



STUDENT GROUP COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

5:00PM

SUB 0-33

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Nathan Sunday (Chair)		Y	
Amber Sayed		Y	
Joel Agarwal		Y	
Jared Larsen	Adam Brown	Y	
Isha Godara		N	
Duke Nguyen		Y	
Jie Cheng		Y	
Michaela Mann		Y	
Kristin LaGrange		Y	

AGENDA (SGC 2019-08)

2019-08/1

INTRODUCTION

2019-08/1a

Call to Order

SUNDAY: Called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2019-08/1b

Approval of Agenda

AGARWAL/SAYED MOVED to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2019-08/1c

Approval of Minutes

SUNDAY/SAYED MOVED to approve the minutes of SGC-2019-06-M.

CARRIED

Agarwal, Brown abstain.

2019-08/1d

Chair's Business

2019-08/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-08/2a

Indian Students' Association (INDSA) Re-Launch Discussion/Decision.

See SGC-2019-07.02.

LAGRANGE: Outlined that the Association stopped functioning in 2017 leaving unpaid debt with the Horowitz Events Centre. Noted that the Students' Union has agreed to forgive the debt provided that no member of the 2017 Association executive is involved in the administration of the Association moving forward. Identified that the proposed Association is requesting that the Committee recognise them as a student group notwithstanding that they do not currently meet Students' Union regulation which requires status-holding groups have undergraduate students as a majority of their members. Noted that the Association has committed to improving its undergraduate outreach if it is re-launched.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether the Graduate Student Association has their own mechanism for recognising groups.

LAGRANGE: Responded in the affirmative. Noted, however, that the GSA recognises only student groups related to an area of study, not groups such as the Association that are centered on shared interests or culture. Noted that the Association could register itself with the University but not the GSA.

AGARWAL: Supported approving the re-launch of the Association.

CHEN: Proposed requesting and reviewing from the Association a plan for their undergraduate outreach prior to approving their re-launch.

BROWN: Proposed approving the re-launch but also requiring that the Association reapply for Students' Union recognition 2020-2021 to satisfy the requirement that most of their membership consists of undergraduate students.

BROWN/NGUYEN MOVED to recognise the Indian Students' Association (INDSA) for 2019-20 but require that they reapply and meet standard Students' Union membership requirements in 2020-2021

CARRIED

2019-08/2b

Black Law Students' Association (BLSA) Discussion/Decision.

See SGC-2019-07.03.

LAGRANGE: Outlined that a student proposed creating the Association to promote black representation in the University Faculty of Law. Noted that there is only one black student in the program but Students' Union membership requirements demand that an association have at least ten members and two executive student members. Identified that the proposed Association intends to increase black representation in Law in order to, in future, meet this membership requirement.

AGARWAL: Supported granting an exception for the proposed Association.

SUNDAY/AGARWAL MOVED to except the Black Law Students' Association (BLSA) from meeting standard membership in their application for Students' Union status.

2019-08/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2019-08/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Student Group Committee Minutes (SGC-2019-07-M) - Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

Meeting cancelled - quorum not achieved.

2019-08/4a Student Group Committee Minutes (SGC-2019-06-M) - Wednesday, October 1, 2019.

See SGC-2019-08.01.

2019-08/4b Indian Students' Association (INDSA) Re-Launch Documentation.

See SGC-2019-08.02.

2019-08/4c Black Law Students' Association (BLSA) Documentation.

See SGC-2019-08.03.

2019-08/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

SUNDAY: Adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
BROWN/NGUYEN MOVED to recognise the Indian Students' Association (INDSA) for 2019-20 but require that they reapply and meet standard Students' Union membership requirements in 2020-2021	CARRIED

SUNDAY/AGARWAL MOVED to except the Black Law Students' Association (BLSA) from meeting standard membership in their application for Students' Union status.

CARRIED