

Date: November 9, 2023

Time: 6:00

In Person: SUB 6-06 and Online: [Zoom](#)

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in Amiskwacís-wâskahikan (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 Niitsítapi (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
Pedro Almeida		Y
Chris Beasley		N
Michael Griffiths		Y
Adrian Lam		Y
Precious Majekodunmi (Chair)		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Abdul Abbasi		N
Courtney Graham		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A
Racquel Araujo		N/A

MINUTES (PC-2023-11)

2023-11/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-11/1a Call to Order (5 min)

MAJEKODUNMI called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

- Land Acknowledgement

2023-11/1b Approval of Agenda (1 min)

LAM/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO approve the agenda
CARRIED

2023-11/1c Approval of PC-2023-10-M.pdf (1 min)

LAM/THIESSEN MOVE TO approve the minutes
CARRIED

2023-11/1d Chair's Business (10 mins)

- Behaviour Of Conduct

MAJEKODUNMI: Members should act in the best interest of the committee and community as a whole. Members should conduct themselves in a professional manner either directly or indirectly. Personal attacks, harassment, and public shamings are not in compliance. The committee should behave in a professional and responsible manner.

- Quality Academics Update

MAJEKODUNMI: If not everyone was able to read the document ALMEIDA sent out, then the committee can review and go over it. Went over the document and what was written inside. What's being proposed at the moment is that the new proposed appendix to the University's Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation Policy results in the UASU's Quality Academics policy not needing to be renewed.

ALMEIDA: Appendix B addresses some of the resolutions of the expired Quality Academics policy, so the UASU's policy might not be relevant to renew, as it expires in 2026.

MAJEKODUNMI: This committee will decide whether or not to continue with the creation of the Quality Academics policy, or it can be left as is, as it doesn't expire until 2026. The university and UASU are separate entities, so it might be more advantageous to have two policies, especially one from the SU, whose responsibility is to protect students. The purpose of the QA policy was to combine what the university was proposing alongside a policy regarding assessment and grading by professors, which allows it to be one big policy. This policy would be more informed and relevant to experiences students face.

ALMEIDA: The university might release their new policy in January. With the help of THEISSEN and ABBASI, First Principles could be drafted soon.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KdLWZEebhJZMAUewgcQxezFAU-A8pb4GKMqx_qwl4Nc/edit?usp=sharing

- Student Space policy update

GRIFFITHS: PICH and themselves did further consultation, with only one small change regarding accessibility on campus.

MAJEKODUNMI: How did going to CSJ alter any perspectives regarding this topic?

PICH: Noticed a lot of the inaccessibility on campus, and that the Student Spaces policy was pretty incorporating.

GRIFFITHS: It was good to see how the policy would be able to advocate for items on the CSJ campus.

GRIFFITHS/PICH MOVE TO approve the draft of the Second Principles and Deferred Maintenance suggested for the Student Space Policy.

APPROVED

2023-11/2 COMMITTEE BUSINESS (40 min)

- Mental Health Policy Working Period (20 min)

MAJEKODUNMI: This is in progress, but will be TABLED until another time.

LAM: If everything goes correctly, should be able to bring the First Principles by the next committee meeting.

- Student Financial Aid and Scholarships Facts Review working period (20 min)

ALMEIDA: With the updated procedure brought forward regarding how First Principles are done, they were redone to match the new formatting. Is hoping for them to be approved so they can go to the next Students Council meeting and be presented.

PICH: Left a few comments on what they sees as being potential issues, but it looks good overall.

LAM: Doesn't see any issues with the First Principles, and would be in favor if they were to be approved.

GRIFFITHS: Agrees with LAM.

ALMEIDA: Will switch out 3 and 4, in order to create more clarity and have an explanation.

ALMEIDA/THIESSEN MOVE TO approve the First Principles of the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships policy.

CARRIED

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2023-11/3 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD (5 min)

2023-11/4a Action Items / To-Do List

2023-11/4b Next Scheduled Meeting: November 23, 2023 @ 6pm

2023-11/5 Adjournment

MAJEKODUNMI adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM