



University of Alberta Students' Union

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: August 3rd, 2023

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Zoom

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
Annie Miao		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Tanisha Sahu		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A

MINUTES (AC-2023-05-M)

2023-05/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-05/1a Call to Order

THIESSEN: Called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

2023-05/1b Approval of Agenda

GARBUTT/PICH MOVE TO approve the agenda of the meeting.
CARRIED

2023-05/1c Approval of Minutes

GARBUTT/PICH MOVE TO approve the previous meeting minutes.
CARRIED

2023-05/1d Chair's Business

THIESSEN: Informs the Committee has not received any additional documents from the student associations, and the current active audits are from AUFSJ, ISA, and KSSRS.

2023-05/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-05/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-05/3a Discussion of Audit Duties

THIESSEN: States that the BSA did not submit any documents related to the Winter semester audit but provided the committee with their Fall Semester documents from 2022.

Adds that the BSA Fall term audit (from 2022) can be worked on in case the previous committee didn't complete their audit last year.

ATWOOD: Informs that the ISA financial documents are not structured as the committee would ideally like to. Adds that more inquiries and verifications still need to be done for the committee to proceed.

2023-05/3b NUA Audit Approval

GARBUTT/PICH MOVE TO approve the NUA Audit.
CARRIED

2023-05/3c Approval of Strategic Plan

THIESSEN: States that the committee will have to reach out again to all the Student Associations to get their financial documents and hopes to have everything submitted by early October.

Encourages everyone to use the centralized committee email to keep all the members in the loop and have a better track record for document submissions.

MIAO: Informs that SGS is building a form to submit the financial documents through BearsDen to centralize the submission process.

GARBUTT/PICH MOVE TO approve the Committee's strategic plan.

CARRIED

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ADJOURNMENT

THIESEN: Adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.