



University of Alberta Students' Union

FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 27th, 2022
11:00 am MST
SUB 6-06

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 Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dènesųłíné (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
Simran Dhillon		Y
Joannie Fogue		Y
David Lee		N
Levi Flaman		Y
Fateh Arslan		N
Milan Regmi		Y
Abner Monteiro		Y
Pien Steinbusch		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Juliana du Pree		N/A

Jon Olfert		N/A
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MINUTES (FC-2022-18-M)

2022-18/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-18/1a **Call to Order**

VILLOSO called the meeting to order at 11:09 A.M.

2022-18/1b **Approval of Agenda**

FLAMAN/FOGUE MOVE TO approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2022-18/1c **Approval of Minutes**

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2022-18/1d **Chair’s Business**

- Meeting Time

VILLOSO: Will be changing the committee meeting time. GRAHAM will be sending out a lettucesmeet for new times soon.

2022-18/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-18/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-18/3a Annual Report: Juliana Du Pree, Director of Marketing and Communications

DU PREE: Gives a presentation about the SU Marketing and Communications department. The importance of the Marketing and Communications department particularly increased during COVID, as it became the main source of information for students during the pandemic. The Marketing and Communications Department is a support department whose purpose is to communicate the value of the SU and act as the forward face of the organisation. The department has no budget of their own. Instead, they rely on the budgets of other departments to support their needs and/or projects.

FLAMAN: Questions why the marketing department doesn’t have a singular budget. Questions further how budgeting for the marketing department can be addressed.

DU PREE: Doesn’t believe that the marketing department should determine marketing budgets for each department. However, believes that marketing should gain a budget to produce their own materials to help promote organisational awareness (outside of specific business or department awareness/events).

FLAMAN: Notes that, during the presentation, DU PREE mentioned that the Marketing and Communications Department is at capacity at what it could do. Questions how that can be rectified outside of hiring more people.

DU PREE: States that that is a difficult thing to change. The department can only change, grow and adapt to new responsibilities and ensure that the department is producing material that is not redundant and that directly engages with the student body.

2022-18/3b

[Budget Principles Update](#) + [Consultation Report](#)

VILLOSO: Put up a Consultation Survey for the Budget Principles through Perks. Notes that core managers are currently reviewing Budget Principles. A concern that has been consistently identified for the Budget Principles, amongst core managers and through student responses in the Perks survey, is affordability for students and how best to support students' financial needs.

Budget Principles need to be given to Students' Council by February 15th. As such, to ensure that this deadline is met and to give time for consultation with core managers and data analysis, will send an electronic poll to Finance Committee members to vote on approving Budget Principles and then send them to the next Students' Council meeting for final approval.

COMMITTEE: As a whole, suggests that a greater focus on mental health initiatives/budgeting, should be included in the Budget Principles.

VILLOSO: Will ensure that Mental Health initiatives/budgets will be workshopped more dominantly into the Budget Principles.

2022-18/3c

[CFB DFU Report](#)

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2022-18/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-18/4a

[Finance Committee Year Plan](#)

2022-18/5

ADJOURNMENT

VILLOSE adjourns the meeting at 12:06 P.M.