



University of Alberta Students' Union

**POLICY
COMMITTEE**

August 30, 2023

6:00 P.M.

SUB 6-06/[Zoom](#)

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (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, Dênesųłinê (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
Pedro Almeida		Y
Chris Beasley		N
Michael Griffiths		Y
Adrian Lam		Y
Precious Majekodunmi (Chair)		Y
Mason Pich		N
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Abdul Abbasi		N
Courtney Graham		N/A

Aseel Atia		N/A
Jetro Dano		N/A

MINUTES (PC-2023-07-M)

2023-07/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-07/1a Call to Order

MAJEKODUNMI called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM

2023-07/1b Approval of Agenda

THIESEN/LAM MOVE TO approve the agenda
CARRIED

2023-07/1c Approval of Minutes

PICH/THIESEN MOVE TO approve the minutes
CARRIED

2023-07/1d Chair's Business

- Policy Action Plan Update

MAJEKODUNMI: ABBASI is still out of the country. Adds that the basic tenets will not be established this year and that THIESEN will now be working on the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships Policy as well.

- Trimester Check-In

MAJEKODUNMI: Asks GRAHAM if it is possible to change the current Policy Committee meeting Fall schedule (6-7 PM Bi-weekly on Thursdays currently)

GRAHAM: Says it is possible to change the schedule

ALMEIDA: Suggests a WhatsApp poll

Committee agrees to the current 6-7 PM Bi-Weekly Thursdays schedule.

ALMEIDA: Mentions that Quality Academics & Student Financials First Principles will be delayed

MAJEKODUNMI: Mentions that extending the First Principles' due date is not a problem.

LAM: Asks for extensions on the Policies that they are currently working on with BEASLEY.

MAJEKODUNMI: Mentions meeting up with LAM & BEASLEY to determine new deadlines for their assigned policies

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QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

Student Space Policy and Deferred Maintenance update regarding first principles.

GRIFFITHS: Mentions updates on Student Space Policy and Deferred Maintenance. Adds that the First Principles is ready to be submitted.

Update regarding the contacting of ASU and ARCC for consultation plan.

GRIFFITHS: Mentions that ARCC has not adequately met yet

MAJEKODUNMI: Mentions doing a follow-up with BEASLEY regarding this matter

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COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Mental Health Policy Check-in.

LAM: Mentions that there are no updates on the policy yet. Adds that they are still waiting for ASU & ARCC for the consultation process.

Quality Instruction Policy Update & Student Financial Aid and Scholarships Policy Update.

ALMEIDA: Mentions that both policy First Principles were presented to the COFA Advocacy working group. Adds that they are currently waiting for feedback.

Also mentions the creation of survey questions for the Quality Academics Policy and that they are waiting for the survey results to pass the First Principles, which may alter the submission timeline.

Adds that the creation of the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships Policy survey questions is in progress

THIESSEN: Mentions the date after the 50% withdrawal deadline as the timeline to include the first year's feedback

MAJEKODUNMI: Mentions discussing new deadlines further on the next meeting

Augustana Policy Consultation Plan.

LAM: Mentions that there are no updates on the policy yet.

GRIFFITHS/THIESEN MOVE TO approve the Student Space Policy and Deferred Maintenance Policy First Principles

CARRIED

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WRAP-UP

Action Items / To-Do List

MAJEKODUNMI: Mentions that they will meet LAM and BEASLEY to discuss the Mental Health Policy and Augustana Policy deadlines. Adds that they will also meet ALMEIDA and THIESEN to discuss the Perks Survey, Quality Academics Policy, the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships Policy and to check in with GRIFFITHS & THIESEN for the submission of the Student Space Policy and Deferred Maintenance Policy First Principles to the order papers.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- September 14, 2023 @6PM

Adjournment

MAJEKODUNMI adjourned the meeting at 5:39 PM.