



University of Alberta Students' Union

**STUDENT GROUP  
COMMITTEE (SGC)**

**October 24th, 2022**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Zoom/SUB 6-06**

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
Jayden Brooks (Chair)		Y
Mackenzie Burnstick		N
Selen Erkut (Non-Voting Member)		Y
Joannie Fogue		Y
Gurleen Kaur		Y
Michelle Kim (Non-Voting Member)		N
Polina Reisbig		Y
Mikael Schmidtke		Y
Bin Ge Yang		N
Ben Yang		Y
Janvi Bali		Y

Courtney Graham		N/A
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### **AGENDA (SGC-2022-02-A)**

- 2022-02/1                    INTRODUCTION**
- 2022-02/1a                **Call to Order****
- 2022-02/1b                **Approval of Agenda****
- 2022-02/1c                **Approval of Minutes****

Friendly Amendment to SGC-2022-00-M: in the minutes for the first committee meeting, we had the approval of the Standing Orders (item 3c) but this was not recorded. Will be amending to include it.

- 2022-02/1d                **Chair's Business****

***Questions from last session:***

*If someone leaves due to conflict of interest and we lose quorum, can it still occur?*

It comes down to interpretation. When someone has a conflict, they are asked to temporarily rescind their voting ability. If this is as interpreted as automatically abstaining, the voting member is still present and hence the meeting can still occur. If it is as interpreted as the voting member quote-on-quote leaving and re-entering as a Guest in which case you lose quorum and the meeting cannot occur.

Based on the precedent set last year and after consultation with Courtney, I will be interpreting it as the former, meaning that it will still be able to occur. Being said, this is something I will recommend to discuss and consider implementing into the Standing Orders at the end of the year.

*Should names (of those involved with the investigation) be in the process?*

This is a decision we should make on a case-by-case basis. During some investigations where sensitivity may be of high concern (or by request of those involved), we may opt to keep their names anonymous. However, as seen by last year, there may be times where students involved want to be on record or situations not deemed sensitive enough to warrant anonymous names. Ultimately, it is up to the discretion of the SGC.

It may be something to consider adding to the Standing Orders.

*Who can be a proxy? What is a good process to get a proxy?*

Based on the precedent set last year, any councillor or student-at-large on

the committee can just have another undergraduate student fill their spot as a proxy. For the councillors, you don't even need to have a proxy from the same faculty. As for the UASU executives, they will need to have a fellow UASU executive act as their proxy.

As for the process, I would encourage most people to have someone they know (who is not a conflict of interest, if applicable) to act as their proxy. Councillors may opt to have a fellow councillor as their proxy which is fine as well. If you are unable to find someone, please let me know as soon as possible prior to the meeting and I will attempt to assist you.

***Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs):***

Given the sensitivity of the committee, we will be distributing NDAs to all the students-at-large. It is crucial to have these signed and submitted prior to any investigation discussion as you will be unable to partake in in-camera discussions.

**2022-02/2**

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2022-02/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2022-02/3a**

Presentation - Bylaw 5100 Summary by. Courtney

**2022-02/3b**

Investigation - Alpha Psi

**2022-02/4**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2022-02/4a**

Next Meeting: November 7th at 5:00 P.M in SUB 6-06.