



University of Alberta Students' Union

**COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

April 2nd, 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, Dênesųłíné (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		N
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Precious Majekodunmi		Y
Pedro Almeida		Y
Layla Alhussainy		Y
Stephen Raitz		Y
Asha Jama		Y
Christian Fotang		Y

Damon Atwood		Y
Jillian Aisenstat		Y
Abdul Abbasi		Y
Jacob Verghese		Y
Christian Zukowski		Y
Levi Flaman		Y
Chris Beasley		Y
Aamir Mohamed		Y
Michael Griffiths		Y
Jacob (CRO)		Y
Farah Elgaweesh		Y
Haruun Ali		N/A
Nate Goetz (Augustana Councillor Elect)		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A
Racquel Araujo-Aikman		N/A

MINUTES (CAC-2023-21)

2023-21/1	<u>INTRODUCTION</u>
2023-21/1a	Call to Order LAM called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM
2023-210/1b 2023-21/1c	Approval of Agenda PICH/MOHAMED MOVE TO approve the agenda CARRIED Approval of Minutes THIESSEN/MOHAMED MOVE TO approve the minutes

	CARRIED
2023-21/1d	Chair's Business

2023-21/2	<p><u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u></p> <p>ALI: Fourth year student. States that the election was wildly unfair to Farah, and is shocked at the persecution that candidates were subjected to. Disqualifying a candidate for putting up Instagram stories is unacceptable, and is happy that new changes to bylaws are being put on the table.</p>
2023-21/3	<u>PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS</u>
2023-21/4	<u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>
2023-21/4a	<p>Senate and SGC SAL Applications Discussion</p> <p>LAM: This is the first item on the checklist. CAC is responsible for the opening of the job postings and the adjudication of the job acceptances. We are hoping that these postings can be approved today so that they can go up as soon as possible.</p> <p>ALMEIDA: Every year the sign-ups are a bit of a drag. They go through this period where the new councillors are coming in, and work is not happening, and it creates a big delay. There has been a big interest in Senate from students and wants to capitalize on this.</p> <p>LAM: The timeline concerns are one of the reasons why this is being brought up today, so that postings can go up this week, and so interviews can be held in late May, granting enough time to be approved in June/July.</p> <p>ALMEIDA: Transition documents for CAC should include the Senate interview documentation.</p> <p>GRIFFITHS: There may be some cases that SGC needs to consider early in the governance year, which may require SGC having a job opening up shortly as well.</p> <p>ALMEIDA: A few of the items in the job postings may be discouraging to undergraduate students.</p> <p>GRAHAM: The job application is being based off of the one that was sent out last year, but is open to solutions/suggestions.</p> <p>ALMEIDA: A suggestion is to have CAC rewrite the Senate application.</p> <p>LAM: May 15, 2024 will be the application close date.</p>

	<p>PICH/RAITZ MOVE TO approve the 2024/2025 Senate and SGC job postings, with an application close date of May 15, 2024 CARRIED</p>
<p>2023-20/4b</p>	<p>Standing Order Amendment Approval See Item 6a</p> <p>AISENSTAT: There's a discrepancy in the Bylaw and Council Standing Orders, and the draft amendment is a suggested change. This change to Standing Orders will close the discrepancy between Bylaw and Council Standing Orders</p> <p>FLAMAN: Understands the intent, but thinks that there should be ways to streamline the process and have council committee nominations in the first meeting.</p> <p>GRIFFITHS: Disagrees. Wants more time for the folks to get introduced to council and learn their roles before joining committees. This gives them time to know which committees they want to be on.</p> <p>ALMEIDA: To have both the Speaker nomination and the Council committee nominations at the same council meeting, could jeopardize the speaker election by rushing it, preventing council from properly vetting Speaker candidates.</p> <p>THEISSEN/MOHAMED MOVE TO amend Students' Council Standing Orders Section 2 to reflect Bylaw 110. CARRIED</p>
<p>2023-20/4c</p>	<p>Sharing Circle Discussion</p> <p>LAM: Council is required to do a Sharing Circle at least once per semester, council has not done one this semester and there is no time to schedule a Sharing Circle this semester. Suggest instead to deferring this to next year's Council to hold in the summer.</p>
<p>2023-20/4d</p>	<p>Year-End Event Discussion</p> <p>LAM: CAC is responsible for planning a year end event. Students' Council has received an invitation to the ASA Formal, which is to be hosted on Saturday April 13, from 5 - 11 PM. Suggests that this may be a great way to celebrate the end of the year.</p> <p>THEISSEN: Raises a concern that the Augustana campus might not be accessible for counselors to attend if they don't have private transportation or if transportation isn't provided for the event.</p> <p>LAM: If the committee agrees, they can use a motion to use some of the funds for drivers and food.</p>

	<p>THEISSEN: An on-main campus event might be more appropriate, especially because a lot of off-main campus events aren't well attended.</p> <p>GRAHAM: Can put together a Google form to determine peoples' preferences.</p>
2023-20/5	<p><u>CLOSED SESSION</u></p> <p>PICH/MOHAMED MOVE TO go in an in-camera session CARRIED</p>
2023-20/5a	<p>Election Concern Discussion</p> <p>PICH/MOHAMED MOVE TO go in an in camera session CARRIED</p>
2023-20/6 2023-20/6a	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>Standing Orders Amendment .pdf</p>
2023-20/7	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>LAM adjourned the meeting at 6:03 PM</p> <p>Next Meeting: April 16nd, 2024 at 5 pm</p>