

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Friday, January 31, 2020**  
**5:00pm**  
**SUB 6-06**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

### **ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Vacancy		X	
Talia Dixon		Y	
Chris Beasley	Charles Blondin	Y	
Amlan Bose		Y	
Phoebe Marinakis		Y	
David Draper		Y	
Abigail Isaac		Y	
Luke Statt (chair)		Y	
Jared Larsen		Y	

### **MINUTES (FC-2019-09)**

- 2019-09/1      INTRODUCTION**
- 2019-09/1a      Call to Order**  
STATT: Called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.
- 2019-09/1b      Approval of Agenda**  
**STATT/BOSE MOVED** to approve the agenda.  
CARRIED
- 2019-09/1c      Approval of Minutes**

**2019-09/1d**

**Chair's Business**

STATT: Expressed concern that the First Alberta Campus Radio Association and the Gateway Dedicated Fee Units, despite having been reminded, have not provided the Committee with their financial statements for approval. Clarified that the Students' Union cannot release to these organisations their collected fees unless and until the Committee first approves their financials.

BOSE: Inquired into whether the Committee can approve these organisations' financial statements notwithstanding that they have failed to submit their financial statements in accordance with timelines set out in bylaw.

STATT: Responded in the affirmative. Clarified that these organisations failed to submit their financial statements on-time because they are professionally audited on a timeline which conflicts with that set out within bylaw. Proposed amending bylaw to accommodate these organisations.

BOSE: Proposed, as a punitive measure, fining Dedicated Fee Units that fail to submit their financial statements on time as outlined in bylaw.

DIXON: Expressed concern that fining DFU's would only reduce their ability to serve students. Suggested that the Committee should be flexible and accommodate the needs of DFU's, which are primarily run by volunteers.

BOSE: Inquired as to the ways in which FACRA helps students.

DIXON: Responded that FACRA provides training and tools for students to produce music and podcasts.

**2019-09/2**

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-09/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-09/3a**

**STATT/BOSE MOVED** to approve the Budget Principles for 2020/21 as outlined in the Google Document created by Luke Statt on Jan 8, 2020 with the last edit occurring 31/01/2020 at 5:52pm.

STATT: Outlined that he added the following provisions since last year:  
'17. The Students' Union shall allocate resources toward branding and engagement improvements'

'21. The Students' Union shall allocate resources toward enhancing the content on digital platforms.'

'22. The Students' Union should continue to invest in its student and professional staff through professional development options and enhanced training.'

'23. The Students' Union will continue to invest in taking steps towards reconciliation through continued allocation of funds for completion of the 2019 Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation recommendations.'

Outlined that he deleted the following provisions since last year:

'15. Recurring annual expenses of Students' Council shall be budgeted for in addition to resources made available to promote and enhance visibility and constituency engagement for members of Students' Council.'

'17. Resources shall be made available for increased administration of student groups, should the Students' Union need to increase capacity in Student Group Services.' Noted that this goal has been achieved.

'31. In the event of a deficit budget, the Students' Union shall include a multi-year budget projection with its annual budget proposal to ensure a rebalancing within the following few years.' Noted that this item is addressed elsewhere within the Principles.

'32. The Students' Union shall cease operations of the Canada Post Outlet in SUB as of April 19th, 2019. The space will be repurposed in whatever way the 2019-20 Executives sees fit.' Noted that this goal has been achieved.

BOSE: Inquired as to the purpose of '15. The Students' Union shall allocate resources to provide sufficient support to student governance objectives.'

STATT: Responded that this will allow the Students' Union to provide, for example, Council Administration Committee funds to distribute to other Committees of Council for the purposes of fulfilling their mandates.

BOSE: Inquired as to the nature of professional development Students' Union staff will receive as part of Principle 22.

STATT: Responded that the professional development will be focused and specific. Clarified that the training will be targeted to the departments within which staff work.

LARSEN: Noted that much of the training will occur within the Student Services Department.

DIXON: Proposed adding a budget Principle concerning environmental sustainability.

STATT: Determined to add a new Principle reading '24. Resources will be allocated to support the Students' Union's efforts to make its operations, building, and services more environmentally sustainable.'

BOSE: Inquired as to whether the Students' Union will remain committed to this Principle even if the Sustainability & Capital Fund fails at referendum.

STATT: Responded in the affirmative.

BOSE: Expressed concern that the Principles do not make any specific mention of Campus Saint-Jean or Augustana. Expressed concern that students at these campuses pay the same fees as do North Campus students but get fewer services.

STATT: Suggested that all students can access Students' Union services.

LARSEN: Noted that the Students' Union transfers most of the fees collected from Augustana students back to the Augustana Students' Association.

BOSE: Proposed adding a Principle committing the Students' Union to enhance its services at Campus Saint-Jean or Augustana.

STATT: Inquired as to what services Bose proposes the Students' Union begin to offer at these locations.

BOSE: Proposed establishing a Peer Support Centre at Augustana.

STATT: Responded that it would be overly costly and inefficient to open such a service at Augustana. Outlined that the Students' Union is, however, assisting the Augustana Students' Association in opening a bar.

DIXON: Emphasised that Campus Saint-Jean students often take courses at North Campus.

BOSE: Inquired as to whether SafeWalk is offered at Campus Saint-Jean or Augustana.

STATT: Responded that SafeWalk is offered at Campus Saint-Jean but not Augustana. Considered that the Augustana Students' Association could opt to offer SafeWalk if its members wanted the service.

CARRIED

**2019-09/4**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-09/4a**      Finance Committee Minutes, (FC-2019-08-M) - Friday, November 1, 2019.  
*Not currently available.*

**2019-09/5**      **ADJOURNMENT**

STATT: Adjourned the meeting at 5:53pm.

**2019-09/5a**      **Next Meeting:** Friday, February 14, 2020 @ 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

MOTION	VOTES
<b>STATT/BOSE MOVED</b> to approve the Budget Principles for 2020/21 as outlined in the Google Document created by Luke Statt on Jan 8, 2020 with the last edit occurring 31/01/2020 at 5:52pm.	CARRIED