



University of Alberta Students' Union

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (SUSC)

**March 28, 2024
2:00 P.M.
SUB 6-06/Google Meet**

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		N
Finn Thornley		Y
Damon Atwood		Y
Christian Fotang		N
Karina Afonya		N

Aseel Atia		N/A
Jetro Dano		N/A

MINUTES (SUSC-2023-07-M)

2023-07/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-07/1a Call to Order

GRIFFITHS called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM

2023-07/1b Approval of Agenda

CARRIED, unanimously.

2023-07/1c Approval of Minutes

LAM/THORNLEY MOVE TO approve the minutes.
CARRIED

2023-07/1d Chair's Business

2023-07/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-07/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-07/3a [Green Fund Application #6](#)

GRIFFITHS: Mentions that the committee is in line with approving applications 6 & 7.

The committee has expressed support for the project due to its convincing articulation of positive impacts and sustainability, although some minor critiques are noted regarding environmental discussion and certain logistical considerations.

2023-07/3b [Green Fund Application #7](#)

GRIFFITHS: Mentions that the support for the project was because it showed evidence of demand and positive reception from the campus community, and appeared well-planned and reasonable.

2023-07/3c [Green Fund Application #8](#)

GRIFFITHS: Mentions that the project lacks detailed planning and budgeting, with vague data that needs to demonstrate how the application applies to students and the university. Adds concerns about the feasibility of the project due to a potential jurisdictional conflict under facilities and operations, and the need for more information on fund usage.

2023-07/3d

[Green Fund Application #9](#)

ATWOOD: Mentions that there are confusing elements on the project, unclear expectations, and the need for more information about the project.

The committee expresses concerns about the lack of specific details and clarity in the proposal. Notes that the application lacked clear goals, plans for implementation, budget alignment, and supporting information regarding sustainability and waste disposal.

LAM/THORNLEY MOVE TO approve applications #6 and #7 for the amounts of \$885 and \$1959.25 respectively.

CARRIED

LAM/THORNLEY MOVE TO reject applications #8 and #9 and direct the chair to provide feedback for their applications

CARRIED

2023-07/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-07/5

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: April 4th, 2024 2 PM

GRIFFITHS adjourned the meeting at 2:22 PM