



University of Alberta Students' Union

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

**November 4th, 2022
1:00 pm MST
Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciswaskahikan (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 Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dènesųłiné (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
Julia Villosio, Chair		Y
Joannie Fogue		Y
Haruun Ali		Y
Lionel Liu		Y
David Lee	Daniela Carbajal Velez	Y
Simran Dhillon		Y
Levi Flaman		Y
Fateh Arslan		Y
Milan Regmi		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Craig Turner		N/A

Josh Connauton		N/A
Abner Monteiro		N/A

MINUTES (FC-2022-11)

2022-11/1

INTRODUCTION

2022-11/1a

Call to Order

VILLOSO: CALLED the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

2022-11/1b

Approval of Agenda

ALI/REGMI MOVE TO table item 3e to two meetings from now.

FAILED

DHILLON: Suggests that FLAMAN is given a speaking turn to justify why he is presenting that particular motion (Agenda item 3e) and then the committee can vote.

VILLOSO: Agrees and opens the floor for a quick speaking turn.

FLAMAN: Explains that the Finance Committee is interested in crafting budgets and doing fee expenditures. The Audit Committee's mandate states that they are specifically interested in reviewing items like these and to also conduct audits. Hence, they are more capable and knowledgeable on how to handle the item presented

ALI: POI.

Points that he is tabling this item as it is not on the Finance Committee's mandate.

DHILLON: Points that item 3f on the agenda can't have discussion at the moment as item 3e is being debated currently. Clarifies if the committee is voting on whether this item should be passed on to the Audit Committee or not.

VILLOSO: Clarifies that the original motion made was to remove 3e from the agenda, but that has since been amended to table it to two meetings from now..

COMMITTEE: Votes on the motion.

ALI/NO SECONDER MOVE TO move item 3f immediately after item 3c.

FAILED.

FLAMAN/FOGUE MOVE TO approving the agenda for the meeting.

CARRIED.

2022-11/1c

Approval of Minutes

TABLED.

2022-11/1d

Chair's Business

2022-11/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-11/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-11/3a

[Presentation on Balmoral Lounge](#)

TURNER: Presents on the Operating Plan Overview of Balmoral Lounge.. States that Balmoral Lounge is located on the UofA South Campus in the eastern half of the Saville Community Sports Centre. There is a bar and a full commercial space available at Balmoral Lounge.

Explains how the UASU has gotten involved in this project – Campus & Community Recreation (CCR) approached the UASU in 2021 and stated that there was a lack of food and beverage options on South Campus, which impacted memberships and the reputation of the Saville Community Sports Centre (SCSC). The UASU then began limited catering services at the SCSC in November 2021, operated by the Horowitz Events Centre (HEC) team. The HEC team worked with CCR to plan and design a new functional kitchen after both parties expressed interest in the UASU providing a full-service food and beverage operation. Updates that the kitchen is almost nearing its completion after a renovation. A proposed lease has been sent to the UASU and is being reviewed.

From the UASU side, this is an opportunity for a modest new revenue stream for future years. This space can also serve as back-up coverage for the UASU. It is also an opportunity for the UASU and HEC to have a physical footprint at South Campus.

Key risks involved include: low-margin turnout from the Retail food & beverage industry, increased operational responsibility for alcohol service within campus and the financial risk due to the volatility in start-up revenue projections.

ARSLAN: Questions if there is information about whether the UASU will break-even as because this is a low-margin venture

FOGUE/FLAMAN MOVE TO go in-camera.

CARRIED.

FLAMAN/ALI MOVE TO go ex-camera.

CARRIED.

ALI/NO SECONDER MOVE TO refer the financial numbers of the Balmoral

Lounge to Council.
FAILED.

FOGUE/FLAMAN MOVE to discuss the agenda item 3c.
CARRIED.

2022-11/3b

[Annual Report: Josh Connauton, Senior Manager of Student Services](#)

TABLED.

2022-11/3c

[Ratification of SU Awards Recipients](#)

FOGUE/ARSLAN MOVE TO approve the Ratification of the SU Awards Recipients.

CARRIED (FLAMAN ABSTAINS).

2022-11/3d

[Operational DFU Reports Updates](#)

TABLED.

2022-11/3e

[FLAMAN MOVES TO refer SC2022-14/8h “ALI/SINGH MOVE TO direct the Finance Committee in collaboration with the Executive Committee to complete a financial management assessment of the UASU and to complete a comparative analysis of other Students’ Union financial management along with student consultation by February 7th” to Audit Committee.](#)

TABLED.

2022-11/3f

ALI MOVES TO [strike an ad-hoc committee](#) consisting of 5 members from Finance Committee to work in collaboration with Executive Committee to complete a financial management assessment of the UASU and to complete a comparative analysis of other Students’ Union financial management along with student consultation by February 7th.

TABLED.

2022-11/3g

[REGMI MOVES TO discuss possible changes to Finance Committee’s Standing Orders](#)

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2022-11/3h

[REGMI MOVES TO discuss amendments to Bylaw 3000](#)

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2022-11/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-11/4a

[Finance Committee Year Plan](#)

2022-11/5

ADJOURNMENT

VILLOSO: ADJOURNS the meeting at 2:00 PM.