



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

**[October 26, 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		N
Raya Najiba Troyee		Y
Shenin Mehnaj		N
Subhana Tazrian		Y
Talia Dixon		Y
Elizabeth Blanchette (ASC)		Y
Michelle Kim (Sustain SU)		Y

MINUTES (SUSC 2020-06)

- 2020-06/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2020-06/1a Call to Order**
 DIXON: Called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.
- 2020-06/1b Approval of Minutes**
- 2020-06/1c Approval of Agenda**
DRAPER/BLANCHETTE MOVED to approve the agenda.
 CARRIED

2020-06/1d

Chair's Business

DIXON: Expressed concern that communication with some members of the Committee has been irregular. Reaffirmed the importance of member participation within the Committee. Committed to offering her support to supporting and engaging members of the Committee.

DRAPER: Apologised for not responding to Dixon's recent email requesting project updates.

DIXON: Noted that the Committee should begin working on creating its recommendations.

2020-06/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

BLANCHETTE: Proposed that, subsequent to each meeting, Dixon post in the Committee WhatsApp chat a list of action items and the members of the Committee responsible for fulfilling them to improve communication and accountability.

DIXON: Determined to adopt Blanchette's recommendation

[Troyee enters 5:19]

DRAPER: Proposed doing action item status updates every second Monday.

2020-06/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-06/3a

Research Updates

DRAPER: Noted that he is in the process of writing recommendations for areas including transportation to campus, transportation between campus, transportation upon campus, and transportation of goods to campus.

DIXON: Supported addressing accessibility (wheelchairs) in transportation in order to advance social sustainability.

BLANCHETTE: Noted that her research into advancing sustainability in Outdoor Spaces was limited as the SU only controls the SUB patio which is well-used for its design. Determined to reorient her research to focus on recommendations related to advocating the University to change its practices. Considered, for example, addressing the issue of bird strikes.

DIXON: Noted that it is unproblematic to have recommendations that are general

in nature (as in the ARRC Recommendations or the Public Transit Policy).

DRAPER: Advised that Blanchette draft her recommendations to be general in order to grant greater flexibility in how the University meets them. Recognised that broader, long-term recommendations are valuable just as specific short-term ones.

DIXON: Suggested that Blanchette assist in developing other recommendations once completing her own.

DRAPER: Offered his support as an advisor to Committee members crafting advocacy-related recommendations.

AKKERMAN: Noted that he has no updates for the Committee. Determined to present his updates at the next meeting.

BOSE: Noted that he has no updates for the Committee.

TROYEE: Noted that she read about sustainability initiatives at the University of Toronto and University of Waterloo. Considered implementing green roofs on Campus. Suggested that other members of the Committee review the Waterloo Sustainability Report to inform their recommendations.

DIXON: Encouraged Troyee, given that she has read the report, to share any ideas she was for recommendations.

TAZRAN: Noted that she needs to be assigned to a sustainability research topic. Determined to work on Waste Products.

DIXON: Noted that she has found limited research on food. Recognised that Campus has low-diversity, high-cost, low-quality food.

DRAPER: Proposed connecting with Augustana which held a 100mile day where all foodstuffs were locally sourced.

DIXON: Determined to follow-up with Augustana. Expressed concern that it is hard to set sustainability targets where there is no available data on food and sourcing it independently would be overly difficult.

2020-06/3b

New Representative to SCF Committee

DIXON: Noted that Troyee resigned from the Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee and, therefore, the Committee must select a new representative. Note that Krahn will assist the new member in transitioning into the role.

BOSE: Volunteered as representative.

DIXON: Accepted Bose as the representative given that there is no contest.
Determined to inform Krahn.

DRAPER: Invited the Committee to attend the Open Education 2020 Conference as open education is related to social and academic sustainability.

DIXON: Requested that Committee members attend the next meeting with research and draft recommendations for the Report.

BLANCHETTE: Considered that there could be a co-op grocery on Campus in an ideal circumstance.

2020-06/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2020-06/5

ADJOURNMENT

DIXON: Adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm.

2020-06/5a

Next Meeting: [Monday, November 9th 2020]