



University of Alberta Students' Union

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: August 31st, 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		Y
Megan Garbutt		Y
Adrian Lam		N
Mason Pich		Y
Nathan Thiessen (Chair)		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A
Tanisha Sahu		N/A
Annie Miao		N/A

MINUTES (AC-2023-07-M)

2023-07/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-07/1a Call to Order

THIESSEN: Called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2023-07/1b Approval of Agenda

GARBUTT/PICH MOVE TO approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2023-07/1c Approval of Minutes

GARBUTT/ATWOOD MOVE TO approve the previous meeting's minutes.

CARRIED

2023-07/1d Chair's Business

2023-07/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-07/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-07/3a Discussion of Audit Duties

TABLED

2023-07/3b Bearsden Discussion

THIESSEN: States that the submission form on Bearsden is good for centralizing the data. Adds that there are 3 separate forms for Fall, Winter, and Spring/Summer terms. Hopes to roll these out for usage in this Fall auditing process.

Plans to reach out to organizations stating about the Fall Audit requirements, and the submission form. However, if the organizations email the documents, that would be acceptable too. Starting Winter term 2024, all submissions will be made using the form on Bearsden.

2023-06/4 ADJOURNMENT

THIESSEN: Adjourned the meeting at 6:09 PM.