

Apr 10, 2024 4:30 PM MDT

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	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	

Minutes (Finance-2023-13)

2023-13/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2023-13/1a **Call to Order**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

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

2023-13/1b **Approval of Agenda**

THIESSEN / FORD - MOVE TO approve the FC 2023-13 agenda
CARRIED

2023-13/1c **Approval of Minutes**

TABLED

2023-13/1d **Chair's Business**

- Personal Updates

2023-13/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2023-13/2a • None

2023-13/3 **OLD BUSINESS**

2023-13/3a • None

2023-13/3 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2023-13/3a** • **FLAMAN / FORD - MOVE TO** recommend approval of the 2024/2025 University of Alberta Students' Union Operating and Capital Budget
- [2024-2025 Operating & Capital Budget](#)
- CARRIED

DUMOUCHEL: Gives a summary of the budget and departmental breakdown. Major changes are the compensation plans for all the non-union positions. The expenditure is down from last year and is in line from an inflationary perspective.

The other document has the financial review but not by departments but by item category. The capital expenditure here is indicative of the internally restrictive activities. The budget for representation and advocacy activities has grown since the past year, but it is one of our core functions so it is a good indicator. For programming and event activities, net profit in the pre-pandemic year (2018-19) SU spent about \$545,000 and we're targeting the same level now this year. Last year (2023-24) the expenditure was slightly on the higher end. The Horowitz Theater should give us more revenue compared to last year.

FLAMAN: Encourages members to provide suggestions on the Finance Committee Standing Order for the next Council year.

2023-13/4 **WRAP-UP**

2023-13/4a **Action Items / To-Do List**

- Levi:
 - Submit 2023-13/3a to order papers
 - Submit final committee and transition report to Council
 - Standing Orders Review

2023-13/4b **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- None

2023-13/5 **Adjournment**

- FLAMAN: Adjourned the meeting at 5:26 PM.