



University of Alberta Students' Union

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

**March 31st, 2023
5:00 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		YES
Simran Dhillon		NO
Joannie Fogue		YES
David Lee		YES
Levi Flaman		YES
Fateh Arslan		YES
Milan Regmi		YES
Abner Monteiro		YES
Pien Steinbusch		YES
Marc Dumouchel		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A

MINUTES (FC-2022-22)

2022-22/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-22/1a Call to Order

VILLOSO called the meeting for order at 5:01 P.M.

2022-22/1b Approval of Agenda

FOGUE/STEINBUSCH MOVE TO approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2022-22/1c Approval of Minutes #22

LEE/STEINBUSCH MOVE TO approve the minutes.
CARRIED

2022-22/1d Chair's Business

VILLOSO: DUMOUCHEL will review his presentation and the budget format for the final operating budget. Before the final draft is submitted to Council, the FC can review the budget's format.

The budget needs to pass some time this year, and the budget can go to the last Council meeting.

2022-22/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

REGMI: What's the status of the ISU DUF? The last update was them apologising and promising to return it, but there have been no further updates.

VILLOSO: They contacted the governance manager, knowing they should be contacting VILLOSO, and VILLOSO hasn't received anything. The result is that they will not get their DFU this year unless they submit a DFU report.

REGMI: In February, they claimed that they were waiting for the audit to be completed, and then all paperwork would be sent in once the audit was completed.

VILLOSO: REGMI should follow up with them and ensure they can get their DFU this year.

DUMOUCHEL: No immediate crisis associated with the audit, but it's not ideal if they send it in two months.

2022-22/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-22/3a

Budget Format Changes

DUMOUCHEL: More transparency could be used for the numbers, and wants to make the budget more robust. Will show what the budget process looks like so that Council can understand how complex it is. DUMOUCHEL is presenting the budgets for the SU and how they are all calculated.

Is thinking of having a financial review, where several years of the SU data is compiled, so that Council can have an overview of the SU's overall expenses and revenues. This makes the numbers easier to read and analyse while still accessible. Then, the same kind of summary could be done with program areas so that Councillors can have better discussions regarding the financial situation.

FLAMAN: Wants the categories to be further simplified and that a simpler format would be easier to understand and have less room for nitpicking.

VILLOSO: Wants feedback regarding what people prefer to have and what they'd find helpful information.

STEINBUSCH: The full budget is a lot to look at, but both are reasonably easy to understand and thinks that a normal student would be able to understand the budget.

FOGUE: Likes the financial review budget and thinks anyone looking at it can find time to understand it.

ARSLAN: Agrees with FOGUE that the full financial review budget is much better, as information can be found.

MONTEIRO: Agrees with ARSLAN and FOGUE.

DUMOUCHEL: Good that they're on the right track and ensuring they have the right level of complexity. The changes might not be implemented this year, but they will be done in the future. Appreciates the feedback.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-22/4a

[Finance Committee Year Plan](#)

2022-22/5

ADJOURNMENT

VILLOSO adjourned the meeting at 5:48 P.M.