

**Thursday, June 27, 2019**

**6:00PM**

**SUB 6-06**

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	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Talia Dixon (chair)		Y	
Stephanie McKenzie		Y	
Tahra Haddouche		N	
Ian Gatera		Y	
Rojine McVea		N	
Luke Statt (ex officio)		Y	

**MINUTES (SUSC 2019-00)**

**2019-00/1**

**INTRODUCTION**

**2019-00/1a**

**Call to Order**

DIXON: Called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

**2019-00/1b**

**Approval of Agenda**

**DIXON/STATT MOVED** to approve the agenda.

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**2019-00/1c**

**Approval of Minutes**

N/A

**2019-00/1d**

**Chair's Business**

**2019-00/2**

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-00/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-00/3a**

## Construction of Standing Orders

DIXON: Established that the purpose of the meeting is to draft an outline for the Standing Orders. Noted that the Committee will then further develop the document outside of the meeting.

STATT: Clarified that the terms of reference example he sent in an email are intended to provide an example for forming the Standing Orders.

DIXON: Outlined that the Committee must develop a mission statement. Suggested the phrase “making the Students’ Union more sustainable environmentally, socially, and economically by evaluating current practices and suggesting practical solutions to improve SU practices.

MCKENIZE: Expressed concern that the statement is too general. Considered that the mission should discuss collaboration with Sustain SU.

DIXON: Responded that issues of this nature are intended to be discussed elsewhere in the document.

GATERA: Suggested that the Standing Orders also mention other university initiatives.

DIXON: Considered adding a listing of the principles by which the Committee will operate such as equality, equity, and sustainability.

MCKENIZE: Suggested that the mission also reference engagement with the community, outside of the University, more generally.

DIXON: Inquired into where the Standing Orders should note that the Committee is permanent.

STATT: Responded in the negative. Noted that this information would be included as part of SU bylaw.

DIXON: Expressed concern at referencing the university and Edmonton community as individuals to advocate as it is outside the scope of the Committee.

GATERA: Proposed adding the phrase “both on Campus and in the larger community”

STATT: Proposed adding a mandate item on connecting with the local community to educate and engage the community on sustainable practices. Noted that the Executive intends to strengthen the budget of Council to complete engagement activities.

DIXON: Emphasised that the Committee’s principal function is to complete an

annual review, critical assessment, and recommendation list to advance internal sustainability. Determined to include an enumerated list of supplementary related activities under these core tasks.

STATT: Recommended removing any tasks that will not persist over time.

DIXON: Expressed concern that the Students' Union internal definition of sustainability is insufficient.

STATT: Considered that amending the definition would occur as a result of a sustainability audit.

DIXON: Proposed using the phrase "radical change" as a description for what the Committee will advance. Cited the move to using only compostable products as an example.

STATT: Proposed using this phrase as part of an introductory summary of the state of climate change. Expressed concern that some students would misunderstand the intention behind the phrase "radical change".

DIXON: Proposed using the phrase "radical and practical change"

MCVAE: Supported the phrase.

MCKENIZE: Supported the phrase.

DIXON: Determined to include an introductory note as to the rationale behind creating the Committee.

STATT: Considered that the Committee could work on drafting each section in detail at the next meeting.

DIXON: Suggested that the Committee would be misdirected if it had executive members.

STATT: Suggested that the Executive supported and advanced the generation of the ARRC Recommendations, which was a process similar to a sustainability audit. Suggested that the Vice President Operations and Finance should be a member in order to provide institutional knowledge.

MCKENZIE: Noted that the Committee can later remove Executives as members if it becomes a problem.

DIXON: Inquired into whether Executives can serve as advisors to a Committee without being voting members. Proposed that international, Indigenous, SU staff, and student-at-large members should be voting members of the Committee.

MCKENIZE: Expressed concern at having a total of (3) student-at-large members.

STATT: Suggested that (3) is not too many. Supported including more students-at-large in all areas. Considered that including students-at-larges is also a method of consultation.

DIXON: Noted that the reporting and chair rules are borrowed from the SERC Standing Order.

MCKENIZE: Proposed aligning the activities of the Committee with those of Sustain SU. Noted that this allows the Committee to be better apprised of sustainability activities on Campus.

MCVAE: Noted that Sustain SU intends to expand their community engagement activities in the next year.

STATT: Noted that internal Sustain SU changes will increase their workload, precluding them from taking a leading role on the Committee. Emphasised that the recommendations must be well-researched in order to provide grounds for action. Noted that there may be complications in the reporting of staff to the Committee that upsets a timeline.

DIXON: Proposed April as the month of reporting for the final findings of the audit. Directed members to continue adding to the draft Standing Orders document and consider whether Executives should serve as members. Anticipated completing a first draft for the next meeting.

STATT: Determined to send the Committee post-mortems from former SERC members to inform their creation of the Standing Orders.

**2019-00/4**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-00/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

DIXON: Adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.

**2019-00/5a**

**Next Meeting:** July 11, 2019 Students' Union Building.