



University of Alberta Students' Union

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (SUSC)

Jan 11, 2024

2:00 P.M.

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 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		N
Christian Fotang		Y
Karina Afonya		N

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

MINUTES (SUSC-2023-04-M)

2023-04/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-04/1a Call to Order

Griffiths called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM

2023-04/1b Approval of Agenda

FOTANG/LAM MOVE TO approve the agenda
CARRIED

2023-04/1c Approval of Minutes

FOTANG/LAM MOVE TO approve the minutes
CARRIED
[SUSC-2023-03-M](#)

2023-04/1d Chair's Business

2023-04/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-04/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

GRIFFITHS thanks the committee for the work done during the school break.

2023-04/3a **GRIFFITHS/LAM MOVE TO approve application #1 and award \$8040.75 in funding for their project.**

GRIFFITHS/LAM MOVE TO reject application #3 and not award any funding for their project.

GRIFFITHS/LAM MOVE TO reject application # 5 and not award any funding for their project.

All motions CARRIED 6/0/0

2023-04/3b Discussion for [application #2](#)

Committee discusses the Avant-Green Runway project application.

GRIFFITHS/LAM MOVE TO conditionally approve \$10,00 in funding for application #2, once the project's feasibility and details can be confirmed with the applicant

Committee opens the table to discuss application #2.

LAM: Mentions concerns about the amount of money requested. Adds that the group should not rely exclusively on the committee's budget, but should instead consider it as a supplementary source.

THORNLEY: Mentions concerns about the allocation of the honorarium funds.

GRIFFITHS: States that the committee can check-in with the group to ask if the project is still feasible given the time it took for the adjudication process. Asks the committee to have the application conditionally approved in the meantime.

Committee agrees.

2023-04/3c

Discussion for [application #4](#)

Committee discusses the Mobile Aquaponics System project application.

GRIFFITHS/ SECONDER MOVE TO conditionally approve \$2500 for application #4, once the project's feasibility and details can be confirmed with the applicant

LAM: Mentions concerns regarding the scope of the project. Notes that it may only target a small part of the campus community. Adds that there is no mention of the safeguard in place for the tablet.

JONES: States that it is a well-done application. Adds concerns about the timeline set-up regarding the project in their application.

GRIFFITHS: Mentions that the committee will do a check-in with the group as well.

Committee agrees to conditionally approve the motion.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-04/4a

[Green Fund Applications](#)

2023-04/4b

[Committee Application Scoring](#)

2023-04/4c

[Discussion Jamboard](#)

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ADJOURNMENT

GRIFFITHS adjourned the meeting at 2:27 PM