



University of Alberta Students' Union

**COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

February 13th, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Juniper Room (Sub 0-33)/[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
Ellen Tam		Y
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Aamir Mohamed		Y
Pedro Almeida		Y
Christian Fotang		Y
Levi Flaman		Y
Chris Beasley		Y
Precious Majekodunmi		N
Jacob Verghese		N/A

Courtney Graham		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A

MINUTES (CAC-2023-19)

2023-19/1	<u>INTRODUCTION</u>
2023-19/1a	Call to Order LAM called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM
2023-19/1b 2023-19/1c	THIESSEN/TAM MOVE TO approve the agenda CARRIED Approval of Minutes TABLED
2023-19/1d	Chair’s Business LAM: LAM will be running in the Executive elections, and therefore CAC will not run during that period of time. If there’s anything pressing in the next few weeks, GRAHAM will help address it. THIESSEN/MOHAMED MOVE TO appoint Ellen Tam as the interim chair of CAC from the period of February 15, 2024, until March 8, 2024 CARRIED

2023-19/2	<u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u>
2023-19/3	<u>PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS</u>
2023-19/4	<u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>
2023-19/4a	Student Engagement during Elections/Forums LAM: This is regarding the elections themselves. Three forums are currently planned by the Elections Office. VERGHESE: Timeline-wise, a time limit has been set for the Augustana and CSJ forums and a presidential forum has been planned as well. For the President’s Debate, there will be an hour for plebiscites and DFUs, one and a half hours for the presidential debate and an hour for all executive race debates. FLAMAN: Aside from recent years, questions from the audience had to be directed at all candidates, and not at specific candidates.

	<p>VERGHESE: Questions will have to be directed to all the candidates.</p> <p>LAM: How will the CRO ensure the questions asked are appropriate?</p> <p>VERGHESE: Some questions will be vetted, but most won't. The board running the event will have rules that certain topics cannot be asked about or answered.</p> <p>MOHAMED: To vet questions, could a Google Form be set up for questions to be asked?</p> <p>VERGHESE: That will be difficult for larger venues, but possible for smaller venues. The rules in forums might need to include declarations of support for other candidates. Specialized forums will not happen, as they'll take away from the Myer-Horowitz forum. The point is to showcase the Myer-Horowitz Theatre. Specialized forums could have been discussed early on, but as there is an unknown number of candidates as of now, it's difficult for the Events team to set up and create the events. All planning is based on what the office can see in the upcoming future.</p>
2023-19/5	<u>CLOSED SESSION</u>
2023-19/6	<u>Information Items</u>
2023-19/7	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>LAM adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM</p> <p>Next Meeting: March 5th, 2024 at 5 pm</p>