

### STUDENTS' COUNCIL

#### Tuesday, April 23, 2019 6:00PM Council Chambers, University Hall

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

#### ORDER PAPER (SC-2019-00)

2019-00/1	SPEAKERS BUSINESS
2019-00/la	Election of a Speaker
	Applicant information will be distributed at the meeting.
2019-00/2	<u>PRESENTATIONS</u>
2019-00/3	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
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2019-00/7a	Nomination to Audit Committee (7)
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2019-00/7f	Nomination to Nominating Committee (NomCom) (5)
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2019-00/7i	Nomination to the Translation Committee (5)
	See SC-2019-00.01 for all "Students' Council Board and Committee Information". See SC-2019-00.02 for all written nominations to committees.
2019-00/8	GENERAL ORDERS
2019-00/8a	Approval of Students' Council 2019-20 Meeting Schedule
	See SC-2019.00-03.
2019-00/9	INFORMATION ITEMS
2019-00/9a	Students' Council Board and Committees Information.
	See SC-2019-00.01.

2019-00/9b Written Nominations

See SC-2019-00.02

2019-00/9c Students' Council 2019-20, Meeting Schedule.

See SC-2019-00.03.

### **Know Your Committee**

#### Introduction

Council Committees are filled at the beginning of each year through a nomination process at the start-up meeting of Council. Nominations must be sent in writing to <a href="mailto:council.submissions@su.ualberta.ca">council.submissions@su.ualberta.ca</a> before 2:00 PM on Council Tuesday. At the meeting, nominees in contested races for committee seats will be given one minute to make a speech. Members of Council may also nominate other Councillors from the floor at the meeting.

These committees do important work for Council and require dedicated individuals to carry out that work. They are also a good place for you to further your goals as a Councillor and gain valuable work experience. This briefer is intended to get you up to speed on what each committee does so that you can decide before the first meeting which committees you are interested in joining.

### Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC)

The Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee meets bi-weekly, and acts as a link between Students' Council and Aboriginal students, and assists in the SU's implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

More information can be found here: https://www.su.ualberta.ca/governance/committees/arrc/

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee meets bi-weekly, and is responsible for reviewing all Students' Union financial statements, credit card expenditures, and alterations to the Students' Union budget, and is empowered to investigate inappropriate transactions. It also performs minor audits for Faculty and Residence Associations.

More information can be found here: https://su.ualberta.ca/governance/committees/audit/

### **Bylaw Committee**

The Bylaw Committee meets bi-weekly, and is responsible for drafting bylaws and referendum/plebiscite questions as required by Students' Council. The committee may also make recommendations on bylaws to Students' Council.

More information can be found here: <a href="https://su.ualberta.ca/governance/committees/bylaw/">https://su.ualberta.ca/governance/committees/bylaw/</a>



### Council Administration Committee (CAC)

The Council Administration Committee meets bi-weekly, usually on Council Tuesdays. There are five permanent members, but all voting members of Students' Council (excluding proxies) are considered voting members of the committee. The committee has the power to amend Standing Orders of Students' Council, and may make recommendations to Students' Council on its structure and committees. The committee oversees both the Speaker of Students' Council and the Chief Returning Officer.

More information can be found here: <a href="https://su.ualberta.ca/governance/committees/cac/">https://su.ualberta.ca/governance/committees/cac/</a>

#### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee meets as needed, and is responsible for developing policy and disbursing grants from numerous funds including student group funds and the Access Fund. The committee also oversees the Students' Union awards program, recommends the annual operating budget to Students' Council as required by Students' Union legislation, and makes recommendations on alterations to the budget.

More information can be found here: https://su.ualberta.ca/governance/committees/fin/

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee meets as needed, and is responsible for organizing recruitment efforts and screening candidates for various governance positions that come up throughout the year, which the SU is mandated to provide candidates for. This can include filling vacant seats on GFC and the Senate, recruiting volunteers for selection committees or focus groups, filling SU committees and working groups, or handling other recruitment-related tasks as necessary.

More information can be found here: <a href="https://su.ualberta.ca/governance/committees/nominating/">https://su.ualberta.ca/governance/committees/nominating/</a>

### **Policy Committee**

The Policy Committee meets bi-weekly. It makes recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union political policy, which are the policies that guide the advocacy efforts of the SU's executives and Student Representative Associations. The committee also receives reports from the Executive Committee on its policy activities and evaluates their effectiveness.

This year, Policy Committee will be reviewing expiring policies concerning mandatory noninstructional fees, public transit, scholarships and bursaries, sexual violence, student space, and tuition.

More information can be found here: https://su.ualberta.ca/governance/committees/policy/



### **Student Group Committee**

The Student Group Committee meets as needed, and is responsible for making determinations on issues with student groups. This could include, but is not limited to, determining the action that will be taken in the event a student group receives a complaint that gets investigated and deciding the outcome if a student group wishes to contest a decision made by Student Group Services. SGS may also request a decision on student group registration or event approval should they feel unable to make that decision themselves, such as in the case of a controversial group or event.

#### **Translation Committee**

The Translation Committee is responsible for ensuring that changes to Students' Union bylaws and political policies are translated to French in a timely manner. Participation in this committee requires high proficiency in French.

There are several bylaws that have been changed since the initial translation, so this will be a busy committee this year.



# Council Committee Nominations

### Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (3)

Name	Why do you want to sit on this committee?
Juan Vargas Alba	Outside of the committee, I've been working with ARRC and its members, having discussions about Indigenous issues. Indigenous issues are one of my biggest passions, and while I don't identify as indigenous, I feel very equipped to be a strong respectful voice of allyship on the committee to fill its mandate and to work hard on the ARRC recommendations moving forward.
Simran Kaur Dhillon	
Tahra Haddouche	I want to sit on this committee to aid with any post-recommendation work or other projects starting up. I would love to get more involved in reconciliation on campus. I am hard working, have a good attendance record, and I love giving my opinion so please consider me for sitting on this committee!
Ayman Adwan	The work being done by this committee is extremely important for a more equitable and inclusive campus.  ARRC needs students who are willing to learn, open-minded, and committed, to serve the best interests of Aboriginal students on campus.  I believe I have exhibited those traits during my past year on council, and I hope to continue learning and strengthening such traits as a member of ARRC.
Kathleen Ewart	I would like to sit on this committee as I feel that throughout my degree I have learned quite a bit about the importance of reconciliation. As an education student, I have finished taking EDU 211 which is about the history of Indigenous people and how to honour the relationship between two nations. I think it is important the SU does all it can to implement reconciliation efforts and to allow Indigenous students to feel comfortable and confident on campus. In my future career as an educator sitting on this committee will be beneficial, as Indigenous perspectives and beliefs will be incorporated into my classroom. Because of my knowledge about Indigenous peoples, my views on the importance of reconciliation and the benefit to my future career, I believe I would be a good addition to this committee.
Nathan Sunday	Tan'si, Nathan Sunday nitisiyihkâson ekwa kâmiyosicik kinosewak ohci niya.  Hello, my name is Nathan Sunday and I am from Goodfish Lake First Nation. Since its inception, I have had the privilege of serving as ARRC's chair. As a founding member, along with Aboriginal Student Council President Katherine Belcourt, I have intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the Committee and about the work it has been doing over the past 3 years. Moreover, as I am currently enrolled in the Native Studies Honors program, I have academic knowledge regarding the history of both Aboriginal Peoples and the Colonial State that I believe will be of value to this Committee. I also

	believe my ties to various Aboriginal groups across campus will be of value to the Committee, as relationships are central to its mandate. The Faculty of Native Studies, of which I am the Councillor, has the highest percentage of Aboriginal students at the University. Personally, I myself am Aboriginal and committed to advancing Aboriginal issues at the University of Alberta. Last year, ARRC released its groundbreaking list of recommendations that will transform the relationship between Aboriginal students and the Students' Union. I hope to be given the opportunity to sit on this Committee and work with the SU Executive to further these recommendations.
Amlan Bose	The main reason I want to sit on this committee is to find out why there are negligible number of aboriginal students in Engineering. I want to find out and see if there is something which is hindering the aboriginal students to choose engineering as their degree and hopefully solve that issue with the help of Council.
Mohamad Jamaleddine	I wish to be considered for a nomination to ARRC as I deem it to be the most important committee on campus.  The strides that ARRC has made considering its new status is very inspirational, and something I wish to contribute towards this upcoming year.  I am continuously enacting the spirit of ARRC in my personal life, and have taken the opportunity to learn Nehiyaw, read the TRC's recommendations, and have encouraged my friends to do the same.  To this committee I wish to bring an open mind and not only be verbal about reconciliation but also put it into practice.

# **Audit Committee (7)**

Name	Why do you want to sit on this committee?
Rojine	I think I would be a good fit for this committee because of my meticulous and
McVea	organized nature. I am personally passionate about keeping the Student's Union
	financially accountable as it is a direct way of staying accountable to students who pay
	into our Union. I have personal experience with bookkeeping and audit as I am the
	treasurer of SuniaX, and through my volunteer work with SustainSU.
Samantha Tse	Hello everyone! I'm passionate about serving on Audit Committee because I know how to improve the functioning of this committee; being the VPF of the Ed Students' Association and having served on the Audit Committee for the past year, I know exactly what the issues are and I have a plan to restructure Audit Committee so that financial reports are dealt with in a strict, organized, timely, and transparent manner. I plan to run for the chair of Audit Committee with the knowledge and experience I have, and I will definitely be bringing my energy to make this committee a fun experience for everyone next year; I hope you will support me in my enthusiasm to serve on Audit Committee.
David Draper	My main goal or my time on council is to ensure that students are put first in all aspects of the SU. Throughout my time on campus, many students have told me that they are concerned about the SU spending habits, or are unsure that our money is being spent effectively. I want to serve on the Audit committee to make sure that the money being spent by the SU and its subsidiaries is benefiting students whenever possible.

Amlan Bose

## **Bylaw Committee (7)**

Name	Why do you want to sit on this committee?
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David Draper	I believe the Bylaw committee provides one of the greatest opportunities to hold the SU accountable to students and FAs. This is one are I feel our bylaws are lacking. I would like to serve on the Bylaw committee to recommend bylaws that ensure the SU is accountable to FAs and students.

# **Council Administration Committee (5)**

Name	Why do you want to sit on this committee?
Juan Vargas Alba	I love CAC! I know all councillors can sit on this but I want to make the request to be appointed so I can be a strong supporter of ARRC recommendations of changes to council, through CAC. Also, more sustainability on council, through CAC!!!
Chris Beasley	I would love to do work in the Council and Administration Committee because I have a weird love of parliamentary practice and rules. I am well versed in constitutions and parliamentary practice. I worked for the Sergeant-at-arms office of Alberta for two years, I have authored two separate large amendments to the Debate Societies' constitution, and I took on the Directorship of Arts Governance for OASIS. This directorship had me preside over the OASIS Annual General Meeting and author all the 16 constitutional amendments proposed this year. My passion for administration of councils and other legislative bodies is such that I have even read literature by former Alberta Speakers. I would love to work with the other members of CAC to have a well-run and efficient Student Government and I believe that starts in its structure and Standing Orders.
Nathan Sunday	I have had the opportunity to set on the Council Administration Committee three time, one of which I acted as the Committee's chair. As a result, I believe my knowledge about the roles and responsibilities of the Committee would be beneficial to this year's members. Moreover, I would like the opportunity to sit on CAC because I believe there are some systems of Council that prohibit the full participation of members. As CAC deals with the administration of Council, I believe that it would be the best avenue to try to change some of the practices of Students' Council so that everyone feels they have a voice and an opportunity to speak their truth.
Amlan Bose	

# Finance Committee (7)

Name	Why do you want to sit on this committee?
Samir Esmail	I believe that my experience working with the BSA and HSMUN have shown me the importance of finance and making sure that funds are being allocated properly. In addition, I am a finance major and believe that the skills I have learned in class will be an asset for this committee.
Talia Dixon	I would like to sit on the finance committee to ensure that funding is being directed towards initiatives that are truly helping students, and being used to address issues that arts students are passionate about. Moreover, I would like to learn more about, and be critical of where the SU and the university gets its funding, considering the new political climate and the importance of climate change.
Tahra Haddouche	I have sat on finance before and I know how the committee works. I think I'd be a great fit as i don't have a finance background and I can provide another perspective. I'm good with numbers, as well as dedicated to making sure that our constituents find value in the student's union.
Chris Beasley	I hope to sit on Finance Committee because I want to have a greater role in the financial aspects of our decisions as the Students' Union. The critical services we fund are incredibly important to building a healthy campus community and these services are only possible because they receive money from us. I also strongly believe we need to look at increasing our long-term sustainable revenue to ensure that we can be the least reliant on Student Union Fees as possible while still continuing to provide services to students. My relevant prior experiences include a term on the University of Alberta Debate Societies' Executive. I was also a member of the OASIS Finance committee last year and I am the incoming Vice President of Finance for OASIS. I would love to work with the VP Ops-Fi, the VP SL and other councillors to develop the best possible financial policy.
Amlan Bose	

## Nominating Committee (5)

Name	Why do you want to sit on this committee?
Ayman	I sat on the Nominating committee this past year, and have really enjoyed the work so
Adwan	far.
	It is really important to have student representatives with requisite experience, genuine drive and utmost passion for the positions they fulfil.  The Nominating committee has an important role ensuring committed and passionate students are at the table, to best represent students' interests.  With my past experience on NomCom - along with conducting dozens of interviews,

and sitting on multiple hiring boards in other roles -I believe that I have developed the requisite experience to be a valuable member of the team for another year.

### **Policy Committee (6)**

Name	Why do you want to sit on this committee?
Juan Vargas Alba	This, and ARRC, are the two committees I've most wanted to sit on. I'm incredibly passionate about policy, having held various policy positions with organizations in the past, and being one of the winners of the OASIS policy case comp. Being well acquainted with the SU's policies, I'm ready to hit the ground running and create some radical policy! Some of it includes Students who Parent policy, moving towards an SU 'Green New Deal', more explicit sustainability operating policy, and student accessibility services policy. If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to contact me! Thank you
Talia Dixon	I would like to be apart of the Policy Committee, because I feel as though it is the committee that will allow me to most directly influence the issues I am passionate about, and best serve arts students and their needs. An example of this is with my commitment to accessibility, particularly for people with differing learning abilities. Being on the Policy Committee would allow me to engage directly with policy that is being developed, and make sure that accessibility is not only being continuously considered but that the policy serves those with differing abilities.
Abigail Isaac	A seat on the policy committee also means a seat at a crucial table for direct Students' Union advocacy. I believe that I am capable of effectively filling this seat due to the experience, passion, and understanding that I possess in relation to various student collectives and issues, which is needed in crafting political policy that accurately reflects and advocates on behalf of the priorities of students on campus. Through my role as the incoming Vice President External of OASIS, the Arts Faculty Association, where my focus is directly centered around advocacy and communication between the SU, department associations, and most importantly, students, I am granted direct access to open communication with students across the faculty. With this access, I believe that I can aid in bridging the gap between council and FAs. Communication between student associations and the SU means connection with the student body, providing for better consultation between the various voices of the university, and thus, a concrete foundation with which the committee can guide executive political advocacy efforts representative of the students we serve. With issues such as Bill 19 changing the way universities will approve Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees, students facing costly academic materials, and ensuring the SU upholds our commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through action, consultation will be essential in the process of advocating for the outcomes the student body has in mind. In light of this, I believe that I can best serve students on council's policy committee.
Amber Sayed	The work done by the policy committee is absolutely essential in maintaining a high-functioning Students' Union and university. The roles described for this committee are items I believe I can effectively fill using my previous experience and my knowledge of the SU and its policies. I have worked directly on policy recommendations for the City

	of Edmonton through my role on the City of Edmonton Youth Council and through this experience have gained valuable insight into necessary procedures and things to consider that can be generalized to reviewing policies as a whole. As the guiding books of the entire way this university functions, the importance of critical and consistent policy review cannot be stressed enough. There are a multitude of important issues that the SU is currently facing, especially when we look at the changing provincial political landscape, and we must have an engaged committee that is ready to work towards fulfilling the wishes of students as best as possible. I believe that with my policy experience I would be an excellent candidate for this committee.
Samantha Tse	Hello everyone!! I am passionate about serving on Policy Committee because I want to support the SU in working towards making the U of A an inclusive, safe, and beneficial organization for students. If I were elected into Policy Committee, I would establish a structure of writing polices so that policies are written in a standardized rhetorical style—as an English major in Education, I will use my writing skills to improve the rhetorical grammar of policies. Furthermore, as no Education councillors were a part of Policy Committee last year, I am eager to bring my perspective of education to the policy-making discussion. One thing I would like to do is improve Ed students' practicum experiences through work in this committee. Third, I will critically think of how each policy, whether new or to be renewed, would need to be fine-tuned to both match the SU's values and drive the SU to be the best organization for every student. I love listening to different ideas and deliberating with others; I see that this is an awesome way I can use my passion, devotion, skills, and this responsibility to serve and build up our university. I would love to serve on Policy Committee, and I hope you will support me in voting for me to be a part of Policy Committee.
Amlan Bose	I have attended a couple of policy committee meetings last year and I know how things are done in this Committee. This year I want to work on the Internationalization Policy, Experiential Learning Policy and Student Financial Assistance Policy. With that being said, if I get elected for the committee I also intend to chair it.

# **Student Group Committee (2)**

Name	Why do you want to sit on this committee?
???	I would like to sit on the Student Groups Committee because student groups have
	been a huge part of my university career and I think it would be both fun and
	rewarding to give back, even if it is just by making decisions about complains against
	student groups. If applicable to the role I think it would also be interesting to spark
	conversations within Student Group Services and groups themselves about issues of
	inclusion and sustainability.
Amber	Student groups are the foundation of creating an inclusive and inviting campus, no
Sayed	matter the background of the students involved. With so many groups to choose from,
	as well as the option to start your own association or club, students are given a true
	opportunity to build their own experience at the U of A. However, with over 400
	groups on campus, problems can and ultimately will arise, and the Student Union

	should be ready to address them. The overwhelming importance of student groups is one of the many reasons I would like to serve on this committee. As an executive member of a newly formed student group last year, I saw the challenges that can accompany these groups and would like to take a proactive role on this committee to support student groups. Student Group Services supports are very valuable, but complaints and appeals are an important element of this committee that requires strong delegation skills that I believe I am equipped with. With the insurmountable importance of this committee I hope you will consider me for this role.
Tahra	I want to get more involved with the student groups and I think I have an objective
Haddouche	perspective and can see things from all sides. I would love to sit on this committee and I think I can provide a lot of insight to the workings of the committee.
David Draper	I have had the pleasure of working with a diverse set of student groups over my degree and I believe that this experience provides me with an understanding of their innerworkings, and how best to govern them. I also believe my experience within the greek community specifically is useful, as they are unique in terms of their role, function, and governance.
Nathan	This year will mark my fourth term on Students' Council, and throughout my time I
Sunday	have grown immensely. With this being my last year on Students' Council, I would like to gain as much experience as I can and, hopefully, make a difference in the lives of students. The Student Group Committee is a brand new committee of Students' Council, tasked with resolving student group issues. As I have been on Council for a fairly lengthy period of time, I am fairly knowledgeable about the Committee, as I was a Councillor when the idea was first introduced 2 years ago. Similarly, I have knowledge of how the Students' Union operates and how committees conducted. Moreover, being either an Executive or a general member of numerous student groups since I began University, I have student group experience. If elected onto this committee, I would ensure that all student groups, and any complaints, would be treated fairly and would do my best to make decisions without bias. I promise that, if elected, I will put in the time and effort needed to ensure this Committee succeeds.  Thank you all for reading and I hope to be given the chance to sit on this committee.
	This will be my last year on Students' Council, and I hope I am given the opportunity to use what I've learned to help students and student groups.
	Thanks :)

# **Translation Committee (5)**

Name	Why do you want to sit on this committee?
Tahra	I want to sit on the translation committee as I am the only council member who has to
Haddouche	speak two languages, I can do the translations and also make sure that the meaning
	hasn't changed, which is important when dealing with policies and bylaws. I've taken
	way too many french classes so please let me put them to use on this committee!
Juan Vargas	Translation should not even come close to being a second thought; making sure that

Alba	this committee (being new) gets key involvement ensure that respect. I have ample experience with translation, including translation and transcription training with my local immigration community services in high school. I've been speaking French longer than I have been speaking English, and while it has gotten rusty, this committee offers chances to work on it AND to show clearer commitments to the French community on
	campus. I am also ready to mobilize the very few connections and resources I have to make sure translation committee meets the ARRC Recommendation to translate documents to Cree

### Council Tentative Schedule 2019

Start-up Meeting: April 23, 2019

May 7, 2019 - SUB Lower Level (to accommodate a Kairos blanket exercise)

May 21, 2019 - University Council Chambers

June 4, 2019 - University Council Chambers

June 18, 2019 - University Council Chambers

July 2, 2019 - University Council Chambers

July 16, 2019 - University Council Chambers

July 30, 2019 - University Council Chambers

August 13, 2019 - University Council Chambers

August 27, 2019 - University Council Chambers

September 10, 2019 - University Council Chambers

September 24, 2019 - University Council Chambers

October 8, 2019 - University Council Chambers

October 22, 2019 - Wahkohtowin Lodge, Augustana Campus

November 5, 2019 - University Council Chambers

November 19, 2019 - University Council Chambers

December 3, 2019 - University Council Chambers

January 14, 2020 - University Council Chambers

January 28, 2020 - University Council Chambers

February 11, 2020 - 3-04 Pavillon Lacerte, Campus Saint Jean

February 25, 2020 - University Council Chambers

March 10, 2020 - University Council Chambers

March 24, 2020 - University Council Chambers

April 7, 2020 - University Council Chambers

