



University of Alberta Students' Union

**COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

**September 12th, 2023**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Bill Smith Room (Sub 6-06)/[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 Lam (Chair)		Y
Noor Abdelwahab		Y
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Precious Majekodunmi		N
Chris Beasley		Y
Michael Griffiths		Y
Christian Fotang		Y
Levi Flaman		Y
Christian Zukowski		N/A

Courtney Graham		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A
Pedro Almedia		Y
Aamir Mohamed		Y

**MINUTES (CAC-2023-09-M)**

**2023-09/1**

**INTRODUCTION**

**2023-09/1a**

**Call to Order**

LAM called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.

**2023-09/1b**

**Approval of Agenda**

**FLAMAN/THIESSEN MOVE TO** approve the agenda with amendments.  
CARRIED

**2023-09/1c**

**Approval of Minutes**

TABLED

**2023-09/1d**

**Chair's Business**

LAM: The CSJ retreat planning is going well. The Augustana retreat planning has encountered an issue, however, with the currently scheduled meeting time. ASA (Augustana Student Association), ZUKOWSKI, LAM, ATIA and GRAHAM are to meet soon in order to discuss alternative plans.

**2023-09/2**

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

ABDELWAHAB: Asks about the rationale on UASU food pricing during WOW, specifically the high cost of the UASU burgers.

FLAMAN: Was not too involved in the events and programming side of WOW. At this time, does not have an answer to the pricing but will inquire and come back with a more concrete answer.

**2023-09/3**

**PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

**2023-09/4**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2023-09/4a**

**KAIROS Blanket Exercise**

GRAHAM: The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is to be held next week on September 19th, an off council Tuesday. It will take 3 hours to complete the exercise. This exercise does require an almost full attendance, therefore everyone is highly encouraged to attend. Governance will cover the cost of the KAIROS

Blanket Exercise. It is fully online because in-person exercises are no longer available in Alberta. Notes that it is a mandate for councillors to attend one KAIROS Blanket Exercise during their terms. If not enough councillors attend the currently scheduled KAIROS Blanket Exercise, another exercise will have to be scheduled.

MOHAMMED: Asks if changes can be made for a possible in-person KAIROS Blanket Exercise for the next year.

GRAHAM: KAIROS no longer has elders in Alberta and Saskatchewan that are contracted to do the exercise, meaning that an in-person KAIROS Blanket Exercise would not be possible. If an in-person KAIROS Blanket Exercise was desired, travelling to BC or Manitoba would be required.

LAM: Notes that there are other groups that do similar exercises, but KAIROS was specifically recommended by ARRC, which limits in-person options.

**2023-09/4b**

### **SAL for Sustainability Committee**

GRIFFITHS: States that Sustainability Committee has had their first meeting and is beginning to start work on completing their mandate. However, notes that the Committee currently has two vacant SAL seats.

LAM: Mentions that the proposed motion would be to open SAL positions job postings.

THIESSEN: POI (Point of Inquiry). Asks if the Chair has been selected for the Sustainability Committee.

GRIFFITHS: Responds that a chair has been selected and that they are the Chair of the Sustainability Committee.

GRAHAM: Notes that, before a motion is set to open up the job postings for two more SAL Sustainability members, an end date for applications needs to be determined.

LAM: Asks the committee for opinions on end dates.

GRIFFITHS: Suggests that 2 weeks from now would be a good end date. Wants to keep the timeframe reasonably short in order to have time to review SAL applications, but still get the SALs on to the committee as quickly as possible.

ZUKOWSKI: Asks if 2 weeks is enough time for MarComms and Council to put out information on the posting.

FLAMAN: Proposes leaving the applications open indefinitely.

GRIFFITHS: Agrees, as long as it is specified in the posting that applications will be adjudicated on a rolling basis.

ALMEIDA: Notes that there have been instances of applications being open on Bamboo well after they have been closed due to oversight. Having a closing date reduces this risk.

LAM: Asks the committee their preference between having applications open indefinitely or applications having a set closing date.

THIESSEN: Asks that, if there were to be an undisclosed closing date for applications, would CAC have to make a motion to close the application during a specified meeting time?

GRAHAM: Responds that a motion by CAC is required in order for staff to close the application. An electronic vote could be used to avoid a meeting, however.

**GRIFFITHS/FLAMAN MOVE TO** open an application for the appointment of two SALs for the Sustainability Executive Sub-Committee.  
CARRIED

**2023-09/4c**

### **WOW Appreciation**

FLAMAN: Notes that an appreciation letter has been drafted to staff and volunteers involved in New Orientation and WOW. Letter is incomplete, but asks COMMITTEE for consent for the letter to be on behalf of elected student representatives.

LAM: Notes that they do not have any opposition to this. Asks the Committee for their opinion.

GRIFFITHS: Asks FLAMAN to clarify if this is for staff and volunteers involved in WOW.

FLAMAN: Confirms.

ALMEIDA: Asks FLAMAN if they could send a final draft of the letter to the Council group chat for approval due to the fact that the letter is currently incomplete and will change before it is sent out.

FOTANG: Asks if the letter can be open for comments and feedback.

FLAMAN: Confirms.

2023-09/5

**CLOSED SESSION**

2023-09/6

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2023-09/7

**ADJOURNMENT**

**THIESSEN/MOHAMED MOVE TO** adjourn the meeting at 5:28pm.  
CARRIED

**Next Meeting: September 26th, 2023 at 5 pm**