

**[August 6, 2020]
[5:00pm-6:00pm]
Google Meet**

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 (Y/N)
Amlan Bose		Y
David Draper		Y
Kristofer Akkerman		Y
Prabhjyot Arora		Y
Raya Najiba Troyee		Y
Shenin Mehnaj		Y
Subhana Tazrian		N
Talia Dixon		Y
Elizabeth Blanchette (ASC)		Y
Michelle Kim (Sustain SU)		N

MINUTES (SUSC 2020-02)

- 2020-02/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2020-02/1a **Call to Order****
- 2020-02/1b **Approval of Minutes****
- 2020-02/1c **Approval of Agenda****
- 2020-02/1d **Chair's Business****

DIXON: Noted that the Committee will soon have a new shared Google Drive.
Noted that the Committee must select a new meeting time for Fall and Winter Semesters.

2020-02/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2020-02/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-02/3a

Standing Order Review

BLANCHETTE: Proposed amending Standing Orders to delete the requirement that the Aboriginal Student Council representative must attend 50% of Committee meetings. Noted that the ASC representatives are not primarily responsible to the SU and often serve on many committees providing an Aboriginal perspective. Proposed, instead, creating a requirement that the ASC representatives give advanced notice of and explain their non-attendance.

AKKERMAN: Proposed, instead, amending Standing Orders to delete the 50% rule applying to members as a whole and replace it with a strikes system wherein members would be removed if they failed to attend three consecutive meetings without explanation.

DIXON: Supported maintaining the 50% rule as it is standard across Council and its Committees.

BOSE: Proposed amending Standing Orders to provide that members of the Committee are marked as present if they can provide a good reason for their absence.

DRAPER: Agreed with Blanchette. Proposed requiring that councillors give 24 hours advance notice of their absence and its rationale.

BOSE: Proposed extending the notice period to be 48 hours as Standing Orders provide that agendas are released 48 hours in advance of meetings. Inquired as to whether non-Council members of the Committee have signed their confidentiality agreements.

DIXON: Determined to follow-up with Navneet, Governance Support Specialist, to confirm all agreements have been signed and recorded.

DRAPER: Proposed amending the Standing Orders by adding 4.2 reading 'Where a Councillor meets the criteria for three (3) regularly scheduled meetings, they shall be automatically removed from the Committee', adding 4.2(a) reading 'Fails to attend; and', and adding 4.2(b) reading 'Fails to notify the chair, 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting'.

DIXON: Identified that General Manager Marc Dumouchel is proposing amending Standing Orders to reduce the scope of the Committee so that its annual evaluations will be limited to SU operations and events, clarify that the Committee has monitoring and not directing powers, and clarify that the Committee will advise the Sustainability Capital Fund Committee when needed.

BOSE: Expressed concern that the proposed changes will limit the Committee's

power to effect change within the SU.

DIXON: Clarified that the Committee never had power to direct operations of SU staff and that its task has always been to make recommendations.

BOSE: Inquired as to the nature of the relationship between the SCF (who controls funds related to promoting sustainability) and SUSC

DIXON: Responded that the Committee will provide information to the SCF when needed, having communication occur via its representative on the Committee.

BLANCHETTE: Proposed amending the mandate within the Standing Orders to clarify that the Committee is also tasked with researching and identifying sustainability best practices.

DIXON: Suggested that it would be unnecessary to add this role to the Committee mandate as it is already implicit in it.

BLANCHETTE: Supported including the research role as part of the mandate in order that future members of the Committee understand that they are tasked with looking at new recommendations on the basis of evidence as well as monitoring that existing recommendations are implemented.

BOSE: Proposed amending the Committee's operational dates to be from September to April in order that Nominating Committee find members for the Committee quicker.

DIXON: Determined to implement Bose's proposal in Section 3.3(a).

BOSE: Proposed amending the Standing Orders such that the Committee will have from March to April to finalise its preliminary report instead of only April.

DIXON: Clarified that the Standing Orders refers to a report for the purpose of updating Council and not the finalised Sustainability Recommendations. Clarified that she expects the Recommendations to take two years to develop.

BOSE: Expressed concern that there is a risk that the Committee will be unable to deliver its final Recommendations if there are not returning members on next session's Committee.

DIXON: Agreed with Bose. Emphasised that it is her role as chair to facilitate a high-quality transition in order to minimise disruptions in the Committee's work.

DRAPER: Proposed amending Section 5 of Standing Orders to add a new requirement as part of the chair's duties for facilitating transition.

DIXON/DRAPER MOVED to approve Sustainability Committee Standing Orders.
CARRIED

2020-02/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2020-02/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2020-02/5a **Next Meeting:** [5:00pm August 14 2020 via Google Meet]

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
DIXON/DRAPER MOVED to approve Sustainability Committee Standing Orders.	CARRIED