



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

Jan 21, 2021
[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, Sauteaux, 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)
Vacancy		N
David Draper		Y
Kristofer Akkerman		Y
Vacancy		N
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Shenin Mehnaj		Y
Subhana Tazrian		N
Talia Dixon (Chair)		Y
Elizabeth Blanchette (ASC)		Y
Michelle Kim (Sustain SU)		Y

DISCUSSION (SUSC 2020-09)

- 2020-09/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2020-09/1a **Call to Order****
- 2020-09/1b **Approval of Minutes****
- 2020-09/1c **Approval of Agenda****
- 2020-09/1d **Chair's Business****

DIXON: Noted that the Committee's vacancies will soon be filled. Determined to present to Council on the Committee's progress and introduce the new members after the yare selected. Noted that the Committee needs to edit and consult on its Recommendations.

AKKERMAN: Proposed that the Committee identify sources of consultation.

2020-09/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2020-09/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2020-09/3a **Recommendation Updates**

BLANCHETTE: Updated that her Green Spaces Recommendations concern the promotion and research of biodiversity. Noted that the Recommendations make reference to bird-building strikes but do not direct specific action on the issue. Noted that an earlier Recommendation submit by another member of the Committee proposes implementing a stewardship program to support sustainability education.

DRAPER: Agreed with Blanchette that more research needs to be done on bird strikes and that this can occur in future.

DIXON: Proposed deleting the recommendation concerning the implementation of a stewardship program as this is already done by SusainSU.

DRAPER: Suggested that the fact a former member of the Committee was unaware of the SusainSU program indicates that their promotion efforts should be enhanced.

DIXON: Agreed with Draper.

KIM: Clarified that SusainSU programming is directed at volunteers and not students at large. Noted, however, that SusainSU holds the annual Sustainability Summit. Noted that her research suggests no student organisation in Canada promotes sustainability more than the SU.

AKKERMAN: Updated that his Waste Products Recommendations concerning reducing single-use plastics and paper waste, performing an energy audit of SUB, creating a natural gas reduction strategy, advocating the University to improve its maintenance of SUB building systems, and setting specific and time sensitive goals to meet net zero carbon emissions in SUB operations.

KIDD: Expressed concern that the DailyGrind is using more unsustainable plastics.

DRAPER: Clarified that the DailyGrind is using more plastics to comply with COVID prevention measures.

KIM: Proposed that the Committee run a campaign to eliminate paper waste on campus.

BLANCHETTE: Expressed concern that there is considerable unnecessary paper waste in courses at the University. Expressed concern that the University does not provide transparent updates on its progress meeting sustainability targets.

DRAPER: Agreed that paper waste could be reduced in courses. Expressed concern, however, that access to technology could be a barrier to students for reducing paper waste completely. Considered that open educational resources will help reduce paper waste.

2020-09/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2020-09/5

ADJOURNMENT