

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 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)
Chris Beasley (Chair)		Y	
Amlan Bose		Y	
Tahra Haddouche		Y	
Nathan Sunday		Y	
Juan Vargas Alba		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar		Y	
David Draper		Y	

MINUTES (CAC-2019-05)

2019-05/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-05/1a Call to Order

BEASLEY: Called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

2019-05/1b Approval of Agenda

DRAPER/BHATNAGAR MOVED to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2019-05/1c Approval of Minutes

BEASLEY/DRAPER MOVED to approve the minutes of CAC-2019-03-M.

CARRIED

Bhatnagar, Draper abstain.

2019-05/1d Chair's Business

BEASLEY: Noted concern that, although the Committee has a shortlist of potential jackets, the only SU staff contact who can order the jackets on behalf of the Committee is out of office until July 22. Expressed concern that this may prevent councillors from trying on jackets or sampling designs prior to the Committe's placing of an order.

2019-05/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-05/2b Potential Standing Order changes to Section 4.

See CAC-2019-05.02.

BHATNAGAR: Expressed concern that councillors often do not read bi-weekly Executive reports which are time-intensive to produce. Proposed reducing the bi-weekly Executive reporting schedule to providing content-rich monthly reports. Emphasised that a new reporting schedule to engage councillors better.

BEASLEY: Inquired into the amount of time required to write a report for Council.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that it takes her, on average, two hours to produce a report.

DRAPER: Noted that he enjoys reading the Executive reports. Supported clarifying the Standing Orders in relation to this issue.

BHATNAGAR: Confirmed that she can submit proposed changes to Section 4 of the Standing Orders.

BEASLEY: Suggested that reports should be required monthly but that the Standing Orders should not preclude executives from delivering reports more frequently. Inquired into whether Standing Orders should include report content recommendations.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the content and form of a given report depends upon the style and preference of its writer.

DRAPER: Supported including optional content recommendations in Standing Orders to provide guidance to executives.

BEASLEY/HADDOUCHE MOVED to table the item 2019-05/2b to the next meeting at which time Bhatnagar will provide proposed amendments. **CARRIED**

2019-05/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-05/3a BHATNAGAR MOVES to cancel the August 13th, 2019 meeting of Students' Council.

BHATNAGAR: Proposed reducing the meeting schedule to once per month during summer in future. Proposed, as an interim solution, canceling one of three meetings remaining in summer. Noted that no member of the Executive is able to attend the August 13 meeting.

HADDOUCHE: Proposed increasing meeting length cap during the summer.

BEASLEY: Expressed concern that canceling the August 13 meeting may disrupt Policy Committee work schedule for the presentation of policy renewal for approval.

BHATNAGAR: Proposed deferring the meeting instead of cancelling the meeting.

DRAPER: Inquired into whether meetings can occur in adjenting weeks.

BHATNAGAR: Responded in the affirmative. Clarified that the Speaker can cancel a meeting within 96 hours of its start.

BEASLEY: Determined to discuss this motion further upon receiving feedback from the chair of Policy Committee regarding what, if any, effect canceling the meeting will have on the Committee work plan.

DRAPER: Considered that meetings could occur every 4 weeks as opposed to monthly.

BHATNAGAR: Considered that reducing the number of meetings incentivizes councillors to be judicious about what items they submit as items on the agenda time is limited. Expressed concern at renewing many policies during a meeting at which the executive, who advocate the content of policy, are not present.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that canceling a meeting on the basis of the executive being unable to attend would not make Council appear independent of the Executive.

SUNDAY: Recommended Beasley address this proposed cancellation in his chair's remarks.

BEASLEY/DRAPER MOVED to table the item 2019-05/3a until the next meeting **CARRIED**

DRAPER: Noted that Council generally was opposed to discussing the issue of adopting vegetarian catering, believing that it is a matter for the Committee to decide.

BEASLEY: Clarified that the Committee decided to discuss the issue at Council in order to engage councillors and ensure due process in making a decision.

BEASLEY/HADDOUCHE MOVED to cater all future Council assemblies of the current

session with vegetarian menus.

CARRIED

2019-05/4 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

2019-05/4a CAC Minutes, (CAC-2019-03-M) - Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

See CAC-2019-05.01.

2019-05/4b Proposed Changes to Standing Orders for Sections Four.

See CAC-2019-05.02.

2019-05/4c Letter to the Council Administration Committee.

See CAC-2019-05.03.

2019-05/5 ADJOURNMENT

BEASLEY: Adjourned the meeting at 5:34pm.

2019-05/5a Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 5:00PM in Council Chambers.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
DRAPER/BHATNAGAR MOVED to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
BEASLEY/DRAPER MOVED to approve the minutes of CAC-2019-03-M.	CARRIED
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BEASLEY/DRAPER MOVED to table the item 2019-05/3a until the next meeting	CARRIED
BEASLEY/HADDOUCHE MOVED to cater all future Council assemblies are the current session with vegetarian menus.	CARRIED