



University of Alberta Students' Union

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (SUSC)

January 16th, 2023
4:00 P.M.
Zoom/SUB 6-06

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłíné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Mackenzie Burnstick		Y
Daniela Carbajal Velez		Y
Brett Friesen		Y
Megan Jones (Non-Voting Member)		Y
Pien Steinbusch, Chair		Y
Julia Villosio		N
Milan Regmi		Y
Audrey Johnson		Y
Jetro Dano		N/A

MINUTES (SUSC-2022-06-M)

2022-06/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-06/1a Call to Order

STEINBUSCH called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM

2022-06/1b Approval of Agenda

JOHNSON/ FRIESEN MOVE TO approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2022-06/1c Approval of Minutes

JOHNSON/FRIESEN MOVE TO approve the minutes.

CARRIED

2022-06/1d Chair's Business

STEINBUSCH: Mentions that one SAL position has been filled.

2022-06/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-06/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-06/3a Reinstating Milan as Co-Chair

CARBAJAL VELEZ/FRIESEN MOVE TO Reappoint REGMI as co-chair of the Sustainability Committee.

CARRIED (unanimous decision)

2022-06/3b Review [Recommendations](#)

STEINBUSCH: Notes that FRIESEN will leave his position on the committee mid-February this year and asks the committee members if there are any final adjustments they wish to make to the recommendations.

JOHNSON: Requests clarity from STEINBUSCH on whether the Fume Hood Testing section under Green Spaces on the recommendation needs to be updated.

STEINBUSCH: Confirms that she will discuss the matter with VILLOSO.

2022-06/3c Go over the proper format for consultations. Whom should we address? Do we need to add anyone to the list? The Consultation list can be found [here](#).

STEINBUSCH: Mentions that she and VILLOSO have updated the consultation list. She is still figuring out how to get in touch with the Urban Wildlife/Conservation division. She will verify.

REGMI: Suggests adding the Sustainability Capital Fund section to the list.

Committee agrees. Added.

REGMI: Suggests adding Andrew Sharman for the University VP of Finance and Operation section of the recommendation.

Committee agrees. Added.

STEINBUSCH: Requests that the committee decides which list items they wish to conduct consultations for. After then, in the subsequent meeting, she will split the remaining items.

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ADJOURNMENT

2022-05/4a

Next Meeting: January 30th, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

STEINBUSCH adjourned the meeting at 4:28 PM