



University of Alberta Students' Union

**COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

**April 4th, 2023
4:45 P.M.
Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (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, Dënesųłiné (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)		YES
Fateh Arslan		YES
Levi Flaman		YES
Milan Regmi		YES
David Lee		YES
Christian Zukowski		YES
Courtney Graham		N/A

MINUTES (CAC-2022-20)

2022-20/1

INTRODUCTION

2022-20/1a

Call to Order

WATTAMANIUK called the meeting for order at 4:52 P.M.

2022-20/1b

Approval of Agenda

FLAMAN/ARSLAN MOVE TO approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2022-20/1c

Approval of Minutes

CAC-2022-19-M

ARSLAN/ZUKOWSKI MOVE TO approve the minutes.
CARRIED

2022-20/1d

Chair's Business

Article I
Council Standing Orders
Committee Standing Orders
Wrap-Up Party!

2022-20/1e

Reports

Report of the Social Media Sub-Committee
Report of the Council Mentorship Program
Report of the Speaker

REGMI: SMS and Mentorship have nothing to report at the moment, but they will send a feedback form to all of the pairings done this year.

ZUKOWSKI: Added some last-minute reports, and there's only one response for the Council Scholarship so far, so please submit nominations.

2022-20/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-20/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-20/3a

WATTAMANIUK/FLAMAN move to recommend the 2023/24 Council Standing Orders to Students' Council
CARRIED

2022-20/3b

[2022/23 Standing Order Reviews](#)

ZUKOWSKI: Thinks that session vs. meeting should be more clearly defined, as per Robert's Rules. This is to prevent motions that were voted down from being reintroduced in the same session. The decisions of one session are not binding on the decisions of another session.

FLAMAN: Thinks that a session should be defined as a single meeting for more clarity.

WATTAMANIUK: Thinks that FLAMAN's definition is the clearest and is the one

that should be added to the document.

FLAMAN: The quorum issue came up in the following meeting after the incident. A new rule has been introduced such that once a quorum has been established, the meeting will continue even if the quorum is no longer reached during the meeting.

ZUKOWSKI: Because voting will be tracked, it's difficult to plausibly say that Council did not know that they lost quorum, so he thinks that the second half of the proposed addition is useful and adhering to Robert's Rules.

WATTAMANIUK: Motion to include the latter part of the proposed policy: Passed via majority vote.

2022-20/3c

Slack

WATTAMANIUK: Thinks that Whatsapp is not the right place for chats and thinks that Discord or Slack should be the primary platform next year instead. Having separate channels will allow for a better work/life balance.

FLAMAN: In the past, this was proposed and retracted because people had difficulty learning how to use the new platforms. The SU widely adopted Slack, so Councils should also use Slack. This will allow for better integration between Council and the SU.

LEE: Many options can be used to improve the learning curve, including training modules or YouTube tutorials.

WATTAMANIUK: Declares that FLAMAN needs to ensure that the future Chair implements the transition from Whatsapp to Slack.

GovCamp Timing

WATTAMANIUK: GovCamp should move earlier in the year during the May long weekend, but the May long weekend may have lower attendance.

FLAMAN: Previous years of GovCamp were done on the May long weekend, and there was great attendance during those years. If people are skipping GovCamp, it says something about their level of commitment.

2022-20/4

ADJOURNMENT

2022-20/4a

WATTAMANIUK adjourned the meeting at 5:42 P.M.

Next Meeting: April 18th, 4:45 PM