



University of Alberta Students' Union

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Sep 25, 2023

2:00 P.M.

Marigold Room/[Zoom](#)

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?

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Damon Atwood		Y
Michael Griffiths		Y
Adrian Lam		Y
Megan Jones		Y
Sophie Martel (ISU)		Y
Ishaan Meena (SAL)		N
Nathan Thiessen		N
Finn Thornley (SAL)		Y
Michelle Kim		N/A

Courtney Graham		N/A
Jetro Dano		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A

MINUTES (SUSC-2023-01-M)

2023-01/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-01/1a Call to Order

GRIFFITHS called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM

2023-01/1b Approval of Agenda

LAM/ATWOOD MOVE TO approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2023-01/1c Approval of Minutes

LAM/MARTEL MOVE TO approve the minutes.

CARRIED

2023-01/1d Chair's Business

GRIFFITHS: Mentions the goal of the Sustainability Committee for the current school year as well as the acquired facilitation of the Green Fund from the now dissolved SCFC Committee.

2023-01/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

ATWOOD: Suggests doing unanimous approvals of the agendas, minutes and procedural motions going forward

ATWOOD/LAM MOVE TO approve the approval of agendas, minutes and procedural motions be unanimous vote, unless someone objects to it.

CARRIED

2023-01/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-01/3a SustainSU Presentation

Presentation on SustainSU by JONES.

2023-01/3b Green Fund - Going Forward

GRIFFITHS: Introduces and discusses the Sustainability and Capital Fund as well as the Green Fund to the committee. Adds that the committee can adjudicate projects and that the rubric for the adjudication process currently needs revisions. This rubric will be sent to the committee for review before the next meeting.

2023-01/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-01/5

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: October 23rd, 2PM (tentative)

GRIFFITHS: Adjourned the meeting at 2:44 PM