

**Friday, March 27, 2020
5:00pm
Google Hangout**

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) |
|--------------------|-------|---------|--|
| Talia Dixon | | Y | |
| Chris Beasley | | Y | |
| Amlan Bose | | N | |
| David Draper | | Y | |
| Abigail Isaac | | Y | |
| Luke Statt (chair) | | Y | |
| Jared Larsen | | Y | |
| Vacancy | | X | |
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MINUTES (FC-2019-12)

2019-12/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-12/1a Call to Order
STATT: Called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

2019-12/1b Approval of Agenda
STATT/DRAPER MOVED to approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2019-12/1c Approval of Minutes

STATT/JARED MOVED to approve the minutes of FC-2019-12.01.

CARRIED

2019-12/1d

Chair's Business

STATT: Outlined that Alana Krahn, Vice-President Operations & Finance Elect, will attend a meeting soon to practice chairing or acting as an observer. Noted that the Students' Union budget is being overhauled due to the financial impacts of COVID-19. Identified, therefore, that the budget will not be completed on a timeline adhering to Students' Union bylaw. Outlined that the Students' Union has laid-off staff, reduced the scope of its operations, and suspended its non-essential operations in an effort to reduce its costs. Considered that the Students' Union will be able to reestablish its cashflows in the next year.

BOSE: Inquired as to what the Students' Union is doing to support its part-time student staff who are being laid-off.

STATT: Responded that the Students' Union is giving as much notice to affected students as possible. Considered that the Students' Union will remain in a state of minimal operations until the Summer and Fall 2020 semesters.

DRAPER: Expressed concern that it would bias the Committee in selecting the chair next term if Statt were to give Krahn the privilege of chairing the meeting in the present term.

STATT: Clarified that Krahn will attend in future as an observer in an effort to allow a smooth transition between terms.

2019-12/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-12/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-12/3a

Motion to suspend standing orders for Legacy fund granting timelines

STATT: Outlined that the Committee must suspend Standing Orders to allow University of Alberta Athletics and Recreation more time to complete the education for the Fund.

STATT/DRAPER MOVED to suspend Standing Orders for the Legacy Fund Granting Timelines

CARRIED

2019-12/3b

Update on Student Group Granting moving forward

STATT: Outlined that Student Group Granting has been suspended indefinitely as student groups cannot now host events due to COVID-19.

2019-12/3c

Review the First Alberta Campus Radio Association (FACRA) space agreement

STATT: Confirmed that he has completed the renegotiation of the space agreement. Noted that he can share a copy of the agreement with the Committee upon request.

2019-12/3d

Presentation/discussion by Kristin Lagrange: review and Approve the items provided by Student Group Services (SGS) for the upcoming granting year

LAGRANGE: Outlined that Student Group Services (SGS) disbursed 100% of the available funds to student and student groups in the current year. Noted that, this year, SGS created a new award with tax law firm Moodys Gartner LLP. Noted that SGS will stop presenting trophies to award winners and repurpose the savings to hire student musicians for the Award event. Identified that this year had the largest number of student groups apply for awards at a total of 37. Identified that, this year, an all-time high (4) of SALUTE Awards were presented to professors. Proposed no longer presenting award recipients with award plaques in an effort to save costs. Proposed extending the application word limits for French-language submissions by 25% (600 instead of 500). Anticipated selecting award winners for August 23 and hosting the Awards Gala on November 27.

STATT/BOSE MOVED to ratify the Mood Tax Law Award Updated Description.
CARRIED

STATT/DIXON MOVED to remove the presentation of plaques from Awards which had them listed as part of the Award's value.
CARRIED

LAGRANGE: Noted that she is proposing a set of changes to Committee Standing Orders including changing the titles of the Students' Union staff who will be involved in granting, shifting the chair of the granting group from the Students' Union team lead to a Students' Union coordinator, removing the requirement that student groups must have no financial issues with the University of Alberta to be eligible to receive grants, updating the phrasing on quorum, removing repetitious phrasing, setting out that a group cannot receive more than \$2000 CAD in one fiscal year, and allowing student groups to use funds for purposes that are not set out in their original application so long as these expenses are approved by SGS.

STATT: Proposed that, moving forward, more members of the SGS granting committee be students at large instead of members of Finance Committee.

LAGRANGE: Responded in the affirmative.

DIXON: Inquired as to whether, in future, there will be fewer applications each member of the granting committee has to review.

LAGRANGE: Responded that SGS aims to have greater numbers of students on the granting committee in order to allow for more distributed work.

STATT/BOSE MOVED to ratify the recommended changes proposed by Student Group Services to amend section 14 and Section 16 of Finance Committee Standing Orders.
CARRIED

2019-12/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-12/4a Finance Committee Minutes, (FC-2019-11-M) - Friday, March 13, 2020.
See FC-2019-12.01.

2019-12/5 **ADJOURNMENT**
STATT: Adjourned the meeting at 5.57pm.

2019-12/5a **Next Meeting:** TBD.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

| MOTION | VOTES |
|---|---------|
| STATT/DRAPER MOVED to approve the agenda. | CARRIED |
| STATT/JARED MOVED to approve the minutes of FC-2019-12.01. | CARRIED |
| STATT/DRAPER MOVED to suspend Standing Orders for the Legacy Fund Granting Timelines | CARRIED |
| STATT/BOSE MOVED to ratify the Mood Tax Law Award Updated Description. CARRIED | CARRIED |
| STATT/DIXON MOVED to remove the presentation of plaques from Awards which had them listed as part of the Award's value. | CARRIED |
| STATT/BOSE MOVED to ratify the recommended changes proposed by Student Group Services to amend section 14 and Section 16 of Finance Committee Standing Orders. | CARRIED |