



University of Alberta Students' Union  
**STUDENT GROUP  
 COMMITTEE**

**April 23, 2023**  
**12:00 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)		N
Selen Erkut (SGS)		Y
Michael Griffiths (Chair)		Y
Alison Kennedy (SAL)		Y
Michelle Kim (SGS)		N
Precious Majekodunmi		Y
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-2023-06-M)**

**2023-06/1                    INTRODUCTION**

**2023-06/1a                Call to Order**

GRIFFITHS called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

**2023-06/1b                Approval of Agenda  
**SHETTY/QADIR MOVE TO** approve the agenda  
CARRIED**

**2023-06/1c                Approval of Minutes  
TABLED**

**2023-06/1d                Chair’s Business**

GRIFFITHS mentions that there are no guests today.

**2023-06/2                QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2023-06/3                COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- [Case #4](#)

Committee discusses the content of case #4 concerning the March 2024 UASU election, where the respondent from the Social Anxiety Support student group criticized The Landing on Instagram, leading to a complaint against the group for potential misconduct and lack of group oversight.

- [Important Considerations for SGC](#)
- Motion OR Extend Timeline

GRIFFITHS: Mentions that SGC will assess how this matter aligns with Bylaw 5100 and the SU Bylaws, focusing on potential breaches and adherence to these regulations. Any identified concerns or comments regarding disciplinary matters will be addressed, and appropriate directions will be provided within the context of student group discipline.

Committee discusses Sections 3, 4 & 9 of the Student Group Code.

SHETTY: Comments and raises concerns about whether the actions of one member could harm the club's standing and affect its registration status.

Suggests considering whether it would be better to suspend the club.

ERKUT: Notes that concerns were raised by members against the respondent, who is also the founder of the student group, during the early stages of forming the club. Several executives left due to an uncomfortable working environment, as mentioned by some members. Currently, there are 9 members listed on a spreadsheet received by SGS, with 5 members not actively involved in the group. Additionally, it was mentioned that the group primarily operates on Discord, potentially allowing individuals outside the university to join making them ineligible for membership.

Adds that complainants have the option to be anonymous.

ALMEIDA: Mentions concerns about membership and how it may affect the eligibility of the student group.

QADIR: Comments that Sections 3-f and 3-h of the Student Group Code do not apply, but Section 3-i does.

ALMEIDA: Mentions that it could be outside the scope of SGC to determine if something is defamatory.

SHETTY: Comments that it is necessary to have access to unredacted information in order to make an informed decision on this matter.

GRIFFITHS: States that SGC, as per Bylaw 5100 under Section 4-3, can deny a group's registration in the context of violations.

Mentions that he will explore the possibility of scheduling a follow-up meeting and requests the committee to fill out the Lettucemeet. Adds that he will follow up with the committee regarding the matter offline.

**2023-06/4**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- [Bylaw 5100](#)

**2023-06/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

GRIFFITHS adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM

