a reply to the initial email sent.

THIESSEN: States that they made the initial contact as the Chair of the Committee. Plans to include all the Committee members in the email conversations ahead. Members can contact the organisations if they notice any areas of concern while reviewing the material or to let them know about the approvals.

LAM: Questions what are the next steps for the ASA Audits. Explains that according to the UASU Bylaws, the Committee is supposed to audit the organisations on a trimester basis, but ASA is a different organisation, and it is audited bimestrial.

GRAHAM: Adds that the Fall Audit for ASA was approved, but the Winter term Audit remains pending.

THIESSEN: Questions if the Committee can wait until the 2023 Fall term to approve their Winter 2023 Audit and Fall Audit.

GRAHAM: States that there is no expected deadline to approve unless the organisation needs money. Adds that the Summer term typically involves less work for the Committee so they can wait until Fall, but it is best to check with the group.

THIESSEN: States that they will follow up with ASA requesting their financial documents for the Winter Audit and asking them about the option to wait until Fall to approve the Winter 2022-23 Audit.

2023-02/3b

AUFSJ Audit Discussion

GARBUTT: Received a spreadsheet of purchases and transactions and cross-checked the information with the financial statements. There were some areas of concern like the description had a link, but there's no access to that document, so some information regarding reimbursements might be there. A few cheques were claimed, and money was spent but did not describe the transaction.

Adds that the organisation has been contacted for further information, but it can not be approved at this point since it needs more clarification on the missing items.

2023-02/3c

FAUnA Audit Discussion and Approval

PICH: States that their Audit is ready for approval.

LAM/GARBUTT MOVE TO approve the FAUnA Audit
CARRIED

2023-02/3d

MSA Audit Discussion and Approval

LAM: Received a spreadsheet with a detailed description and compared it with the financial statements. There were minor discrepancies and some numbering errors on their end while marking the months. But overall, it is ready to be approved.

PICH/GARBUTT MOVE TO approve the MSA Audit.
CARRIED

2023-02/3e

General Discussion and Update on Active Audits

LAM: Asks if the members will send the organizations an email letting them know about their audit approval.

THIESSEN: Answers that they can be notified about the approval and the money will be dispersed when the Committee has it in the minutes in the official record.

2023-02/4

ADJOURNMENT

THIESSEN: Adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm