



University of Alberta Students' Union
POLICY COMMITTEE

December 1st, 2022
4:00 P.M.
[Zoom](#)/SUB 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, Dênesųłíné (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
Simran Dhillon		N
Joannie Fogue		Y
Christian Fotang, Chair		Y
Gurleen Kaur		Y
Lionel Liu		Y
Ibukun Ojo		N
Milan Regmi		Y
Vedant Vyas		N
Jetro Dano		N/A

MINUTES (PC-2022-13-M)

2022-13/1

INTRODUCTION (5 minutes)

2022-13/1a

Call to Order

FOTANG called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM

2022-13/1b

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.

REGMI/ FOUQUE MOVE TO approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2022-13/1c

Approval of Minutes

[PC-2022-12-M](#)

REGMI/LIU MOVE TO approve the minutes.

CARRIED

2022-13/1d

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.

The Committee welcomes REGMI to the Policy Committee.

2022-13/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

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

REGMI: Asks the committee if they can discuss the Alberta Sovereignty Act as this could have a detrimental impact on the SU.

FOTANG: States that it will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

Committee decides on a special meeting on December 12, 2022, at 4 pm for the Campus Safety Policy presentation.

2022-13/3

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.

2022-13/3a

Policy Updates

FOTANG: Reviews the policies that the committee is currently working on for REGMI. Assigns the Public Transit Policy & Augustana Campus Policy to REGMI.

Committee discusses Sexual Violence Policy [Campus Sexual and Gender-based Violence Policy].

FOGUE: Mentions the scope and inclusion that the policy now covers, grammar use & its new sections. Asks the committee if they want to include a Definitions section on the policy.

REGMI: Agrees to add a definitions section to the policy.

LIU: Comments to adding a section recognizing the impact of Gender-based Violence on international students.

FOTANG: Suggests having the Sexual Violence Policy draft/template be used for the rest of the policies as a model for drafting policy changes and updates.

KAUR: Gives updates on the Indigenous Students Policy.

FOTANG: Mentions meeting with OJO on December 5th for Tuition Policy updates.

2022-13/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-13/5

Next Meeting: December 8th, 2022

FOTANG adjourned the meeting at 4:42 PM

Outstanding Action Items:

Date	Topic	Action	Completed (yes or no)