



University of Alberta Students' Union  
**POLICY COMMITTEE**

**October 6th, 2022**  
**4:00 P.M.**  
[Zoom](#)/ SUB 6-06

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, Dènesųłiné (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
Haruun Ali		Y
Simran Dhillon		Y
Joannie Fogue		Y
Christian Fotang, Chair		Y
Gurleen Kaur		N
Lionel Liu		Y
Ibukun Ojo		N
Vedant Vyas		N
Courtney Graham		N/A
Jetro Dano		N/A

**MINUTES (PC-2022-06-M)**

**2022-06/1**                    **INTRODUCTION (5 minutes)**

**2022-06/1a**                **Call to Order**

FOTANG called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM

**2022-06/1b**                **Approval of Agenda**

*The committee considers the approval of the draft agenda prepared by the committee's chairperson; at this stage, committee members can propose that agenda items be added or removed, or that one or more items on the agenda be reordered.*

**ALI/LIU MOVE TO** approve the agenda.

CARRIED

**2022-06/1c**                **Approval of Minutes**

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[PC-2022-04-M](#)

[PC-2022-05-M](#)

**ALI/ LIU MOVE TO** approve the minutes.

CARRIED

**2022-06/1d**                **Chair's Business**

*Updates from the Chair relating to progress updates, announcements or other relevant or important information that pertain to the committee or that committee members should be aware of.*

FOTANG: Mentions that attendance in the committee is currently a struggle. Adds that the weekly meetings will be up until the end of the semester.

**2022-06/2**                    **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

*An Opportunity for Discussion or Questions in regards to activities of the Committee*

**2022-06/3**                    **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Items for the committee to consider, including items requiring the committee's approval, will be listed here for consideration. Items may be submitted by committee members of the policy committee but should be submitted to the Chair or staff member in advance so committee members have time to consider them ahead of the meeting.*

2022-06/3a

- **Policy Updates**

#### PUBLIC TRANSIT POLICY

FOTANG: Asks ALI for Public Transit Policy updates.

ALI: Suggests having a Town Hall on this policy.

FOTANG: Suggests ALI to meet with FOTANG and DHILLON to get more information on this policy and to do collaborative work with regard to the Campus Safety and Security Policy.

#### AUGUSTANA POLICY

DHILLON: States that she has met with FOGUE and has discussed coordinating a date with Augustana Students' Association for a meeting to get their feedback on the document. Will leave feedback, and once approved, will be sent to the Policy committee to get it approved.

FOTANG: Suggests November 17th deadline for the draft of all the policies on the agenda for approval.

DHILLON: Mentions that the goal is to have the First Principles drafted by the next meeting

#### RESIDENCE POLICY

FOGUE: Have met with Catherine from Campus Services to go over facts for the First Principles and have advised the residence association for a meeting to do consultations.

FOTANG: Suggests late October as a potential deadline.

ALI: Suggests setting up whiteboards to get students' thoughts on the suggested policy on town halls.

FOGUE: Mentions other ways for information dissemination to reach the residents such as distributing flyers to residents' doors and making sure that information can be collected from as many residents as possible.

FOTANG: Reminds the committee that the focus should be a set timeline so that the First Principles can be drafted accordingly and be up for approval by Council

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

FOGUE: Has met with the Sexual Violence Response Coordinator and has shared a document for review. Will find time to go through the document.

STUDENT ADDICTION

DHILLON: Mentions that she will be meeting with SRC in the next 2 weeks and will set up meetings with other groups as well for consultations.

**2022-06/3b**

• **Campus Safety and Security Policy Updates**

FOTANG: Gives updates on the Campus Safety and Security Policy. Mentions inviting Dr Jezel Thompson and other potential speakers to the student committee to discuss about the Campus Safety and Security Policy.

Clarifies to the committee about the deadlines for the tasks assigned.

ALI- October 13th deadline

DHILLON- November 3rd

FOGUE: Residence- not set, Sexual Violence- by next meeting.

**2022-06/4**

**Next Meeting:** October 13th, 2022

FOTANG adjourns the meeting at 4:44 PM

Outstanding Action Items:

Date	Topic	Action	Completed (yes or no)