



# SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

**Thursday, August 8, 2019  
5:30PM  
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		Y	
Luke Statt (ex officio)		Y	

## MINUTES (SUSC 2019-03)

**2019-03/1**

### INTRODUCTION

**2019-03/1a**

### **Call to Order**

DIXON: Called to order at 5:37pm.

**2019-03/1b**

### **Approval of Agenda**

**MCKENZIE/DIXON MOVED** to approve the agenda.  
CARRIED

**2019-03/1c**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**MCKENZIE/DIXON MOVED** to approve the minutes of 2019-02-M.  
CARRIED

**2019-03/1d**

### **Chair's Business**

**2019-03/2**

### QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

**2019-03/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-03/3a**

Finalizing Standing Orders

DIXON: Noted that she communicated with the chair of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee, Nathan Sunday, who proposed that the Committee reserve a permanent seat for a member of Aboriginal Student Council or a student recruited via Nominating Committee. Noted that, in addition, Sunday proposed that an elder or knowledge keeper be consulted by the Committee and that the Committee could contact First People's House to get in contact with them.

MCVAE: Proposed including an elder as a non voting permanent member or consulting them on an as-needed basis.

DIXON: Expressed concern that adding another member of the Committee may render it too large.

MCVAE: Expressed concern that attending all of the Committee's meetings would be an unreasonable burden for an elder.

STATT: Proposed entering in the mandate that the Committee is expected to consult stakeholders such as, but no limited to, Indigenous people.

MCKENZIE: Suggested that the Elder could be involved in a similar capacity to the Sustain Su Coordinator.

STAT: Suggested that Sustain SU and the elder are not similar as the elder is not related to or consistently involved on every topic the Committee will discuss.

DIXON: Determined to effect Statt's proposal within the Standing Orders chair's business section.

GATERA: Inquired into how the international student representative is selected to serve on the Committee.

DIXON: Clarified that Nominating Committee makes the selection.

GATERA: Inquired into whether one member of the Committee can serve on multiple seats such as having a councillor also serve as the international student representative.

DIXON: Responded in the negative. Inquired into whether there are other sections which require updates or review.

MCKENZIE: Noted that she reworded the proxies and guests section to ensure its clarity.

DIXON: Suggested removing the set period within which to issue notices of proxying to the chair.

MCVAE: Requested that the Committee review the definition of climate crisis within the document.

DIXON: Summarized the view of the Committee in confirming that the definition is useful and acceptable.

**STATT/DIXON MOVED** to amend and approve the SUSC Standing Orders according to the SUSC Standing Orders Google Document dated August 8, 2019.

CARRIED

DIXON: Outlined that the Standing Orders will be complete after the provisions for the selection of the Indigenous representative are confirmed. Noted that, subsequently, the Committee will approve the Standing Orders in an online vote and present them to Council for approval on August 27.

STATT: Determined to send the draft Standing Orders to Discover Governance for review.

**2019-03/4**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-03/4a**      Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes (2019-02).

See SUSC-2019-03.01.

**2019-03/5**      **ADJOURNMENT**

DIXON: Adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.

**2019-03/5a**      **Next Meeting: TBD.**

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
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