



University of Alberta Students' Union

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

[August 25, 2020]

[5:00pm-6:00pm]

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 (Y/N)
Amlan Bose		Y
David Draper		N
Kristofer Akkerman		Y
Prabhjyot Arora		Y
Raya Najiba Troyee		N
Shenin Mehnaj		N
Subhana Tazrian		Y
Talia Dixon		Y
Elizabeth Blanchette (ASC)		N
Michelle Kim (Sustain SU)		Y

MINUTES (SUSC 2020-04)

2020-04/1

INTRODUCTION

2020-04/1a

Call to Order

2020-04/1b

Approval of Minutes

2020-04/1c

Approval of Agenda

2020-04/1d

Chair's Business

DIXON: Directed the Committee to fill out her poll for selecting a new meeting time.

2020-04/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2020-04/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2020-04/3a **Committee Working Plan**

DIXON: Recognised that the Committee has completed its work defining sustainability for the purpose of its Recommendations. Established that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Committee's Work Plan. Inquired as to whether the Committee supports deleting the mandate section of the Plan. Inquired as to whether the Committee proposes making any changes to the Plan.

AKKERMAN: Supported deleting the mandate as part of the Plan on the basis that it is already available to the Committee in its Standing Orders.

ARORA: Supported keeping the mandate as part of the Plan in order to keep the Committee on-track.

DIXON: Confirmed that the Recommendations are slated to be completed for April 2022. Recognised that the Committee's Recommendations should intersect with each other given that there are intersections in the types of sustainability the Committee is tasked with researching. Confirmed that the Committee is set to present to Council to provide updates on its progress and get feedback on its plan at the end of the Fall and Winter Semesters. Determined that, on the advice of Akkerman, the Committee will research its target areas of sustainability in pairs. Directed Committee members to record their progress on creating the Recommendations, present progress updates at each meeting, and notify her or the chair if they are going to be absent to a meeting (or if they are designating a proxy). Clarified that the Committee will seek to engage in thoughtful, intentional, and respectful consultation rather than connecting with stakeholders at every possible opportunity as indicated in the original proposed Working Plan. Clarified that the Committee will focus on developing Recommendations related to environmental sustainability in the Fall Semester. Determined to distribute a list of research topics for the Committee to select. Determined to contact UAlberta Libraries to receive advice concerning research methodologies. Indicated that the Plan has target deadlines for each stage of Recommendation creation but that there is a fair amount of flexibility for making adjustments where needed.

AKKERMAN: Inquired as to how Council will provide the Committee feedback after receiving their Fall and Winter presentations.

DIXON: Responded that Council will provide verbal comments.

AKKERMAN: Suggested that the Committee integrate Council's comments quickly in order not to forget their context.

DIXON: Confirmed that Akkerman will lead the Committee's Recommendation

consultation efforts. Clarified that the Committee will focus on researching and writing Recommendations concerning social sustainability in Winter Semester.

AKKERMAN: Inquired as to whether the Committee will periodically review the fulfilment of existing recommendations and the need for new recommendations after, at the end of next Council, the Recommendations are completed in 2022.

DIXON: Responded in the affirmative. Indicated that the SUSC Recommendations will work similarly to the Aboriginal relations and Reconciliation Committee Recommendations that aimed to affect SU policy and practice. Determined to send a final copy of the Plan for the Committee to review.

AKKERMAN: Inquired as to whether the Committee intends to meet bi-weekly on non-Council days.

DIXON: Responded in the affirmative.

2020-04/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2020-04/5

ADJOURNMENT

2020-04/5a

Next Meeting: [5:00pm September 28 2020 via Google Meet]