



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

**[November 9, 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		N
Raya Najiba Troyee		N
Shenin Mehnaj		Y
Subhana Tazrian		N
Talia Dixon		Y
Elizabeth Blanchette (ASC)		N
Michelle Kim (Sustain SU)		N

DISCUSSION (SUSC 2020-08)

- 2020-08/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2020-08/1a Call to Order**
- 2020-08/1b Approval of Minutes**
- 2020-08/1c Approval of Agenda**
- 2020-08/1d Chair's Business**
- 2020-08/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2020-08/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-08/3a

Recommendation Updates

AKKERMAN: Established that, concerning sustainability in waste products, he is advocating that the SU reduce the use of single use plastics, adhere to the University's water waste reduction standards, conduct an energy audit to find efficiencies in power and natural gas use, advocate the University for improving SU mechanical systems in deferred maintenance, add use sensors to more lights, and set time sensitive, incremental goals to get to net zero emissions as an organisation.

DIXON: Offered Akkerman her support to draft finalised recommendations.

AKKERMAN: Accepted Dixon's support. Considered, however, that her limited time may be better directed at supporting members of the Committee behind on their work.

DIXON: Expressed concern that the Committee's progress is slower than anticipated. Noted that she has sent emails to Augustana and Concordia concerning food sustainability but has not yet received replies. Determined to meet with SU GM Dumouchel within the current week to discuss the Committee's work. Established that she has written a preamble, definitions, and recommendations for advancing food sustainability. Expressed concern that there is a limited amount of available research tracking waste. Proposed creating a volunteer unit on food sustainability, cancelling airmark, eliminating single use plastics, becoming fair trade, investing in local food sources, using sustainable cleaning products.

DRAPER: Updated that he was unable to make progress on his task due to extraordinary changes in his schedule.

DIXON: Offered her support to Draper.

DIXON: Proposed presenting a status update at the next meeting of Council lasting five to ten minutes. Expressed concern that Council's response to the Sustainability Recommendations will be lukewarm as they may have expected more progress.

DRAPER: Expressed concern that there is already the maximum scheduled number of presentations set to occur at the next meeting of Council.

DIXON: Expressed concern that without a presentation, Council may not look to renew the Committee.

AKKERMAN: Proposed giving the update presentation to Council at the first week back after Christmas.

DRAPER: Agreed with Akkerman. Noted that the Committee could work over the extended Christmas break to make progress on its Recommendations.

DIXON: Proposed that Dixon give a substantive report as part of her chairs update and give notice of an intent to present after Christmas at the next meeting of Council. Proposed sending an anonymous survey in which members of the Committee could identify what additional supports they require to complete their tasks.

AKKERMAN: Considered that the Committee could enforce its Standing Orders to replace members of its Committee if needed.

DRAPER: Considered that the members of the Committee who are underperforming may not fill out the survey and so it would not be useful.

AKKERMAN: Determined to send Dixon the contact information for NAIT's internal food services provider to aid in her research.

DRAPER: Proposed using the SU Catering Company as a food services provider on Campus.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2020-08/5

ADJOURNMENT