



University of Alberta Students' Union

**COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

**January 10th, 2022  
4:45 P.M.  
SUB Juniper Room/Zoom**

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 Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłíné (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
Adrian Wattamaniuk (Chair)		Y
Fateh Arslan		Y
Rebeca Avila		N
Polina Reisbig		Y
Abner Monteiro		Y
Joannie Fogue		Y
Julia Viloso		Y
Leo Huang		Y
Lionel Liu		Y
Milan Regmi		Y
Abdul Abbasi		Y

Levi Flaman		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A

### **MINUTES (CAC-2022-14)**

**2022-14/1**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

**2022-14/1a**

#### **Call to Order**

WATTAMANIUK CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:56 P.M.

**2022-14/1b**

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**FLAMAN/ARSLAN MOVE TO** approve the agenda.  
**CARRIED**

**2022-14/1c**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

TABLED

**2022-14/1d**

#### **Chair's Business**

Canadian Tour of Council Planning

- UToronto
- UBC
- McGill
- UCalgary

Augustana

ABBASI: ASA is no longer sure if Council is travelling to visit Augustana campus for a Council meeting.

WATTAMANIUK: Will work on sorting this information out.

Election Updates

WATTAMANIUK: Executive and Bylaw nomination packages should go out by the end of the week, depending on election bylaw amendments occurring at tonight's Council meeting.

Chair's Meetings

WATTAMANIUK: Would like to reschedule chair's meetings bi-weekly for off Council Wednesdays. Will reach out to the other chairs in regards to this.

Committee Restructuring

WATTAMANIUK: Information document regarding this has been

disseminated on the Order Papers for Students' Council.

**2022-14/1e**

**Reports**

Report of the Social Media Sub-Committee

REGMI: Currently rescheduling their bi-weekly meeting time.

Report of the Council Mentorship Program

REGMI: Working closely with mentees to inspire them to run for Council next year.

Report of the Speaker

TABLED

**2022-14/2**

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2022-14/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2022-14/3a**

**Speaking Turn Equity**

VILLOSO: Brings attention to speaking turn equity and presents a data graph which examines speaking turns per each Council member. Raises concern that there is a huge disparity on who takes up space within Council Chambers and the fact that male presenting councillors tend to have significantly more speaking turns than female presenting councillors.

WATTAMANIUK: Reminds Council to not waste speaking turns or to take up space to just take up space which limits who else can speak.

REISBIG: Feels, personally, that the Speaker List gets so long that it becomes very un motivating to say anything. Also feels that the same people keep on talking, which is very discouraging.

HUANG: Recommends copying Parliament by raising hands and waiting to be picked to speak by the SPEAKER.

FLAMAN: Everyone has their own perspective to bring to the table so, even if speaking turns become repetitive, therefore, everyone should still take the opportunity to speak.

WATTAMANIUK: Circular arguments can get more dangerous. Similarities and differences are important to take note of. Even the way people phrase things are important and can make a drastic change

**2022-14/3b**

**Standing Order Review Scheduling**

WATTAMANIUK: January 31st meeting for the next Standing Order Review Meeting.

Adjourned at 4:45pm

**2022-14/4**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2022-14/4a**

Next Meeting: January 24th, 4:45 PM