



University of Alberta Students' Union
**COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION
 COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020
 5:00 p.m.
 Google Meet**

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)
Dhir Bid		Y	
Dave Konrad		Y	
David Draper		Y	
Katie Kidd		Y	
Daniela Carbajal		Y	
Dhir Bid		Y	
Dave Konrad		Y	

MINUTES (CAC-2020-14)

- 2020-14/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2020-14/1a **Call to Order****
 KONRAD: Called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.
- 2020-14/1b **Approval of Minutes****
- 2020-14/1c **Approval of Agenda****
- 2020-14/1d **Chair's Business****
- 2020-14/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2020-14/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-14/3a

DRO Hiring Update

KONRAD: Noted that there were excellent eight applicants and Council will shortly ratify the selections.

2020-14/b

Efficiency Reform: Consent Agendas

KONRAD: Proposed that the Committee amend Council Standing Orders to implement the use of consent agendas as part of Council meetings. Considered that consent agendas will reduce Council meetings as many items Council approves, such as policy renewals, are non-contentious or administrative.

DRAPER: Proposed that the Committee differentiate between the items which should and should not be considered consent items. Suggested that minor policy renewals would be consent items but major revisions and new policies should not and that first readings of bylaw could be consent whereas second readings should not.

KONRAD: Proposed that the Committee create a working group to address the implementation of consent agendas.

CARBAJAL: Agreed with Konrad.

BID: Inquired as to whether the Committee should finish its work on the ARRC Recommendations or work on the Recommendations and the efficiency reforms at the same time.

KONRAD: Proposed that the Committee pursue both projects. Noted that the use of consent agendas should be a priority as it will significantly reduce the duration of Council meetings.

BID: Determined that the consent agenda working group will meet before the CAC meeting occurring December 15 and meet again during the Winter Break.

2020-14/c

Efficiency Reform: Council Presentations

KONRAD: Proposed that Council presenters send advanced and complete copies of their presentations for councillors to review so they can deliver their presentations more quickly. Recognised that reviewing presentation materials in advance of a meeting would be an added time cost for councillors. Proposed that the SU provide councillors an honorarium or remuneration to professionalise the services.

DRAPER: Encouraged that Konrad discuss the issue of councillor remuneration with Agarwal.

BID: Opposed the reform on the basis that the way presenters deliver information during presentations can influence how it is perceived and, therefore, how councillors vote. Expressed concern, moreover, that councillors may not review the order papers and understand the presentation if its content is primarily communicated there.

KONRAD: Clarified that he is suggesting limiting the duration of presentations by increasing the amount of information provided to councillors in the order papers and not abolishing them altogether.

KIDD: Noted that some presentations require more time to complete. Proposed creating different pathways for presenting at Council.

DRAPER: Agreed with Kidd. Considered that there could be discussive and informative presentation pathways.

KONRAD: Agreed with Kidd. Considered that there could be pathways for discussion, questions, consultation, or education.

KIDD: Proposed that the Committee present at the SU working group responsible for governance restructuring.

DRAPER: Proposed that the Committee present at the working group in the middle of January.

2020-14/d

Efficiency Reform: Morning/Afternoon council meetings

KONRAD: Proposed that Council meet in the morning or afternoon when councillors are more awake and emotionally stable. Recognised that some councillors may have class conflicts.

DRAPER: Proposed keeping the current evening meeting schedule given the potential for class conflicts.

KIDD: Expressed concern that some councillors already have to resign their positions due to class conflicts. Expressed concern that students who work may not be able to attend meetings during the day.

KONRAD: Agreed that professors often do not accommodate students in governance. Considered that Council could consider changing its meeting schedule during summer.

2020-14/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2020-14/5

ADJOURNMENT

BID: Adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm.