

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 9, 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)		Y	
Kelsi-Leigh Balaban		N	Y
Oliva Harris		N	Y
Alana Krahn		Y	
Abigail Kohler		Y	
Carter Gorzitza		N	
International Student: Vacancy		V	

MINUTES (SUSC 2019-10)

2019-10/1	INTRODUCTION
2019-10/1a	Call to Order DIXON: Called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.
2019-10/1b	Approval of Agenda
2019-10/1c	Approval of Minutes
2019-10/1d	Chair's Business

2019-10/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-10/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-10/3a Recommendation 1: Consultation Updates

KRAHN: Noted that one member of the Committee will serve on the Sustainability & Capital Fund Adjudication Board and act as a liaison.

KOHLER: Proposed that the Committee decide who the liaison would bring forward issues to address, how they could be supported, and whether they should have guidelines for representing the Committee. Noted, in addition, that Aboriginal Student Council may have a dedicated spot on the Adjudication Board.

DIXON: Considered that the role of the liaison could be outlined within the Committee's Standing Orders. Noted that their selection would occur via a standard election protocol. Suggested that the liaison does not need guidelines but rather that they should work closely with the Committee. Noted that the Committee must settle whether the liaison would bring decisions back to the Committee or make decisions on behalf of the Committee. Inquired into whether Statt and Krahn have yet consulted Students' Union Administration. .

KRAHN: Responded in the negative. Suggested that it is yet too early to consult staff as the Committee has just begun its work and the Adjudication Board is not yet operational.

KONRAD: Noted that he consulted the Graduate Students' Association. Outlined that they considered that the Committee's definition of sustainability read like a mission statement and that it was unclear as to how the definition was created and why it makes reference to Indigeneity and 'oppressive systems'. Considered that, moving forward, the definition could be refined to make these issues clear.

DIXON: Suggested that these questions could be answered in a preface to the recommendations within a report. Noted that consultations with Sustain SU and the International Students' Association have been deferred due to scheduling. Expressed concern that she has had difficulty reaching Aboriginal Student Council for consultation. Noted that the Indigenous Graduate Students' Association consultation affirmed the definition. Outlined that the University Sustainability Office will send the Committee a sustainability audit checklist/toolkit produced by the Government of Canada.

KRAHN: Emphasised that the tool should be short and effective in order to promote use.

DIXON: Inquired into how the Committee could best incorporate feedback from its consultations.

KONRAD: Proposed that a member of the Committee theme-map/categorize the content resulting from consultations and then analyse how the Committee's definition may be changed to fit the identified themes.

DIXON: Determined to consolidate the feedback from the Committee's constellations.

2019-10/3a Transition

DIXON: Determined to write a guide for chairing the Committee. Noted that she and Krahn will look to return to the Committee in the next session of Council.

2019-10/4 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

2019-10/5 ADJOURNMENT

DIXON: Adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.