



University of Alberta Students' Union

## **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (SUSC)**

**October 23rd, 2023**

**2:00 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
Michael Griffiths		Y
Adrian Lam		Y
Megan Jones		Y
Sophie Martel		Y
Ishaan Meena		N
Finn Thornley		Y
Damon Atwood		Y
Levi Flaman		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A

Aseel Atia		N/A
Jetro Dano		N/A

# **MINUTES (SUSC-2023-02-M)**

## **2023-02/1                      INTRODUCTION**

### **2023-02/1a                      Call to Order**

GRIFFITHS called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM

### **2023-02/1b                      Approval of Agenda**

CARRIED, Unanimously.

### **2023-02/1c                      Approval of Minutes**

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CARRIED, Unanimously.

### **2023-02/1d                      Chair's Business**

## **2023-02/2                      QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

## **2023-02/3                      COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **2023-02/3a                      Presentation About SCF**

FLAMAN did a presentation on the Sustainability & Capital Fund.

LAM: Asks if Augustana can still receive money for projects if they are exempted from paying the fee.

FLAMAN: Mentions that he will look into it.

### **2023-02/3b                      Green Fund Overview and Adjudication Process Review**

GRIFFITHS: Discusses the document on the Green Fund and Adjudication Process. Mentions the major concerns associated with the current adjudication process. Adds that the whole process requires revisions.

Committee discusses the newly drafted rubric.

JONES: Agrees with the rubric.

ATWOOD: Suggests creating a new application form that matches the rubric.

**2023-02/3c**

**GRIFFITHS/LAM MOVE TO** appoint one (1) member of the Sustainability Committee to the Reserve Funds Task Force.

CARRIED

FLAMAN discusses the rationale of the Sustainability Committee Reserve Funds Task Force.

Adds that the task force will require 1-2 hours per month time commitment- up to 5-10 hours in total for the term.

GRIFFITHS nominated GRIFFITHS- accepted

GRIFFITHS is declared a member of the Sustainability Committee to the Reserve Funds Task Force.

**2023-02/4**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2023-02/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting: November 6th, 2023

GRIFFITHS adjourned the meeting at 2:49 PM