



*University of Alberta Students' Union*  
**SUSTAINABILITY  
 COMMITTEE**

**[September 28, 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		N
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)		Y

**MINUTES (SUSC 2020-05)**

- 2020-05/1      INTRODUCTION**
- 2020-05/1a    **Call to Order****
- 2020-05/1b    **Approval of Minutes****
- 2020-05/1c    **Approval of Agenda****
- 2020-05/1d    **Chair's Business****

DIXON: Noted that she has the list of research topics related to environmental sustainability recommendations. Directed Committee members to select the

topics for which they will undertake research and write recommendations. Clarified that the Committee will continue to meet to discuss their progress and provide support to one another.

**2020-05/2**      **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2020-05/3**      **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2020-05/3a**      **Research Updates**

AKKERMAN: Updated that he is structuring his research plan with Arora. Clarified that they are looking into how the SU could change its policies and practices as well as what ways in which the SU could adopt those of the University or vice versa.

KIM: Proposed that Akkerman connect with the University Energy Management Office for information and to learn about their waste management initiatives.

BLANCHETTE: Updated that she is looking at how the SU could promote biodiversity on Campus (as has UBC) and how the University could use greenspaces to manage stormwater and snow melt. Determined to identify the spaces in which the SU can control for sustainability.

DRAPER: Updated that he is looking into how goods and services are transported to Campus, how individuals transit to Campus, and how individuals transit on Campus.

MEHNAJ: Updated that she is looking at the current state of the University's food sustainability plan and how it has changed over time.

DIXON: Updated that she has done broad research concerning food sustainability efforts in Canada and at universities outside the University of Alberta.

BLANCHETTE: Inquired as to whether the Committee has a shared Google Drive.

DIXON: Responded in the affirmative. Determined to connect with Navneet, Governance Support Specialist, to confirm that all members of the Committee can access the Drive.

DRAPER: Inquired as to the Committee's research timelines.

DIXON: Responded that the Committee should aim to complete its research by the end of October. Clarified that Committee members should do as much research to support their recommendations as they can reasonably manage but that it need

not be exhaustive.

BLANCHETTE: Inquired as to whom she should contact for information concerning SU spaces.

DIXON: Responded that she should contact Vice President (Operations and Finance) Alana Krahn. Advised that, if requiring information, Committee members speak with the VP's under whose purview their issues fall.

**2020-05/3b      Sustainability & Capital Fund Committee**

DIXON: Established that Arora must resign from the SCF Committee as SUSC representative due to scheduling conflicts in the Fall Semester. Noted that Arora could attend SCF Committee meetings in Winter Semester.

DRAPER: Suggested that the Committee elect an SCF Committee proxy for Arora for Fall.

ARORA: Proposed selecting a new representative in order to ensure continuity between semesters. Determined to notify Krahn of her resignation. Clarified that the SCF Committee meets Thursdays from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

DIXON: Invited interested members of the Committee to volunteer as its representative at SCF Committee.

**2020-05/4      INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2020-05/5      ADJOURNMENT**