

Feb 7, 2024 4:30 PM MST

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	Y	
Laurel Ford - Science Councillor	N	
Michael Griffiths - VP Student Life	Y	
Colton Meronyk - Student-at-Large	N	
Mason Pich - Arts Councillor	N	
Nathan Thiessen - Arts Councillor	Y	
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Marc Dumouchel	General Manager	
Courtney Graham	Assistant Manager, Governance Support	
Aseel Atia	Governance Support Specialist	
Tanisha Sahu	Administrative Assistant	

Agenda (Finance-2023-11)

2023-11/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-11/1a **Call to Order**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

FLAMAN: Called the meeting to order at 4:41 PM.

2023-11/1b **Approval of Agenda**

~~GRIFFITHS~~ / ~~THIESSEN~~ **MOVE TO** approve the FC 2023-11 agenda
CARRIED

2023-11/1c **Approval of Minutes**

~~MOVER~~ / ~~SECONDER~~ ~~move to approve the [FC-2023-10](#) minutes~~

2023-11/1d **Chair's Business**

- Personal Updates

2023-11/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-11/2a • None

2023-11/3 OLD BUSINESS

2023-11/3a • None

2023-11/3 NEW BUSINESS

- 2023-11/3a**
- **THIESSEN- / CYRIAC- MOVE TO** ratify the 2023-2024 Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund funding allocations as recommended by the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund Committee.
CARRIED
 - [GBPLFC Minutes from January 31, 2024](#)
 - Changes coming to the Golden Bears & Pandas Legacy Fund referendum conditions
 - Will likely be as a joint resolution between the Students' Council and the GBPLFC to avoid having to go back to a referendum
 - Proposed changes will include modifying the allocation percentages and maximum amount of the reserve fund
- 2023-11/3b**
- **FLAMAN- / CYRIAC- MOVE TO** recommend approval of the 2024-2025 University of Alberta Students' Union Operating and Capital Budget Principles
CARRIED
 - [Budget Principles](#)

FLAMAN: States that the organizational structure in the document was removed.

DUMOUCHEL: Clarifies that removing the funding for student groups doesn't mean that the organization won't allocate funds for the groups. It has been done in the previous years and removing it from this year's budget principles implies that we're already working on this task. Points that Budget Principles are only there to reflect the new changes for the upcoming year.

Notes that in Item 10 - the percentage value needs to be modified based on estimates from a timeframe of January to December, which would be 3.9%.

FLAMAN: Points that an EDI Audit has been added to be performed next year.

DUMOUCHEL: Points that the staff is concerned about inflation and the planned budget is lower than the organization would ideally like. There will be an organizational review done to find efficiencies, and reduce the staff headcount to be in threshold for the adjustments. The main goal is to keep pace with inflation with the staff.

GRIFFITHS: Points that the events and student engagement helps take the load on Peer Support Center (PSC) and mental health resources.

FLAMAN: Clarifies that there's a lack of staff within PSC and doubling the budget wouldn't help solve the issue.

2023-11/4 **WRAP-UP**

2023-11/4a Action Items / To-Do List

- TBD

2023-11/4b Next Scheduled Meeting

- Feb 21, 2024 4:30 PM MST
 - Next meeting falls during Winter Reading Week

COMMITTEE: Decides to cancel the next meeting (February 21st, 2024)

- Meeting after that falls during the General Election period
- Probably won't be much business to deal with between now and mid-March

2023-11/5 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.