

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

**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	
David Konrad	Amlan Bose	Y	
Luke Statt (ex officio)		Y	
Kelsi-Leigh Balaban		Y	
Olivea Harris		Y	
Alana Krahn		Y	
Abigail Kohler		Y	
Carter Gorzitza		Y	

**MINUTES (SUSC 2019-05)**

**2019-05/1**

**INTRODUCTION**

**2019-05/1a**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm.

**2019-05/1b**

**Approval of Agenda**

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

CARRIED

**2019-05/1c**

**Approval of Minutes**

N/A

**2019-05/1d**

**Chair's Business**

DIXON: Noted that there exists one vacancy for an international student on the Committee. Noted that the Committee has been invited to participate as part of the Student Sustainability Summit.

**2019-05/2**

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-05/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-05/3a**

Elect a Chair

BALABAN nominated DIXON: accepted.  
GORZITZA nominated BALABAN: declined.

**DIXON** is declared chair of Sustainability Committee by acclamation.

**2019-05/3b**

Review Standing Orders

DIXON: Outlined that proposed Standing Order provide that the Committee will seek to (a) perform annual evaluations of the Students' Union's sustainability practices, (b) identify opportunities for growth, and provide practical recommendations for improvement and change, and (c) ensure that the Students Union follows current standards and best practices of sustainability.

GORZITZA: Proposed adding a definition of sustainability as part of the Standing Orders.

**DIXON/BOSE MOVED** to approve the Standing Orders as per the documented dated January 23.  
CARRIED

**2019-05/3c**

"Making a Plan for the Rest of the Year"

**2019-05/3d**

Committee Value Setting

BALABAN: Proposed that the Committee establish a set of values to underlie its work. Proposed truth as a foundational principle.

DIXON: Proposed safety and collaboration as foundational principles.

KRAHN: Proposed that the Committee have a flexible scope and remain willing to learn.

KOHLER: Concurred with Krahn.

GORZITZA: Proposed integrity as a foundational principle.

BOSE: Proposed that the Committee set clear goals and remain factual. Suggested that the Committee could achieve the most if it focused its efforts on the Campus. Proposed, for example, advocating for a paperless policy within the Students' Union and the University.

HARRIS: Proposed that the Committee remain optimistic and positive in all its work.

BALABAN: Proposed respect as a foundational value.

DIXON: Noted that the Committee should be patient and recognise that other members have other obligations competing for their time. Proposed that the Committee adopt a value of calling people in rather than calling people out.

BALABAN: Noted that Konrad, at the last meeting, suggested that the Committee adopt love and kindness as foundational values. Suggested that her membership on the Committee, as a part of Aboriginal Student Council, is in a form tokenism.

## **2019-05/3e**

### Defining Sustainability

DIXON: Inquired as to how members of the Committee define sustainability.

GORZITZA: Inquired as to how the definition of sustainability relates to the core values and operations of the Students' Union.

DIXON: Responded that the Students' Union has an official definition of sustainability which reads 'sustainability is the process of living within the limits of available physical, natural and social resources in ways that allow the living systems in which humans are embedded to thrive in perpetuity.' Noted that the definition may also inform the disbursements for the Sustainability & Capital Fund, presuming it is established.

GORZITZA: Inquired as to the amount of the fund which would be used for sustainable projects.

DIXON: Responded that only 15% of the Fund will be used for sustainability projects. Noted, however, that the capital project projects will be done sustainably.

GORZITZA: Emphasised that the Committee should establish the purpose it plans for the official definition to serve before starting to develop it.

DIXON: Emphasised that the Committee must strive to be actionable by proposing institutional reforms via Students' Council.

GORZITZA: Suggested that the definition of sustainability should be holistic, justice-based.

BALABAN: Suggested that the definition of sustainability be easily communicated and capture Indigenous perspectives of truth telling.

**2019-05/4**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-05/4a**

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes (2019-04).  
See SUSC-2019-05.01.

**2019-05/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

DIXON: Adjourned the meeting at 7:04pm.

**2019-05/5a**

**Next Meeting:** TBD.