



University of Alberta Students' Union

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

**14 October 2021**  
**5:00pm**  
**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)
Andrew Batycki, chair		Y
Akanksha Yeola		N
Regan Morris		N
Talia Dixon		Y
Megan Uglem		Y
Milan Regmi		Y
Rucha Patel		Y
Mustafa Jaswal		N
Shauna Stance		N
Courtney Graham		N/A
Thomas Banks		N/A

### **MINUTES (SUSC 2021-05)**

- 2021-05/1      INTRODUCTION**
- 2021-05/1a      **Call to Order****  
Meeting called to order at 5:04pm.
- 2021-05/1b      **Approval of Minutes****
- 2021-05/1c      **Approval of Agenda****
- 2021-05/1d      **Chair's Business****

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**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2021-05/3

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Social Sustainability Recommendation Updates

DIXON: Updated that they have posted recommendations related to rendering SU governance more inclusive and diverse based on the Identity Matters Reports, expanding training beyond GovCamp, improving engagement in elections, and better training members at large. Determined to create measurable goals for these recommendations moving forward.

BATYCKI: Agreed that having measurable goals is important for all recommendations.

UGLEM: Updated that they are contemplating creating recommendations for advancing pumping rooms and gender neutral washrooms.

BATYCKI: Advised that writing a preamble can be helpful in summarising research and narrowing down the content of recommendations. Updated that they have created a preamble pertaining to social cohesion recommendations. Proposed adding to the job description of the VP Operations & Finance a duty to make SUB more inclusive and sustainable.

PATEL: Updated that they are working on recommendations for promoting the donate box in SUB and creating community fridges and pantries.

BATYCKI: Cautioned that attempting to have Food Services donate leftovers will be challenging.

DIXON: Considered that health standards may also prohibit such donations.

REGMI: Updated that they have created recommendations for improving supports for visually impaired persons, offering an ASL interpreter for SU news, offering gender neutral washrooms in closer proximity to students, working on TRC calls to action, allowing students to use their traditional FNMI names, improving inclusion and equity on Council by having mandatory training, and continuing work on police reform on campus.

DIXON: Clarified that the SU is actively working on the fulfillment of some of these issues and so the recommendations should be geared toward the University instead in the cases of gender neutral washrooms and bias training. Clarified that the SU allows students to use their FNMI names. Cautioned against duplicating the ARRC Recommendations.

BATYCKI: Determined to confirm if Subprint has a braille printer. Recognised that the original October deadline for the recommendations was unrealistic. Determined to contact non-present Committee members.

Adjourned the meeting.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2021-05/4a

[Social Sustainability Recommendations](#)

2021-05/4b

[Sample Sustainability Recommendations](#)

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**ADJOURNMENT**

BATYCKI: Adjourned the meeting.