

Date: January 11, 2024

Time: 5:00pm

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

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, 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		Y
Michael Griffiths		Y
Adrian Lam		Y
Precious Majekodunmi (Chair)		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Christian Fotang		Y
Aseel Atia		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A

MINUTES (PC-2023-14-M)

2023-14/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-14/1a Call to Order(5 min)

- Land Acknowledgement

MAJEKODUNMI called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM

2023-14/1b Approval of Agenda (1 min)

LAM/BEASLEY MOVE TO approve the agenda

CARRIED

2023-14/1c Approval of PC-2023-13-M PC-2023-12-M

LAM/THIESSEN MOVE TO approve the minutes

CARRIED

2023-14/1d Chair's Business (10 mins)

Review of Working Plan for the new semester

Goal attainment plans

MAJEKODUNMI: The goal was to start working on the TRC, the Augustana policy, Mental Health policy, Quality Academics, and the Student Financial Aid policy. The current plan for January - April is to work on the Academic Material, Augustana Policy, the TRC, Mental Health, and SFA. Asks the committee their opinion on the workload.

2023-14/2 COMMITTEE BUSINESS (45 min)

- Mental Health Policy update (5 min)

MAJEKODUNMI: Mental Health Policy had their First Principles approved on Tuesday.

LAM: Second Principles have also been started; a document is in existence.

MAJEKODUNMI: Notes a deadline of sometime in February for the draft of the Second Principles. It's fairly flexible, but let's work on getting it done.

- Student Financial Aid and Scholarships update (5 min)

MAJEKODUNMI: Working period.

- Quality Academics Update (5 min)

ALMEIDA: Had the First Principles approved on Tuesday.

- Augustana Policy Update (5 min)

LAM: Also approved on Tuesday, but will require a lot more consultation and meetings.

- Working period 1 (10 min)
- Working period 2 (10 min)

MAJEKODUNMI: The first working period can be to review the SFA policy draft and the second period can be used to plan for the TRC and the Academics Material.

ALMEIDA: The document is essentially the same as the working document. There's been a general language and capitalization clean up, and some organizational facts have been updated. Will send the draft over to the SRA's, give them time to approve, and then send it to Students' Council.

MAJEKODUNMI: Seeks clarification on the term "opportunity cost" in #3. Asks what students would be missing out on during post-secondary education.

THIESSEN: This can include missed wages, time, money, etc.

ALMEIDA: If a definition of the term opportunity costs were to be included, it might just reword and reiterate. Notes "The cost of the opportunity" could replace that phrase, but can go with whatever the committee decides. These new facts are a combination of the new and old facts. All of the original points continue to be reflected in the new facts. A few points have been added in, with references to the SFA and old Scholarships and Bursaries Policy.

MAJEKODUNMI: How does everyone feel about the term, "merit-based awards"?

THIESSEN: Suggests that the wording has certain implications. There are financial and academic constraints when it comes to participating in activities, and there is often a class aspect to defining merit.

MAJEKODUNMI: The approval of the draft will take place during the next meeting.

2023-14/3 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD(5 min)

2023-14/4a Action Items / To-Do List

2023-14/4b Next Scheduled Meeting: December 7, 2023 @ 6pm

2023-14/5 ADJOURNMENT

MAJEKODUNMI adjourned the meeting at 6:01 PM

