



University of Alberta Students' Union

## STUDENT GROUP COMMITTEE

**April 5, 2023**  
**3:30 P.M.**  
**SUB 6-06/[Zoom](#)**

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
Pedro Almeida		Y
Rebecca Barnes (SAL)		Y
Selen Erkut (SGS)		Y
Michael Griffiths (Chair)		Y
Alison Kennedy (SAL)		Y
Michelle Kim (SGS)		N
Precious Majekodunmi		N
Colton Meronyk (SAL)		N
Muneeba Qadir		Y
Aaryan Shetty (SAL)		Y

Courtney Graham		N/A
Jetro Dano		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A

**MINUTES (SGC-2023-05-M)**

**2023-05/1**

**INTRODUCTION**

**2023-05/1a**

**Call to Order**

GRIFFITHS called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM

**2023-05/1b**

**Approval of Agenda**

**BARNES/SHETTY MOVE TO** approve the agenda  
CARRIED

**2023-05/1c**

**Approval of Minutes**

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**BARNES/SHETTY MOVE TO** approve the minutes  
CARRIED

**2023-05/1d**

**Chair's Business**

**2023-05/2**

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2023-05/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- Committee Member's Schedules for April

GRIFFITHS: Currently there's a meeting scheduled for the 12th. It might also be important to have meetings afterward, so it would be nice to see if quorum will be met. Please take a few minutes to fill out a LettuceMeet and see if you're available to meet over the next two weeks.

KENNEDY: May not get information from the respondent regarding the case. Are there any suggestions regarding a respondent not replying after being given ample time?

BARNES: Silence is an answer.

ALMEIDA: Is happy to start looking at it, but without the context it may be difficult to understand whether the respondent's response is critical to moving forward.

- Potential Future Meeting Times

GRIFFITHS: If there are questions or concerns, please reach out to GRIFFITHS

and please fill out the LettuceMeet.

**2023-03/4**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- [Bylaw 5100](#)

**2023-03/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

GRIFFITHS adjourned the meeting at 3:50 PM