

Date: November 23, 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 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
Pedro Almeida		Y
Chris Beasley		N
Michael Griffiths		Y
Adrian Lam		Y
Precious Majekodunmi (Chair)		Y
Mason Pich		N
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Abdul Abbasi		
Courtney Graham		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A
Racquel Araujo		N/A

MINUTES (PC 2023-12)

- 2023-11/1** **INTRODUCTION**
- 2023-11/1a** **Call to Order(5 min)**
MAJEKODUNMI called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM
- Land Acknowledgement
- 2023-11/1b** **Approval of Agenda (1 min)**
THIESSEN/LAM MOVE TO approve the agenda
CARRIED
- 2023-11/1c** **Approval of previous meeting minutes (1 min)**
LAM/THIESSEN MOVE TO approve the minutes
CARRIED
- 2023-11/1d** **Chair's Business (10 mins)**
Update regarding student space policy
MAJEKODUNMI: The policy has been officially renewed, and will be automatically renewed for 5 years, until 2028.

2023-11/2

COMMITTEE BUSINESS (45 min)

- Mental Health Policy First draft approval and working period (15 min)

LAM: Linked the draft in the chat. Is open to discussing what the committee prefers.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oiZzezeit5IY6JdeShXchji1jjqar5LVRcmNqY86IOA/edit?usp=sharing>

THEISSEN: Thinks the original language is appropriate.

ALMEIDA: Doesn't know how a policy can do much exploration. Would prefer different phrasing, such as "Will reflect data and consultation to explore..." to frame second principles in a way that's more favorable.

LAM: Willing to change the wording and is amenable to anything the committee decides.

LAM/THIESSEN MOVE TO approve the draft of the Mental Health Policy First Principles.

APPROVED

- Student Financial Aid and Scholarships working period(15 min)

MAJEKODUNMI: Encourages everyone to keep working on the first principles.

- Augustana Policy working period and completion of the first principles (15 min)

MAJEKODUNMI: Will take the remainder of the meeting to work on this policy.

ALMEIDA/THIESSEN MOVE TO add a discussion of the Quality Academics principle to the agenda.

APPROVED

- Discuss the Quality Academics first principles draft

ALMEIDA: The policy is complete and has no visible gaps. The "in particular relation" is referring more to alternative modes of delivery, such as hybrid and online classes.

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

MAJEKODUNMI: It appears there are no particular concerns.

LAM/THIESSEN MOVE TO approve the draft of the Quality Academics first principles draft.

APPROVED

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

LAM: Quick review of the following document.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1061xgeNjAxp4dTbg1qhcdrg0BhsRgg5Ch7aVc8iZeDQ/edit?usp=sharing>

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

2023-11/4b **Next Scheduled Meeting: December 7, 2023 @ 6pm**

2023-11/5 **Adjournment**

MAJEKODUNMI adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM