

**STUDENT GROUP  
COMMITTEE**

**Friday, October 1, 2021**

**12:00 PM**

**Google Meet**

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.

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT (Y/N)
Abner Monteiro, Chair		Y
Christopher Beasley		Y
Daniela Carbajal		Y
Talia Dixon		Y
Aadhavya Sivakumaran		Y
Bing Ge Yang		N
Jaqueline Yang		Y
Asyah Saif		N/A
Selen Erkut		N/A
Caitlin McLeod		N/A
Rastin Hosseini		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A

**MINUTES (SGC 2021-02)**

**2021-02/1      INTRODUCTION      Abner Monteiro**

**2021-02/1a      Call to Order**

**MONTEIRO CALLED** the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.

**2021-02/1b      Approval of Minutes**

**TABLED**

**2021-02/1c      Approval of Agenda**

**SIVAKUMARAN/DIXON MOVE TO** approve the agenda.

CARRIED

**2021-02/1d Chair's Business**

**2021-02/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2021-02/2a** This is an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

**2021-02/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2021-02/3a Undergraduate Psychology Association Decision**

Selen Erkut

ERKUT: Introduced the report that she drafted regarding the Undergraduate Psychology Association (UPA) elections.

HOSSEINI: Clarified a point in the report which suggested that the UPA Executives talked to him about the situation. He said that that did not occur and that he was never talked to about the situation.

Further described that the three witness statements, labelled as inconclusive, are not an accurate description of the events that occurred.

Clarified that the Executive actions taken against him were of a personal nature and were not within the best interest of the club, as the executives stated in the report.

Stated that the events that occurred regarding the UPA election were so negative and traumatic that he may not mentally recover from them. States that he is unable to join other clubs and is afraid to be an active participant on campus.

As well, his experience with UPA can no longer be applied to his med school applications because of the negative turn of events that took place. States that the people who acted against him in the elections have gotten away with their actions without any repercussions.

Asks how to prevent such incidents in the future.

BEASLEY: Clarified that, due to his personal relation to the case (being the OASIS President of 2020-2021) he will not vote regarding the outcome of Selen's report as it would be a

conflict of interest. Will remain present for the discussion, however.

MONTEIRO: Directed everyone to look over Selen's recommendations within her report.

DIXON:: Agrees with all of the recommendations in Selen's report.

CARBAJAL: Wonders if there is a student review board for the UPA.

ERKUT: States that they currently do not and does not know if she could specifically recommend a review board for the UPA.

J YANG: Agrees with Dixon. But wonders why a Google Form was used for the UPA elections rather than the SU sanctioned election form.

BEASLEY: Says that it is hard to navigate the SU election form and many student groups do not know that an SU election form exists.

CARBAJAL: Suggests that it should be mandatory for student groups to use SU voting systems during elections.

SAIF: States that the SU is slowly working towards making an SU election system mandatory, but administrative resources are not at a capacity to do so. However, Bears Den does have its own voting systems (which is not intuitive) that can be utilized. It is as secure not as the SU voting systems but is much more secure than a Google Form.

ERKUT: Before now, there hasn't been concern with using Google Forms for elections. But it is something that the university wants to move away from.

**MONTEIRO MOTIONS** to move in camera.

**BEASLEY/SIVAKUMARAN MOVE TO** go in camera.

CARRIED

**MONTEIRO MOTIONS** to exit camera

**J YANG/ SIVAKUMARAN MOVE TO** exit camera.

CARRIED

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MONTEIRO: The committee has discussed and they are going to put forth all recommendations in Erkut's report.

**MONTEIRO MOTIONS TO** approve all Erkut's recommendations for the UPA.

**SIVAKUMARAN/J YANG MOVE TO** approve all Erkut's recommendations for the UPA.

CARRIED

5 in favour, 1 abstain (BEASLEY)

**MONTEIRO MOTIONS** that the SGC recommends that the Bylaw Committee review the procedure regarding the best approach for voter fraud in SRAs, in a way similar to voter fraud in VPAs, in the future.

**DIXON/SIVAKUMARAN MOVE** that the SGC recommends that the Bylaw Committee review the procedure regarding the best approach for voter fraud in SRAs, in a way similar to voter fraud in VPAs, in the future.

CARRIED

6 in favour, no abstentions

**2021-02/3b      Review/Approval of the Investigation Proposal**

Abner Monteiro  
Selen Erkut

*LEY/ORVOLD MOVED to, on behalf of Council, request that the Student Group Committee assess the relationship between the International Students' Association and Students' Union, and provide recommendations to Council on how it may be improved.*

**MONTEIRO MOTIONS TO** go in camera.

**BEASLEY/J YANG MOVE TO** go in camera.

CARRIED

**MONTEIRO MOTIONS TO** exit camera.

**BEASLEY/J YANG MOVE TO** exit camera.

FAILED (QUORUM not achieved as almost everyone had left the meeting)

**2021-02/4      INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2021-02/4a      [Undergraduate Psychology Association Investigation Report](#)**

**2021-02/5      ADJOURNMENT**



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MONTEIRO adjourns the meeting at 1:05 P.M.

**2021-02/5a**    **Next Meeting:** TBD