

**STUDENT GROUP
COMMITTEE**

Friday, January 28, 2022

9:00 AM

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.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Christopher Beasley		Y
Abner Monterio, Chair		Y
Daniela Carbajal		Y
Talia Dixon		Y
Caitlin Mcleod	Chantal Musial	Y
Selen Erkut		Y
Asyah Saif		N
Aadhavya Sivakumaran		Y
Bin Ge Yang		N
Jacqueline Yang		N
Courtney Graham		N/A

MINUTES (SGC 2021-08-M)

2021-08/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2021-08/1a **Call to Order**
MONTEIRO: Called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

2021-08/1b **Approval of Minutes**
SIVAKUMARAN/BEASLEY MOTION TO approve the minutes from the last meeting.

2021-08/1c **Approval of Agenda**

BEASLEY/CARBAJAL MOTION TO approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2021-08/1d Chair's Business

MONTEIRO: The SGC Committee will be meeting less frequently this semester as there are no current long term issues that the committee has to resolve.

2021-08/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2021-08/2a [Clubs Fair Operating Policy](#)

ERKUT: Currently in the process of revamping policy documents for SGS. The Clubs Fair Operating Policy is the document sent to students when participating in in-person club fairs. Would like to update how Clubs Fair will operate in the future, based on student feedback.

DIXON: Questions why the policy states that there is no food or drink allowed at the Clubs Fair. As well, brings attention to the fact that a senior member of the SU seems to be capable of asking for anything within the Clubs Fair and having their wishes honoured.

ERKUT: Acknowledges that food and beverage is stated to not be allowed, but there are amendments in the policy which state that permission can be given to student groups to hand out food.

As for the senior SU member, it should be changed to only refer to senior Student Group Services members.

BEASLEY: Inquires to the number of recruiters allowed at a table. Notes that the policy states that only two are allowed, but acknowledges that that is rarely the case at Clubs Fair.

Also questions the rule which states that student executives who leave a mess at Clubs Fair will not have their club asked back to the next Clubs Fair. Questions if this policy is enforced and why said policy is so strict.

Also points out that a student group cannot hand out things with sponsored branding. Questions why that is.

ERKUT: Thinks that the spirit of the sponsorship rule is because the spirit of Clubs Fair is to promote student groups, not outside organizations. Sponsors can get their own table at Clubs Fair, but will be charged double than what student groups pay for a table at Clubs Fair.

DIXON: Suggests that it could also be a contract issue, in regards to sponsorship issues. SUB has a contract with Coca Cola, which means that any drink that does not belong to the Coca Cola brand cannot be distributed in SU events.

CARBAJAL: Argues that limiting sponsorship opportunities will limit cultural involvement from cultural or ethnic groups. Questions what the difference is between Pepsi sponsorship and Cree sponsorship.

ERKUT: Suggests that it is very different for the E-sports group to be sponsored by Sony compared to PHILSA being sponsored by a local cultural business such as Yelod.

BEASLEY: Many big companies will only participate in Clubs Fair if they can directly sponsor the student group. They likely wouldn't buy their own table, which could limit sponsorship involvement for student groups.

ERKUT: Loops back to having two executives at a table at the same time. Most of the time, it doesn't matter if there are more than two people at a table. However, when there are ten or twelve people at a time at a table, it becomes an issue. The people limit is also more serious when having tables in tents when compared tables out in the open on Quad.

MONTEIRO: Suggests that it is much easier and more important to limit the distribution of food rather than table capacity limits.

ERKUT: Moves the discussion to new student groups, which have proposed their group idea, but who are not yet allowed to table at Clubs Fair. Suggests that new groups who have not yet been officially approved by the SU lose out on a huge recruiting opportunity at Clubs Fair. Wonders how new groups can be incorporated into Clubs Fair while still respecting the parameters of the Clubs Fair Operating Policy.

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BEASLEY: Suggests that, due to COVID, many student groups have either become defunct or are starting anew, which means that this issue needs to be resolved this year before the next Clubs Fair.

MONTEIRO: Questions the cost of tabling.

ERKUT: States that half a day of tabling amounts to a cost of 17.50 dollars and a full day of tabling costs 30.00 dollars. Acknowledges that these prices are the early bird prices.

2021-08/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2021-08/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2021-08/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

MONTEIRO: Adjourned the meeting at 9:30 A.M.

2021-08/5a **Next Meeting: TBD**