

January 24, 2024

16:30

Online: [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, Dènesųliné (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	Attendance	Proxy or Written Submission
Voting Members		
Levi Flaman - VP Operations & Finance (Chair)	Y	
Melissa Cyriac - Student-at-Large	N	
Laurel Ford - Science Councillor	Y	
Michael Griffiths - VP Student Life	N	
Colton Meronyk - Student-at-Large	N	
Mason Pich - Arts Councillor	Y	
Nathan Thiessen - Arts Councillor	Y	
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Courtney Graham	UASU Assistant Manager, Governance	
Tanisha Sahu	Admin Clerk	
Harmony Handsaeme	OASIS Vice-Chair and Fine Arts Representative	
Prishna Sweeney	OASIS Vice-President Finance	
Marc Dumouchel	UASU General Manager	
Aseel Atia	UASU Governance Support Specialist	

Minutes (Finance-2023-10)

2023-10/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-10/1a **Call to Order**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

FLAMAN: Called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

2023-10/1b **Approval of Agenda**

THIESSEN ▾ / FORD ▾ move to approve the FC 2023-10 agenda
CARRIED

2023-10/1c **Approval of Minutes**

FORD ▾ / FLAMAN ▾ move to approve the FC-2023-09 minutes
CARRIED; THIESSEN and PICH abstain

2023-10/1d **Chair's Business**

- Personal Updates

2023-10/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-10/2a • [2024-25 Operating & Capital Budget Principles](#)

FLAMAN: States that the section for organizational structure might be completely removed, since there might be significant changes to how departments are organized in the UASU. Adds that for the section of Fiscal Considerations, all the estimates and calculations would be updated to be based on the years 2023-2024.

Discussion of Budget Principles:

Point 29 - The committee could strike off the point entirely or suspend it for a year as the funding for student groups is likely to be done in 2025.

Point 27 - Councillor THIESSEN suggested increasing the budget for the unallocated funds for the Students' Council stating that an increase would incentivize the use of funds without the concern of exhausting the funds quickly.

FLAMAN: Does not support the increase in the monetary value for the unallocated funds

Point 36 - This point was added to review how departments are organized and increase its cost-effectiveness.

Point 30 - This point would be deleted and instead, the monetary value of the Council scholarships was increased last year.

Point 21 - There would be the year 2023 added since the ARCC recommendations were passed by the previous council.

2023-10/3 **OLD BUSINESS**

- 2023-10/3a** • None

2023-10/3 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2023-10/3a** • None

2023-10/4 **WRAP-UP**

2023-10/4a **Action Items / To-Do List**

- TBD

2023-10/4b **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- Feb 7, 2024 12:00 PM

2023-10/5 **Adjournment**

FLAMAN: Adjourned the meeting at 5:21 PM.