



University of Alberta Students' Union

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

February 1 2023

6:00 PM

Zoom/6-06

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (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, Dënesųłiné (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	PROXY	PRESENT
Lionel Liu		Y
Gurleen Kaur		Y
Christian Fotang		N
Milan Regmi		Y
Pien Steinbusch, Chair		Y
Madina Usserbayeva		Y
Fateh Arslan		N
Courtney Graham		N/A
Tanisha Sahu		N/A

MINUTES (NC-2022-15-M)

2022-15/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-15 /1a Call to Order

STEINBUSCH: CALLED the meeting at 6:02 PM.

2022-15/1b Approval of Agenda

USSERBAYEVA/KAUR MOVE TO approve the agenda of the meeting.
CARRIED

2022-15/1c Approval of Minutes

REGMI/USSERBAYEVA MOVE TO approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
CARRIED

2022-15/1d Chair's Business

2022-15/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-15/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-15/3a Nomination for Chancellor Student-At-Large

STEINBUSCH: Shares that one applicant has included a cover letter in the application, while the other two did not. Personally thinks that the other two applicants didn't seem very interested and wants to make this selection as soon as possible.

USSERBAYEVA: Asks if a cover letter is required in the application.

STEINBUSCH: Confirms. States that if not a cover letter, at least a letter of interest was required.

LIU: Asks if we have enough time to request a cover letter from the candidates.

STEINBUSCH: Suggests interviewing if we are interested in the candidate. The job posting specified to apply, including a cover letter/letter of interest; hence, they would have done so if they had correctly read the details.

LIU: Thinks having an interview will be a fair chance for all the candidates who applied.

USSERBAYEVA: Thinks that it will be fair to award the position to the candidate who thoroughly reads the job posting and applies with seriousness.

KAUR: Agrees with USSERBAYEVA.

REGMI: Agrees. But brings up that they personally know Pedro and abstain from voting as they don't want to seem biased.

STEINBUSCH: Recommends that the Committee proceeds with the candidate who has submitted their cover letter.

USSERBAYEVA/KAUR MOVE TO recommend Pedro Almeida to be a part of the Chancellor Selection Committee on the Senate.

CARRIED

LIU: Opposes the motion as he feels it is unfair to the other applicants who did not submit a cover letter.

2022-15/3b

Sustainability Applications

STEINBUSCH states that the Committee has not received any new applications. The last one is on the shared drive. Sustainability has seats at the moment, and since the posting has been up for a while, we can email the candidates to ask whether they are still interested and available. But if the Committee wants an interview, we can proceed.

REGMI: Favorable to the interview. Adds that the applicant seems outgoing and would like to know about their past accomplishments, which is in line with the sustainability committee's mission statement.

STEINBUSCH: If we want an interview, we can conduct one and put it on the Council Order Papers.

LIU: Points that the candidate seems to be a recent high school graduate and would like to join the Committee to gain some experience, and interviewing them would not provide any extra information. Adds that an interview is not necessary.

USSERBAYEVA: Asks if interviews were mandatory.

STEINBUSCH: States that in summer, we only interviewed a few students, except the ones on SGC. But the applicants who did provide a letter of interest were consistent. Some people did not proceed further with the committees simply because they had time commitment issues. Will our decision to include this candidate on the committee change if we undertake an interview?

KAUR/USSERBAYEVA MOVE TO recommend Zongxin Liu to the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee, depending on if the candidate is interested and available.

CARRIED

2022-15/3c

General Faculties Council Seat Filling

STEINBUSCH: Two applicants have applied - one from the arts and one from science. Currently, we have an Arts seat open.

USSERBAYEVA: Since we only have one meeting, it doesn't add anything to have that seat filled just to give them the experience. The candidate is welcome to attend the meeting as a guest if they wish to gain a better understanding of it.

REGMI: In this GFC cycle, three more meetings will be held. The meeting in February would be the last one before the elections.

KAUR: Agrees. However, we can give them a chance for this term (i.e., until April), and if they are further interested in being on GFC after that, they will contest in the elections.

REGMI/USSERBAYEVA MOVE TO recommend Janine Chew to fill the open Arts Seat on GFC.

CARRIED.

2022-15/4

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting February 8th, 2023 at 5:00pm to 6:00pm

STEINBUSCH: ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:40 PM.