



University of Alberta Students' Union

**SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE
(SUSC)**

**March 21, 2024
2:00 P.M.
SUB 6-06/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
Michael Griffiths		Y
Adrian Lam		Y
Megan Jones		Y
Sophie Martel		N
Finn Thornley		Y
Damon Atwood		N
Christian Fotang		N
Karina Afonya		N

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

MINUTES (SUSC-2023-06-M)

2023-06/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2023-06/1a **Call to Order**

GRIFFITHS called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM

2023-06/1b **Approval of Agenda**

No agenda available.

2023-06/1c **Approval of Minutes**

TABLED

2023-06/1d **Chair's Business**

2023-06/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2023-06/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

GRIFFITHS: Mentions the year-end report for SUSC, discussing the committee's work done for the school year. Adds that they will reach out to management to talk about the organization's sustainability initiatives.

Follow-up was done on the Green Fund applications, with a total of four applications for this term. GRIFFITHS mentions that the applications will be sent to the committee for work and scoring, which will be done offline. The deadline for submission is set on Sunday at 11:59 PM to ensure timely disbursement of funds.

GRIFFITHS mentions that he will be looking into speaking to Courtney about the possibility of having a committee meeting next week to wrap things up before the finals season.

2023-06/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2023-06/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting: TBA

GRIFFITHS adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM

