



University of Alberta Students' Union

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (SUSC)

February 13, 2023
4:00 P.M.
Zoom/Marigold Room

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 | | N |
| Courtney Graham | | N/A |
| Jetro Dano | | N/A |

MINUTES (SUSC-2022-08-M)

2022-08/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-08/1a Call to Order

REGMI called the meeting to order at 4:11 PM

2022-08/1b Approval of Agenda

FREISEN/STEINBUSCH approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2022-08/1c Approval of Minutes

TABLED

2022-08/1d Chair's Business

REGMI: One SAL member (Zongxin Liu) will join the committee after the next Council Meeting.

Committee thanks FREISEN for their work, commitment, and contribution to the Sustainability Committee. Today is FREISEN's last meeting with the committee.

2022-08/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-08/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee discusses updates on the assigned consultations.

REGMI: Mentions that they have received only one response from the Campus Foodbank so far.

VILLOSO: States that they are waiting for the last of their assigned consultation group (UASU Director of Conferencing and Events) to respond to the email request sent.

FRIESEN: Mentions that they already emailed the two consultation groups assigned to them, but there are no responses yet.

Added that JOHNSON will take over his assigned groups.

STEINBUSCH: States that they have already emailed their assigned groups and are waiting for their responses. Added that They would send them follow-up emails.

CARBAJL VELEZ: No update yet.

REGMI: Mentions concerns about the point of contact not responding to their emails. Points that extend the consultation deadlines might jeopardize the committee's goal of completing the consultations in time. Asks the committee for a follow-up strategy.

VILLOSO states that they can assist with the follow-up with the point of contact, SU staff.

STEINBUSCH: States that presenting incomplete recommendations to the Council might be inevitable if responses from the consultation groups are not received in time.

REGMI: Reminds the committee that the goal is to have all the consultations done before the next Council meeting. Adds that if there are still no responses from the consultation groups, the committee should move on to avoid further delays.

REGMI: Asks the committee about the possibility of deadline extensions.

Committee disagrees with the extensions. Will go ahead with the 23rd set deadline.

REGMI: Reminds the committee that there are still 10 days left to get feedback from the point of contact. Asks the committee if they should send follow-up emails.

The committee agrees to send follow-up emails by February 16 and to include a section stating that the assigned member be notified if the point of contact needs a further extension past that date (February 23).

2022-08/4

ADJOURNMENT

2022-08/4a

Next Meeting: February 24th, 2023

REGMI adjourned the meeting at 4:32 PM.