

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020  
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		N	
Nathan Sunday		N	
Juan Vargas Alba		Y	
David Draper		Y	

**MINUTES (CAC-2019-19)**

**2019-19/1     INTRODUCTION**

**2019-19/1a     Call to Order**

BEASLEY: Called the meeting to order at 5:13pm.

**2019-19/1b     Approval of Agenda**

**DRAPER/BOSE MOVED** to approve the agenda.  
CARRIED

**2019-19/1c     Approval of Minutes**

N/A

**2019-19/1d     Chair's Business**

BEASLEY: Determined to hold a transition preparation meeting at the start of April.

DRAPER: Inquired into whether Beasley has read the Chief Returning Officer's report

and considered the recommendations therein.

BEASLEY: Responded in the negative. Noted that the CRO will present his report to Council on April 7th.

**2019-19/2**      **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-19/3**      **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-19/3a**      Updating the UASU Land Acknowledgement

BEASLEY: Outlined that the working group on Acknowledgement reform has created a draft and will present their work to Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee at their earliest convenience. Noted that the goals of the Acknowledgement update were to 'acknowledge the land, its traditional inhabitants and the SU's relationship to the occupied land in relation to its traditional inhabitants and the land itself in a way that is specific to time and place, define/contextualize for everyone what the relationship should aspire to be through actions in the Land Acknowledgement and commitments to further actions (or outlines of what those actions are or how they feel), and encourage critical reflection'. Noted that, based on these goals, the working group created short and long versions of the Acknowledgement. Noted that the Acknowledgement also includes an appendix outlining when to use the Acknowledgement, pronunciations, and definitions, and consultation pathways.

DRAPER: Supported the Acknowledgement. Supported, in particular, the portion of the Acknowledgement reading 'We acknowledge the dishonest ways in which the land has been made to be ceded and surrendered, and reaffirm that in naming these concessions as unjust, we must also name the repatriation of the land as the ultimate remedy to this injustice.'

BEASLEY: Noted that one suggestion was to establish the Acknowledgement within Students' Union Bylaw in order that the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board could use it as a persuasive authority in writing decisions.

DRAPER: Considered that the Acknowledgement could be entered into Bylaw 100 concerning Students' Council.

BEASLEY: Considered that the Acknowledgement could be part of internal Students' Union operating policy. Considered, alternatively, that the Acknowledgement could be entered into Students' Council Standing Orders. Considered, moreover, that a new bylaw could be created to house the Acknowledgement.

DRAPER: Suggested that it may not be appropriate to create a bylaw for the Acknowledgement as the purpose of the Acknowledgement extends beyond the purpose of bylaw.

VARGAS ALBA: Suggested that it may not be appropriate for the Acknowledgement to

be part of policy as it does not aim to bind and direct Executive advocacy. Noted that there is already an Indigenous Student Policy which serves this purpose.

BEASLEY: Determined not to pursue integrating the Acknowledgement. Noted that, while he is leaving the Committee in the next term, he will continue serving as a member of the University General Faculty Council.

**2019-19/4**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-19/5**      **ADJOURNMENT**

BEASLEY: Adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.

**2019-19/5a**      **Next Meeting:** TBD