



**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

Monday, November 27, 2017

4:30 PM

SUB 0-31

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.

ATTENDANCE

| NAME | PROXY | PRESENT | SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT) |
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| Robyn Paches (Chair) | | Y | |
| Connor Palindat | | Y | |
| James Thibaudeau | Wilson Dolan | Y | |
| Darren Choi | | Y | |
| Abigail Bridarolli | | N | N |
| Delane Howie | | Y | |
| Habba Mahal | | Y | |
| Monica Lillo | | N | N |
| Ilya Ushakov | | N | <p>I have a board meeting during this time so unfortunately will not be able to make it, however I wanted to send my written thoughts.</p> <p>In terms of 2a - Committee Memberships - Students at Large. In my personal opinion I do not see the necessity of students a large on this committee. It is a public committee already and if any students to to join they can. I believe voting right should be reserved to students' council.</p> |

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| | | | I am also in favour of both APIRG and Student Legal Services DFU disbursements. |
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AGENDA (FC 2017-08)

2017-08/1 INTRODUCTION

2017-08/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:32 PM

2017-08/1b Approval of Agenda

**HOWIE/DOLAN MOVE to approve the agenda.
7/0/0 CARRIED**

2017-08/1c Approval of Minutes

**PALINDAT/CHOI MOVE to approve the minutes.
4/0/2 HOWIE/DOLAN Abstain
CARRIED**

2017-08/1d Chair's Business

2017-08/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2017-08/2a Committee Membership - Students at Large

PACHES: Discussion in Council re Committee Membership. If it would be appropriate to have unelected individuals to be on the committee, currently in discussion at the committee level. Currently, only elected individuals and councillor designated.

HOWIE: Everyone is invited to committee meetings but cannot vote.

PACHES: If a committee wishes to add SALs as a term of reference, is it appropriate for all committees. We have to make sure it's flexible and reflects the needs of the committees. Wants to see if there's thoughts. Ilya sends his thoughts re this. Please see submission under Attendance above.

PALINDAT: Thinks it will ruin the accountability if SALs vote.

CHOI: Finance needs accountability that comes from an elected councillor not from unelected SAL in comparison to audit.

HOWIE: We had this conversation in policy. I'm not against that in that regard. There's a barrier as to how this person has the knowledge base, inviting certain members of the community - in favor. Wants to bring more voices to the table, as long as consultation is happening. I just don't particularly see how the matters of money and budget, what an unelected individual would provide.

MAHAL: I agree. To be able to vote on things requires certain level of responsibility and accountability. Students put their faith when they elect individuals so to have another individual who does not have the appropriate backing might skew some of the results.

DOLAN: Sounds good to me.

PACHES: I agree with what's been said. I'm not in favor of having voting SALs as part of FC. We're empowered by SC to manager authority, finances of SU. If there's opinions of non-members, they're welcome to join meetings at any time. When it comes to budget, there's a lot of factors that need to be considered so would have to attend SC meetings to understand the context in order to make the year-end budget. The DFU proposal evaluation is all about reading the report and seeing if they're following proper checkpoints. We have capable people who can do that and we don't need to add to that. The consensus would be to not vote SALs to the committee so I'll report that next council meeting.

2017-08/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2017-08/3a **PACHES/MAHAL MOVES** to approve the 2017/18 Alberta Public Interest Research Group DFU disbursement.

VOTE

5/0/1 Dolan Abstains.

CARRIED

See FC-2017-08.02 to FC-2017-08.09

PACHES: Operational DFU up for renewal. This DFU has been quite good as well as SLS' report. The main bylaw that we're worrying about is when you go to SU website, bylaw 6200, section 4, subsection 2, 5 points. Will go over each point and see if everyone agrees that this has been met in that report.

Reads Subsection 2. One other point - schedule that has the mandate.

Did we see a satisfactory budget as to how the funds will be spent?

Everyone agrees.

Audited FS?

EVERYONE: Yes

Evidence of contract w/ SU, contract w/ white matter for elections on pg. 42 of the agenda.

Evidence they're fulfilling the mandate as described. (Reads APIRG mandate) Do

we feel they're fulfilling their mandate?

- Everyone agrees -

Do we feel the report was satisfactory or do we need more info? Are we happy to give them more money?

CHOI: comprehensive

HOWIE: It's truly is, it seems like they're so in-depth with everything they're doing.

PALINDAT: It seems like they're under control.

2017-08/3b PACHES/CHOI MOVES to approve the 2017/18 Student Legal Services DFU disbursement.

See FC-2017-08.10

PACHES: I won't introduce this one as in-depth but this is the report for SLS. If you're not aware of what they do, they're one of the lower, not as public facing or as visible as the DFU because they serve another diff function. They provide pro bono support to NFP groups and some students. Originally formed by the law faculty, essentially provide summarized versions of specific laws. They have a 4 page booklet on tenant rights. I'll do the same procedure as last time.

Is everyone satisfied with their budget as how funds will be spent? Looks good.

Audited FS? Looks good and legit.

Evidence of compliance of contract? I don't think SLS as contracts with us. They're based out of a building on ECV, don't have tenant agreement with us. We don't do their payroll.

Evidence of fulfilling mandate? (Reads SLS Mandate) Do we feel this report shows they're following?

HOWIE: it's a broad mandate so sure.

PALINDAT: They included an overview of everything, looks legit, I believe them. Very detailed.

HOWIE: I don't get this CSJ federal budgeting money. Do they get that funding in their budget?

PACHES: Could be. I don't know that detail.

PALINDAT: Everything is in depth except the budget.

HOWIE: They explain everything lower down. Just a couple of them that I don't know what CSJ Federal means.

PALINDAT: Do they not have expenses?

HOWIE: Is STEP the employment program? They have a few expenses listed - salary expenses, etc on p. 70.

PACHES: Not really a budget though.

PALINDAT: Just a list. What's ALF? What falls under this? I feel like they should be writing this down.

MAHAL: They have more detail of the budget.

HOWIE: That wasn't projected at all. I guess that's what we're missing from them.

PACHES: I think we need more for budgeting.

CHOI: Where is their budget?

PACHES: I agree. Good catch. I will email them to request projected budget.

HOWIE: We just need to know what those numbers mean.

PALINDAT: I'd like to see more detail.

PACHES: They're using "budget" but it's not a budget. That's just revenue.

HOWIE: I would love to know if they're providing services in French if they're getting paid for this.

PACHES: You can email them.

VOTE

0/6/0 MOTION FAILED

2017-08/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2017-08/4a FC-2017-07 *Meeting Minutes*

See FC-2017-08.01

2017-08/4b Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) - Annual Report (2015/16)

See FC-2017-08.02

2017-08/4c APIRG 2016/17 - Budget (2016/17)

See FC-2017-08.03

2017-08/4d Letter of Introduction - Finance Committee

See FC-2017-08.04

2017-08/4e Statement of Contracts with the Students' Union - 2016/17

See FC-2017-08.05

2017-08/4f APIRG Audited Financial Statements, as of April 30, 2016

See FC-2017-08.06

2017-08/4g APIRG Board Meeting Minutes - September 7, 2016

See FC-2017-08.07

2017-08/4h 2016 APIRG Annual General Meeting

See FC-2017-08.08

2017-08/4i APIRG Elections Contract - 2014-2016

See FC-2018-08.09

2017-08/4j Student Legal Services (SLS) - DFU

See FC-2017-08.10

2017-08/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2017-08/5a **Next Meeting:** Monday, December 11, 2017 at 4:30PM in **SUB 0-31**.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

PACHES: I'll keep this meeting even if it's after classes just in case we get more DFUs.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

| MOTION | VOTES |
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| HOWIE/DOLAN MOVES to approve the agenda. | 7/0/0 CARRIED |
| PALINDAT/CHOI MOVES to approve the minutes. | 4/0/2 HOWIE/DOLAN Abstained CARRIED |
| PACHES/MAHAL MOVES to approve the 2017/18 Alberta Public Interest Research Group DFU disbursement. | 5/0/1 DOLAN Abstained CARRIED |
| PACHES/CHOI MOVES to approve the 2017/18 Student Legal Services DFU disbursement. | 0/6/0 FAILED |