



University of Alberta Students' Union

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (SUSC)

January 30th, 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 Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłiné (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?

MINUTES

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

MINUTES (SUSC-2022-07-M)

2022-07/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-07/1a Call to Order

REGMI called the meeting to order at 4:22 PM

2022-07/1b Approval of Agenda

VILLOSO/STEINBUSCH MOVE TO approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2022-07/1c Approval of Minutes

STEINBUSCH/JOHNSON MOVE TO approve the minutes.

CARRIED

2022-07/1d Chair's Business

REGMI: Mentions that the committee will now have 3 Student at Larges positions to fill with FRIESEN leaving mid-February.

FRIESEN: States that their last meeting with the committee will be on February 13th.

The committee thanks FRIESEN for all the work they have done for the committee.

2022-07/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-07/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-07/3a Consultation list - finish filling it out

REGMI: Mentions that the committee's focus will be on finalizing the assignments on the remaining sections of the consultation list that need to be filled. States that the Person 1 Section will be assigned to current members and the Person 2 Section will be assigned to new members (this is to ensure that at least one member is assigned to each Consultation Group).

2022-07/b Create a draft email for consultations and draft question

REGMI: Shows the committee the consultation document that was sent out last year for reference. Discusses how the Letter for Sustainability Committee Consultation functions.

Asks the committee if March 25th will be a reasonable deadline for

Feedback. Reminds the committee that the last Sustainability Committee meeting will be on April 23rd.

STEINBUSCH: Mentions their concerns that meeting the suggested deadline of March 25th, which coincides with the Finals, will be difficult if additional Feedback and changes are required on the recommendations. Asks if the feedback period can be shortened instead.

VILLOSO: Agrees. Suggests a month from now to complete the task.

REGMI: Agrees on the suggested earlier month period. However, The reading week will be coming at the end of February and might result in a no-response week (from doing the consultations).

STEINBUSCH: Suggests that the committee use the reading week for sitting down and checking on the progress instead.

JOHNSON: Agrees.

VILLOSO: Asks if the committee can have a meeting to discuss the Feedback from the consultations before the elections.

REGMI: Suggests rescheduling the meeting from the 27th to the 24th during the reading week.

STEINBUSCH: Mentions that the committee should ask GRAHAM to do a lettuce meeting for the suggested meeting on the 24th.

REGMI: Asks the committee for a suitable deadline for compiling the consultation feedback in one document.

FREISEN: States that they will complete their assigned work before the suggested 23rd deadline as they would have already left the committee.

Committee agrees on the February 23rd deadline.

REGMI: Assigns the remaining Consultation Groups to the committee:

JOHNSON - UASU VP Student Life, STEINBUSCH - SRAs (talk with VP Academic- KAUR), CARBAJAL VELEZ - ISU (Indigenous Students' Union) & Urban wildlife/Conservation Expert.

2022-07/4

ADJOURNMENT

2022-07/4a

Next Meeting: February 13th, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

REGMI adjourned the meeting at 4:53 PM.