

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

Monday, October 9, 2017

4:30 PM

SUB 0-55

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory.

We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the

University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

AGENDA (FC 2017-05)

2017-05/1 INTRODUCTION

2017-05/1a Call to Order

2017-05/1b Approval of Agenda

2017-05/1c Approval of Minutes

2017-05/1d Chair's Business

2017-05/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2017-05/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2017-05/3a PACHES MOVES to approve the disbursement of the Golden Bears & Pandas Legacy Fund as presented.

See FC-2017.05.02 and FC-2017.05.03.

2017-05/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2017-05/4a FC-2017-03 *Meeting Minutes*

See FC-2017.05.01.

2017-05/4b *Golden Bears and Panda Legacy Fund Committee, Meeting Minutes - August 2, 2017*

See FC-2017.05.02.

2017-05/4c Legacy Fund Requests, 2017/18

See FC-2017.05.03.

2017-05/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2017-05/5a **Next Meeting:** Monday, October 23, 2017 at 4:30PM in SUB 0-31.



University of Alberta Students' Union

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, July 24, 2017

6:00 PM

SUB 6-06

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Robyn Paches (Chair)		Y	
Connor Palindat		Y	
James Thibaudeau	N	N	N
Emily Howell		Y	
Abigail Bridarolli	N	N	N
Delane Howie	N	N	N
Habba Mahal	N	N	N
Monica Lillo		Y	
Ilya Ushakov		Y	

MINUTES (FC 2017-03)

2017-03/1 INTRODUCTION

2017-03/1a Call to Order

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:02PM.

2017-03/1b Approval of Agenda

PACHES adds *Question/Discussion Period* item 2017-03/2a and *Committee Business* item 2017-03/3b onto the agenda. .

USHOKOV/LILLO MOVE to approve the amended agenda.

5/0/0. CARRIED.

2017-03/1c Approval of Minutes

USHAKOV/LILLO MOVE to approve the FC-2017-02 minutes.

5/0/0. CARRIED.

2017-03/1d Chair's Business

2017-03/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2017-03/2a Food on Campus

PACHES (summarized): Two years ago, Undergrind opened. Undergrind broke even on the on the first year and secured a profit during the second. Undergrind's profits are about a third of what the Daily Grind makes (approx. \$40 000/year). Internal discussions center around whether it is worth keeping in the same location.

L'Express sales are also growing at a slower rate, but the catering arm is increasing at a much more significant rate. The kitchen they are currently working out of appears insufficient in size. Next year, the Students' Union food court leases will be up and open for re-examination.

Five questions were asked of Committee members;

1. What's your favorite food place on campus?
 - a. Answers included; Tim Hortons (2), Feta and Olives, OPA, Philly Stix
2. What are some of the reasons you named the option you did?
 - a. Cheap (but good), healthy, convenient
3. What is campus missing?
 - a. Smoothies and unhealthy fast food
 - i. With the items that are missing, what ones should be addressed?
 1. Most Committee members agreed that more consultation would be required; however, many suggested that an option that would address Halal or other food restrictions should be explored. Local options should also be explored.
4. What is the kind of food you will go out of your way to get?
 - a. Smoothies, Indian, Panda Express, Ice-Cream/Milkshakes, Breakfast
5. What is missing in SUB?
 - a. Breakfast - the appeal of Tim Hortons lies in the consistency of

their product and marketing. If the Daily/Undergrind was to advertise more breakfast options, Councillors generally agreed they would buy from them.

- b. A local restaurant - something popular, but undiscovered

The idea is to potentially move L'Express to the space occupied by the Undergrind with potential remodelling.

There is the option of surveying the general student body; however, the method will need to be streamlined.

2017-03/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2017-03/3a PACHES MOVES to ratify Ammar Ghalab and Rabiya Tariq as members of the 2017 Students' Union Award Adjudication Committee.

Resumes/candidate information will be distributed following the meeting.

4/0/1. CARRIED.

2017-03/3b PACHES MOVES to appoint a member of the Finance Committee to the Student Union Awards Adjudication Committee.

MOTION TABLED to a future meeting.

2017-03/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2017-03/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2017-03/5a **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 7, 2017 @ 6:00PM in SUB 6-06

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:34PM.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
USHAKOV/LILLO MOVE to approve the amended agenda.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
USHOKOV/LILLO MOVE to approve the minutes.	5/0/0 - CARRIED
PACHES MOVES to ratify Ammar Ghalab and Rabiya Tariq as members of the 2017 Students' Union Award Adjudication Committee.	4/0/1 - CARRIED
PACHES MOVES to appoint a member of the Finance Committee to the Student Union Awards Adjudication Committee.	TABLED.

Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund Committee
Minutes of Meeting # 1 – Wednesday, August 2nd, 2016 – 1:00 PM
Minerva Room – Van Vliet Complex

Attendance:

Vang Ioannides (Non-voting Chair)
 Ian Reade (Non Voting)
 Robyn Paches (SU VP. Ops/Finance)
 Ilya Ushakov (SU VP Student Life)
 Ed Ilnicki (UAB President)
 Arran Chambers (UAB Rep)
 James Thibodeau (SU Finance Committee Member)

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 PM. Vang welcomed everyone and thanked those in attendance for coming. With five voting representatives including at least one from the SU and one from UAB, quorum is achieved. As part of the introduction, Ian provided historical context to the committee about how the Legacy Fund came about and what it has done over the past 26 years to help support Golden Bears and Pandas Athletics.

Vang provided an overview of the financial information that had been provided by the SU in the excel file titled “GBPLF Numbers”. The document shows that the amount raised by the fund for 2017-18 is projected at \$250,368, and with that, the fund would reach a total of \$514,704. Vang also referenced the SU Finance Committee’s Standing Orders with respect to the Legacy Fund, and the guiding principles which are contained in that document. Robyn also provided some context from the SU’s and Finance Committee’s perspective, and on how the fund is dispersed.

The committee received copies of all of the applications for funding, as well as a document indicating Athletics’ recommended amounts for dispersal for the upcoming year. That excel file also included all historical information with regards to the fund disbursement, and Vang gave a brief overview of the information, as well as an explanation of the criteria and guidelines each person should consider in our deliberations. Vang also indicated that the UAB representatives present would speak to each team’s current and past involvement in the campus community. Arran and Ed described how they compile UAB “Participation Points” for such involvement and distributed the Participation Points Spreadsheet to the committee members.

The committee then proceeded to deliberate on the 2017-18 applications.

Bears Basketball - Recommendation of \$9000.00.

The committee recommends approval of \$6000 for Project 1 (tournament hosting) and \$3000 for Project 2 (non conference travel) to cover a portion of the estimated costs of accommodations and meals on this trip.

It was noted that Bears Basketball has been a regular contributor to UAB initiatives this past year, placing 4th as a team in total points, and also increasing their average point per player this past year.

Pandas Basketball - Recommendation of \$9000.00.

The committee recommends approval of \$9000 for project 1 (non-conference travel to St. Johns, NL) to offset the costs of accommodations and meals and help offset the cost of travel. Robyn noted that it would be preferable to have some form of standardized format or template for the submission of budget for these projects. **Action – Vang to develop guidelines for future submissions for meals and accommodations expenses.**

Pandas Basketball placed 12th in points standings in 2016-17 with 212 average points.

Bears Volleyball - Recommendation of \$9000.00.

The committee recommends approval of \$5000 for project 1 (Sofaland tournament hosting) and \$4000 for hosting Pepperdine University over the break. Both projects lend themselves to general student involvement.

Bears Volleyball has been well represented on the UAB executive with Arran and a few others, but it is definitely necessary to see wider involvement from the rest of the team. Although the team finished 13 of 17 teams, Bears VB did double their participation points from last year and should try to continue this positive trend in the future.

Pandas Volleyball - Recommendation of \$9000.00.

The committee recommends approval of \$6000 for project 2 (Japanese team hosting). This project was seen as very worthy of funding. The committee also approved \$3000 towards project 1 (Non – conference travel)

Pandas Volleyball has been involved in UAB activities, and placed 8th in total points last year, with their point total higher than last year.

Bears Football - Recommendation of \$20,000.00.

The committee recommends \$14,300 for project 1 (Study Hall/Academic Support) and \$5700 for project 2 (non-conference travel for August Exhibition Game vs UBC).

Bears Football has done a good job of being involved in the community, both within and outside of UofA and currently is 10th of 17 teams in the participation points ranking, which was one spot down from last year. However, despite losing ground relative to other teams, overall participation points almost doubled from last year, so this is positive.

Bears Hockey – Recommendation of \$8000.00.

The committee recommends that \$3000 be allocated to project 1 (non-conference hosting) for the Brick Invitational tournament and \$5000 for project 2 (non conference travel) to help offset the cost of accommodations in Minnesota.

Bears Hockey's involvement at the UAB and SU level is lower than expected for the third year in a row. In fact, the team is dead last in current participation ranking. It was noted that this group is involved in various activities in the community at large, but this involvement tends to be dominated by a few of the soon to be departing 5th year players, which should be of concern to the Bears Hockey leadership. The team needs a consistent team rep and should try to increase their volunteer involvement in UAB initiatives, and needs to ensure that their non-UAB community initiatives are tracked and recorded for Participation Points.

Action – Ian and Vang are to meet with the captains and encourage increased involvement and accountability.

Pandas Hockey – Recommendation of \$10000.00.

The committee recommends that \$10000 be allocated, including \$1500 to project 1 (Mental Health Charity Game hosting) and \$8250 to project 3 and 4 (non-conference travel) to help offset the costs of accommodations, transportation and meals. The remaining \$250 can be allocated to help offset costs of the non conference hosting project #2.

The committee acknowledges that Pandas Hockey has been very active and successful with respect to participation at the UAB level in the past. However, there has been a significant reduction in their involvement over the past year, falling from 1st overall back to 9th of 17 teams. With so many new players this is natural, but the now more veteran team needs to be aware that they need to re-engage at a higher participation level.

Bears Soccer – Recommendation of \$9000.00.

The committee recommends approval of \$9000 for Bears Soccer, including the requested funds for project 1 and 2 (non-conference hosting), project 2, and project 4, \$4750 (non-conference play). The remainder can be spent on offsetting the costs of dome rental fees for the winter non-conference games.

Bears Soccer has recently had strong leadership and involvement and is currently ranked 7th of 17 teams.

Pandas Soccer – Recommendation of \$9000.00.

The committee recommends approval of requested funds of \$6275 for project 1 (Snow Cup Hosting), and \$2725 for project 3 (non-conference travel) towards the costs of meals and accommodations. Please note that the ask for funds for high school hosting is not seen as an appropriate use of student funds.

Pandas Soccer, as usual, is very involved with UAB, having held various leadership positions the last few years. The committee wished to ensure that Pandas Soccer is aware of the void that will need to be filled with Fallon's departure so that the team does not lose ground.

Bears and Pandas Swimming – Recommendation of \$18,000.

Swimming is in dire need of funding, and the committee recommended full funding for Projects 1, 2, and 3, for a total of \$6280. with the remaining \$11,720 to help offset accommodations during the Xmas training camp.

Swimming was ranked 1st this year, largely due to excessive Candy-Grams, which will likely require re-weighting in the future. Swimming is encouraged to stay as involved as possible at the UAB.

Cross Country - Recommendation of \$7000.00

Since we now have a Cross Country Coach, the decision was made to split the two teams for the purposes of funding. The committee was supportive of the 3 projects presented and provided full funding of the hosting responsibility, with the remainder of funds to be used for non-conference travel.

Track & Field – Recommendation of \$18000.00 – Committee increased to \$20,000.00

The committee was impressed with the depth of this application and sought to increase the amount recommended by Athletics. As such, the recommendation was increased to \$20,000 to be spent on all 4 projects as described.

In the past, Track and Field and Cross Country points have been tabulated together, and the teams have had good recent involvement at a leadership level, but leadership renewal may be required now. **Action – UAB to consider splitting T&F and XC for participation point tabulation. (Vang's Note – this may prove difficult because of the number of "crossover" athletes shared between both teams.)**

Bears and Pandas Wrestling – Recommendation of \$18000.00.

The committee supported the full ask for hosting the Golden Bear Invitational and Pandas Invitational, with the remainder of funding to be dispersed to the various non-conference events.

Wrestling moved up considerably in participation this past year, moving from 14th place with 76 points, to 6th place with 295 points. They should keep moving in this direction.

Pandas Rugby – Recommendation of \$9000.00

The committee supports full funds for project 1, \$3300 (7's Tournament Hosting in the Foote Field Dome), and partial funding of projects 2 and 3, \$5700 (non-conference travel) to help offset the costs of the pre season and 7's travel.

Pandas Rugby had a significant increase in involvement, moving from 15th with just 45 points per player to 11th with 204 points per player.

Bears and Pandas Curling – Recommendation of \$4000.00

The committee supports the payment of entry fees and also hosting.

It was noted that UAB participation has been poor for the last couple of years from our curlers. It is recommended they become more actively involved in attending events and taking volunteer opportunities. This is the second year in a row that curling has not been adequately involved and the team needs to step up in activity in the go forward.

Bears and Pandas Golf – Recommendation of \$3375.00.

The committee recognized Golf's difficult financial circumstances and recommended the full amount of the ask. Golf has long been amongst the least active teams, but went from dead last last year to 15th place, moving up two spots and scoring an average of 149 points per player.

Bears and Pandas Tennis – Recommendation of 4000.00.

The committee recommends allocation of the full request of \$4000 (non-conference hosting).

Two years ago, both teams were amongst the lowest points scorers, but this year, both teams were outstanding with the Bears in 2nd and Pandas in 3rd. Keep up the good work!

UAB – Recommendation of \$5000.00.

The committee recommends approval of funds in the amount of \$3000 for project 1 (student-athlete orientation), and \$2000 for project 2 (UAB Administration and Outreach), which are seen as very important.

Events – A Team/Mascot Replacement – Recommendation of \$17,000.00

The committee recommends full funding of these two projects aimed at making our events more interactive and enjoyable for patrons.

Events – Digital Enhancement – Recommendation of \$21,000

UA International Student Project– Recommendation of \$5,000.00.

The committee endorsed full funding of this special initiative designed to give our international students a better understanding of our culture.

Athletics – Coaching Support – Recommendation of \$30,000.00

Ian explained the increased pressures on our individual sport coaches in managing large rosters by themselves. The committee saw value in assisting these teams by way of coaching support dollars.

Athletics – The Sport Conference – Recommendation of \$10,000.00

With the success of the inaugural conference, an attempt to expand this conference in the future and making it more accessible to the wider student population with an interest in sport related matters is a goal. The committee recommends full funding for the ask.

Concluding Remarks

Once the committee had gone through all of the applications once, they were asked whether or not everyone was satisfied with the recommendations. There were no requests for reconsideration, so Vang thanked the committee for their time. He explained that next steps included providing this information and the meeting minutes to the SU's Finance Committee for approval.

The committee then set out timelines for the 2018-19 application process as follows:

- Call for Applications : Mid November
- Applications Due: Mid December
- Committee Meeting : Mid January

Ilya mentioned a desire to have the UAB Participation points document, and Ed has provided that info to the committee.

It was suggested by Ian that in future, Athletics should note it's recommendations directly on the materials provided to the committee. Van and Ian to discuss how to implement this.

A final discussion point was around ensuring that a proper and uniform "logo" be developed for use. **Action** - **Vang to work with Jon Krywulak in this regard.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.