

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, July 5, 2018
5:00 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.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Emma Ripka (ex-officio)(chair)		Y	
Lane Anderson		Y	
Amlan Bose		N	
Tahra Haddouche	Akanksha Bhatnagar	Y	
Steven Lin		Y	
Brianne St. Hilaire		N	
Nathan Sunday		Y	
André Bourgeois (ex-officio)		Y	
Robert Bilak		Y	
Mariam Hosseiny		N	
Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar University of Alberta		Y	

MINUTES (FC 2018-02)

2018-02/1 INTRODUCTION

2018-02/1a Call to Order:

RIPKA: Called the meeting to order at 5:02PM.

2018-02/1b Approval of Agenda
BOURGEOIS/BILAK MOVED to approve the agenda.
7/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-02/1c Approval of Minutes
RIPKA/BOURGEOIS MOVED to approve the minutes of *FC-2018-01-M*
4/0/2 - CARRIED

2018-02/1d Chair's Business

HALBERT: Reported on the Students' Union Access Fund, a supplementary bursary, administered through the Registrar's Office. Identified that the fund emerged in 2014-2015 after incorporating the Access Fund into the larger Supplementary Bursary Program. Noted that the Fund is supplied through a dedicated fee unit. Supported the new always-open application system, rather than set application cycles, as more functional and accessible for students. Noted that the Students' Union sends approximations for the Fund size annually in August. Noted that she provides regular updates at points of percentage total Fund expenditure. Established that the annual maximum Fund disbursement per person decreased from \$3000 to \$1500 last year. Detailed that the \$1500 can be part of a larger package of funding. Noted that only undergraduate students with (1) demonstrable need and (2) a GPA above 2.0, who have not otherwise opted out, receive money from the Fund.

SUNDAY: Inquired into the order of government from which students must receive loan funding in order to meet Fund eligibility requirements.

HALBERT: Responded that students must apply for government loan funding through the Province prior to receiving monies from the Fund. Noted that the Registrar works with the students denied government funding to mitigate the problem. Affirmed that students must exhaust all other options prior to receiving funding from the University. Noted that students can have their funding situations reassessed. Noted that the University uses the Fund first when there are not otherwise donor funds.

RIPKA: Removed items *2018-02/2b* and *2018-02/2e*. Suggested adding *2018-02/2d* as an item of Committee business.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern over confirming "Get Out The Vote" Campaign funds without sufficient time to review the proposal.

RIPKA: Determined to send an email on or before July 12th for an online vote to confirm the "Get Out The Vote" Campaign funds.

LIN: Requested that all further emails be addressed to him at slin@ualberta.ca.

2018-02/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2018-02/2a Review of Finance Committee Standing Orders

RIPKA: Established that §6.2 constrains the possible membership of granting committees to Committee members only. Expressed concern over the availability of Committee members to exclusively fill granting committee positions. Considered amending §6.2 to allow both Council and Committee members to serve on granting committees.

RIPKA: Inquired into whether the change should apply to all granting committees.

BILAK: Expressed concern over the Committee's ability to understand that which occurs in granting committees if its members do not serve as representatives.

RIPKA: Noted that Student Group Granting Committee and Students' Union Award Adjudication Committee are different because they are not part of dedicated fee units. Proposed adding a §6.4 to expand §6.2(d) and §6.2(e) to both Committee and Council members. Determined to bring forward an amendment at the next meeting.

BILAK: Proposed mandating that at least one member of §6.2(d) and §6.2(e) be from the Committee.

BOURGEOIS: Noted that Bilak's restriction can be removed next year if it remains difficult to fill positions on the granting committees.

SUNDAY: Argued that all granting committees be open to both Council and Committee. Proposed that, as a condition of an appointment, granting committee members must report to the Committee.

RIPAK: Determined to include a Review of Finance Committee Standing Orders agenda item at the next meeting for broader discussion.

SUNDAY: Noted that the term 'long-term proxy' must be replaced with the term 'councillor-designate' in the Standing Orders.

SUNDAY/BILAK MOVED to amend §7.1(a) of Standing Orders to replace the term 'long-term proxy' with 'councillor-designate'.

7/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-02/2b WUSC Board

2018-02/2c Augustana Transport Cost

BHATNAGAR: Expressed concern over the unbudgeted cost associated with transporting Augustana Students' Council representatives to Campus for official business.

RIPKA: Considered that the cost of Augustana transport be included in the budget principles of the following year. Inquired into whether these unbudgeted transport costs should be funded this year.

BILAK: Supported funding the transport as a trial in the present year.

SUNDAY: Inquired into the availability of these transport funds to councillors invited to attend official meetings at Augustana.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the funds are available to councillors who travel to Augustana for Council related matters.

2018-02/2d "Get Out The Vote" Campaign

RIPKA: Outlined recent proposals to make Students' Union fees optional. Established that 25% of the present SU budget is from fee collection. Noted that the SU is meeting with partners to advocate against a voluntary fee policy. Affirmed the importance of voting in general. Noted that the Campaign proposes drawing \$40,000 from the reserve for campaigns and advocacy. Noted that the largest cost is for the campaign coordinator position.

BOURGEOIS: Identified that the fund exists expressly for expenditure of this character.

SUNDAY: Inquired into the present status of the reserve.

RIPKA: Speculated that the fund has \$90,000. Determined to follow-up with Sunday.

BOURGEOIS: Described the devastating effect of opt-in fees on Australian Students' Unions.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether the Students' Union projected losses in the event of an opt-outable fee.

RIPKA: Responded that no projection currently exists. Noted that this policy, as a benefit, compels the Students' Union to demonstrate its value to students. Noted that non-revenue generating services will first be dissolved in the event of a large reduction in revenue.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Students' Union projects, at present, that all students would opt-out in order to best prepare for a shortfall.

2018-02/2e Standing Orders 6.2A (Should we amend it to allow appointees from council as a whole?)

2018-02/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2018-02/3a **RIPKA/SUNDAY MOVED** to amend Standing Order §16.6(a) to read "A permanent staff of the Leadership & Recognition Unit as Chair".

RIPKA: Established that the change replaces an outdated position title to reflect institutional change within the Unit in the Standing Orders.
7/0/0 - CARRIED

RIPKA/BOURGEOIS MOVED to appoint Haddouche and Bilak to the Student Group Granting Committee.
7/0/0 - CARRIED

RIPKA/SUNDAY MOVED to appoint Lin, Hosseiny, and Anderson to the SU Awards Adjudication Committee.
7/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-02/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2018-02/4a Finance Committee, *Minutes* - FC-2018-01

See FC-2018-02.01.

2018-02/4b Finance Committee Standing Orders

See FC-2018-02.02.

2018-02/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

RIPKA: Adjourned the meeting at 5:53pm.

2018-02/5a **Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 @ 5:00PM in SUB 0-55.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

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BOURGEOIS/BILAK MOVED to approve the agenda.	7/0/0 - CARRIED
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