

Thursday, March 26, 2020

6:00PM

Google Hangout

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		Y	
Luke Statt (ex officio)		N	
Kelsi-Leigh Balaban		Y	
Oliva Harris		Y	
Alana Krahn		Y	
Abigail Kohler		Y	
Carter Gorzitza		N	
International Student: Vacancy		V	

MINUTES (SUSC 2019-08)

2019-08/1

INTRODUCTION

2019-08/1a

Call to Order

DIXON: Called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2019-08/1b

Approval of Agenda

BALABAN/DIXON MOVED to approve the agenda.

2019-08/1c

Approval of Minutes

KONRAD/BALABAN MOVED to approve the minutes of (2019-07) as per

SC-2019-08.01.

2019-08/1d

Chair's Business

DIXON: Noted that Konrad revised and proofread the Committee Standing Orders which will soon be released on the Students' Union website.

2019-08/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-08/2a

Discussing the 2 Things We Would Keep The Same And 2 Things We Would Change For Next Year

KRAHN: Suggested that the Committee maintain its strong vision and goals. Suggested that, next year, the Committee must look to make tangible impacts.

KONRAD: Suggested that the Committee maintain its good working relationships and plan. Proposed that, next year, the Committee do more of its work outside of its designated meeting time.

KOHLER: Proposed that, next year, members at large receive greater support in understanding their role and functions.

BALABAN: Concurred with Kohler. Noted that she liked that the Committee did not require a large time commitment.

DIXON: Considered, moving forward, creating a members at large support document.

2019-08/2b

Finalizing Plan For Next Year

DIXON: Invited the Committee to elaborate and expand upon the [2020-2021 Sustainability Committee Plan](#). Emphasised that the Committee must work to integrate a concern for sustainability in all of the operations of the Students' Union. Noted that she added [Recommendation #1 - Defining Sustainability](#) within the Drive. Inquired as to which member of the Committee could proofread the Recommendation.

KRAHN: Determined to help proofread.

KOHLER: Determined to help proofread.

KONRAD: Proposed standardising Committee documents using the Students' Union visual identity resources.

BALABAN: Proposed that the Recommendation state that 'sustainability values treaties as a framework for sustainable relationships and recognizes the degradative settler state and respecting Indigenous peoples placed base knowledge is valued' in place of the sentence reading 'sustainability values

treaties and recognizes the degradative actions of the settler state; respecting all treaty and non-treaty people and their territories.’

DIXON: Determined to review the Recommendation with Kohler, Krahn, and Balaban for the next meeting. Inquired as to how the Committee foresees consulting students on its work in future. Proposed consulting Sustainability Council and Sustain SU.

KRAHN: Proposed consulting the Sustainability Capital Fund Advisory Committee.

BALABAN: Proposed consulting the Indigenous Students Graduate Association, Graduate Student Association, and First People’s House.

DIXON: Determined to, based on the experience of the Committee, author a guide for the next Committee concerning undertaking consultations.

BALABAN: Proposed consulting Aboriginal IStudent Council.

DIXON: Proposed that the Committee undertake consultations for each of its individual recommendations. Suggested organising consultations within the week for Recommendation 1.

KRAHN: Determined to consult the Sustainability Capital Fund Advisory Committee.

BALABAN: Determined to consult the International Student Association and Sustain SU.

KOHLER: Determined to consult the Sustainability Capital Fund Advisory Committee.

KONRAD: Determined to consult the Graduate Student Association and Aboriginal Student Council.

HARRIS: Determined to consult the IGSA.

DIXON: Suggested that the Committee reach out to target consultation groups by April 9. Invited the Committee to collect and add 3-5 resources in the [List of resources for 2020-2021](#) to support the Committee’s work.

KONRAD: Inquired into whether the Students’ Union has consultation resources for the Committee.

DIXON: Responded that Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee has a consultation [template](#) the Committee can use. Noted that, for her consultation, she will create a list of five questions to encourage further reflection with consultation participants. Determined to meet next week to discuss the

Committee's recommendation moving forward.

- 2019-08/2c** Evaluating This Year To Improve For Next Year
- 2019-08/3** **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2019-08/4** **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2019-08/4a** Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes (2019-07).
See SC-2019-08.01.
- 2019-08/4b** Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes (2019-06).
Not yet available.
- 2019-08/5** **ADJOURNMENT**
DIXON: Adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.
- 2019-08/5a** **Next Meeting:** TBD.