



University of Alberta Students' Union
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 5, 2017
5:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory.

We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the

University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Nathan Sunday (Chair)		Y	
Delane Howie		Y	
Nicole Jones		Y	
Connor Palindat		Y	
Genna DiPinto		Y	
Kara Farris		Y	
Brandon Christensen		Y	
Robyn Paches		Y	
Levi Flaman		Y	
Srosh Hassan		Y	

MINUTES (CAC 2017-17)

2017-17/1 INTRODUCTION

2017-17/1a **Call to Order**

SUNDAY: Called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

2017-17/1b **Approval of Agenda**

JONES, HASSAN: Moved to approve the agenda
8/0/0

2017-17/1c **Approval of Minutes**

PALINDAT, HOWIE: Moved to approve the minutes.
7/0/1

2017-17/1d **Chair's Business**

2017-17/1e Indigenous Student Town-Hall

SUNDAY: Expressed that Deirdra Cutarm, president of the Aboriginal Student Council, proposed an a town hall event. Inquired into whether Council Admission Committee would like to facilitate the event.

HOWIE: Inquired into whether Aboriginal Student Council hosts events?

SUNDAY: Clarified that Cutarm proposed that Students' Council host the town hall with support from Aboriginal Student Council.

PALINDAT: Inquired into why Students' Council would host the event rather than Aboriginal Student Council.

SUNDAY: Clarified Cutarm intended for the town hall to be focused around councilors and executive members.

PACHES: Inquired into when the event should be held. Suggested the town hall be held in 2018. Noted January 15th and onward is optimal.

2017-17/2 OLD BUSINESS

2017-17/3 NEW BUSINESS

2017-17/3a Possible Student at Large Positions on the Council Administration Committee

PACHES: Expressed the unsuitability of students-at-large serving on a committee whose purpose is the administration of internal council affairs.

SUNDAY: Acknowledged consensus amongst members in that Council Administration Committee will not adopt students-at-large into its membership.

2017-17/4 **DISCUSSION**

2017-17/4a Students Council Ideas

HASSAN: Expressed her investigation has identified concerns surrounding the extent to which councillors are supported and understand the nature of their role. Noted her intent is to promote the transition between new and old councillors. Suggested the implementation of a mock-council. Requested the committee recommended methods to promote councilor engagement.

DIPINTO: Suggested the implementation of sessions outside of scheduled meetings which will equip councillors with institutional knowledge.

SUNDAY: Suggested the sharing/creation of a document 'What it Means to be a Councillor' composed of instructional stories submitted by former executives and councillors

HOWIE: Suggested improving GovCamp programme participation. Noted the programme sets a foundation for councillors. Suggested incoming and outgoing councilors have a transitional meeting. Noted the meeting would establish support relationships and preserve institutional memory.

HASSAN: Proposed the first Students' Council meeting of a semester include components of review. Proposed the institution of a fund for engaging students.

CHRISTENSEN: Established the Council Administration Committee budget has been exhausted.

HASSAN: Proposed that the election-based engagement serve to promote Students' Council.

CHRISTENSEN: Noted limited Students' Council engagement is discussed each year. Described how events attempting to engage people in student government have not had promising turnout. Established that council engagement traditionally decreases throughout the year.

FLAMAN: Added that the explanation to keep the general student population engaged in the activities of Student Council is difficult when councillors are themselves not engaged. Noted the current year has been uncharacteristically quiet.

CHRISTENSEN: Suggested Hassan collaborate with the Chief Returning Officer to promote Students' Council engagement.

2017-17/4b Students' Council Facebook Page Policy

HOWIE: Inquired into whether the policy would be placed into the Standing Orders of CAC.

SUNDAY: Clarified that the policy's placement is yet to be determined.

HASSAN: Advised that the administrator should be empowered to remove comments and not posts under Section 2.

FLAMAN: Emphasised the right of students to criticise the activities of their representative body, the Students' Council.

PALINDAT: Proposed the scope of the Facebook Page Policy be posts, not comments.

HASSAN: Inquired into whether the administrator should notify an account as to the reasons for which their comment was removed.

HOWIE: Suggested Facebook's internal regulatory framework sufficiently moderates the comment section.

PALINDAT: Noted the moderation of comments should be kept to a minimum. Proposed that the provision 2A will be removed.

SUNDAY: Questioned the efficiency of the Facebook comment reporting system.

CHRISTENSEN: Amended 2A to permit for the discretionary removal of 'overtly inappropriate and offensive' comments.

PACHES: Inquired into where the Facebook Policy would exist under Students' Council policies.

PALINDAT: Suggested the Facebook Policy be broadened into a Social Media Policy encompassing all forms of social media.

HOWIE: Amended the Facebook Policy to have the goals section to appear before the administration policy. Proposed that the Speaker of the Students' Council and Discover Governance be enabled to post on Students' Council social media.

FLAMAN: Noted he previously managed the Students' Council Twitter page.

PACHES: Suggested a working group be established to develop the Facebook Policy to an expanded Social Media Policy.

PALINDAT: Volunteered to join the working group.

SUNDAY: Noted he and Cllr. Jones are the only members currently engaged in the Facebook Page Policy development. Established that he will send an email to Students' Council asking for volunteers to fill the new Social Media Policy working group.

See CAC 2017-17.02

2017-17/5 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

2017-17/5a **Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2017 at 5:00PM.**

2017-17/6 ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned for 5:42pm.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
JONES, HASSAN: Moved to approve the agenda	8/0/0 - CARRIED
PALINDAT, HOWIE: Moved to approve the minutes.	7/0/1 - CARRIED