

**May 17th, 2022  
6:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers/Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (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, Dènesųłíné (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?

## ORDER PAPER (SC-2022-02)

2022-02/1      SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2022-02/1a    **Speaker Introduction**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012>

Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

2022-02/2      CONSENT AGENDA

2022-02/2a    *Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-01) Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 will be distributed on the Late Additions.*

2022-02/3      PRESENTATION

2022-02/4      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2022-02/5      BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2022-02/6      OPEN FORUM

2022-02/7	<u>QUESTION PERIOD</u>
2022-02/8	<u>BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>
2022-02/8a	<b>VILLOSO MOVESTO</b> appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the DIE Board Tribune Selection Committee  See SC.2022-02.07
2022-02/8b	<b>ALI MOVESTO</b> direct the Executive Committee to prepare a report, by no later than August 30th, for Students' Council regarding the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An assessment of the EDI-related policies and programs of the Students' Union and comparable student associations; and</li> <li>2. A recommended process for moving forward with updating and implementing the 2021-22 EDIT Recommendations.</li> </ul> See SC.2022-02.08
2022-02/8c	<b>ALI MOVESTO</b> discuss the Government of Canada's plan to give free dental-care and pharma-care.  See SC.2022-02.09
2022-02/9	<u>GENERAL ORDERS</u>
2022-02/9a	Nomination to Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC) (3)
2022-02/9b	Nomination to Audit Committee (7)
2022-02/9c	Nomination to Bylaw Committee (7)
2022-02/9d	Nomination to Council Administration Committee (CAC) (5)
2022-02/9e	Nomination to Finance Committee (7)
2022-02/9f	Nomination to Nominating Committee (NomCom) (5)
2022-02/9g	Nomination to Policy Committee (6)
2022-02/9h	Nomination to the Student Group Committee (SGC) (2)
2022-02/9i	Nomination to Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee (SCFC) (3)
2022-02/9j	Nomination to the Translation Committee (5)
2022-02/9k	<b>VILLOSO MOVESTO</b> re-affirm the ad-hoc Sustainability Committee and Standing

Orders.

See SC 2022-02.10

2022-02/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-02/10a Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2022-02.01-05

2022-02/10b BoG Representative Report

See SC-2022-02.06

2022-02/10c Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-02.07-11

2022-02/10d Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2021-04.12

# UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

**Council Meeting Date**

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

**Mover**

Monteiro

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**Action Requested**

Information Items

## Information Items

**Abstract**

President Report #1

**Attachments**

SC02\_May\_17\_2022.pdf

**Date:** 05/17/2022

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** President 2022/23 Report #01

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Dear Council,

Congratulations to all of you who were elected to represent students in this upcoming year! We have a very exciting year ahead with a lot of work to do, and I'm looking forward to working alongside you to get it done. Over the past two weeks, the Executive team has been getting situated and has started planning our goals for the upcoming year. Below is an update on what I have been up to.

### **Executive Transition and CAUS Changeover**

From the end of April to beginning of May, the outgoing and incoming executive teams were undergoing executive transition to prepare for our tenure on May 1. We started our planning process and goal setting for the year and will be looking to develop and finalize our executive goals for the coming year soon so we can share it with council. Your input as a group will be important as we work to create a cohesive document that represents the commitment we made to students.

VP Fotang, President Ley and I also attended the CAUS Changeover conference last weekend. Changeover is a time where we do early priority planning for the upcoming year, learn about the provincial policy issues affecting students, and select the year's CAUS Executive team. I am very pleased to announce that this year's CAUS Chair will be Samantha Scott of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union, and the Vice Chair will be Tera Cardinal from the Student Association of Mount Royal University.

### **Asian Heritage Month**

May is Asian Heritage Month, an opportunity for us to learn more about the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage who, throughout our history, have done so much to make Canada the country we know and love.

I am pleased to let you all know that the UASU will be celebrating this month by doing a spotlight series on Instagram to highlight students in our campus community! Stay tuned for content on our social media in the coming weeks celebrating and honouring the resilience, excellence, and contribution of asian students on our campus.

Cheers,



**Abner Monteiro (he/him)**

President

University of Alberta Students' Union

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**Mover**

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**Action Requested**

Presentation

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VPA Report #1 (1).pdf

**Date:** 05/17/2022

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #1

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Dear Council,

From an international student to the first international student Vice President in the history of our Students' Union, here I am -excited, energetic, focused to traverse the path of excellence in my persuasion to stand in for student rights. I can't tell you how honored I feel while writing this report to you. I have no words to explain my gratitude for the opportunity of working with incredible people like you and I am certain that it is going to be a really great experience for all of us.

Since last month, I have been on the transition mode, learning all the ropes -roles and responsibilities associated with the Vice-President Academic's Portfolio from my very able predecessor -Abner Monteiro, who is luckily here as our President now. I commit to take forward the incredible projects that he initiated during his term along with some new ones.

Coming from a country, where Student Union leadership has a totally diametrically opposite meaning, this sojourn has been and will be the most enriching experience. I am learning something new each day and building up skills that will help me to serve the students to the best of my ability. I am determined to use this position to the fullest in terms of representing student voices in an effective way.

Besides my own portfolio, I got the chance to learn about other executives' portfolios while we were on retreat which was very insightful and will help us to work collaboratively on projects as a team.

During the last week, I have reached out to the COFA representatives and GFC student representatives, and will be setting up meetings shortly.

I am happy that we have a very diverse council this year which will help us to create a well knit community cloth with diverse coloured threads. My advice to you is to believe in yourself and never hesitate to put forward your opinions while respecting others' at the same time. Let's move passionately on this path. I'm really excited for the upcoming year!

Reach out to me whenever you want to chat and I will be there.

Cheers,



**Gurleen Kaur**

Vice President Academic

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**Council Meeting Date**

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

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**Action Requested**

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**Abstract**

REPORT #1

**Attachments**

VPX Council Report #1.pdf

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## Council Report TLDR #1



### ESA

I had the opportunity to attend the Mayor's State of the City address. During this event, the mayor highlighted the inequities in our City and outlined a path for what is needed to overcome them. Following his address, the Mayor will engage with youth and students to hear how we can make Edmonton an attractive place to live



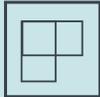
### CAUS

President Monteiro, former President Ley, and I all attended the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) changeover conference. The CAUS board elected a new Chair and Vice-Chair and got an Alberta political landscape update from one of Alberta's best pollsters from Janet Brown.



### CASA

I had the opportunity to speak before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Science and Research on their study of top talent retention. I spoke about the need for more investments in student scholarship programs within the tri-council agencies.



### PSE IN THE NEWS: Enrollment Growth in Edmonton

On Thursday May 12th, The Minister of Advanced Education was at Elko Garage in ETLC alongside President Flanagan and other PSI Presidents in Edmonton to announce the expansion of seats in Edmonton's post-secondary. The UofA is set to receive \$48.3 million to expand 3,231 additional new spaces.



## Photo of the Week:

### Mountain Vernacular:

A Picture of an Esso Gas Station in Canmore Alberta.



Christian Fotang, Vice President External

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For more information on some of these highlights you can read them in my full report and as always as me questions.

**Date:** 2022-05-13

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President External 2022/23 Report #1

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Dear Council,

Firstly, I would like to begin by saying how excited I am to be working with you all this year. This year, like many years past, will have its challenges, exciting adventures and certainly we will have our work cut out for us, but I know that together, we can accomplish many things this year.

I have had a very busy week and as you will read below there are lots of things to update you on.

Firstly, President Monteiro, former President Ley and I attended the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) changeover conference in Canmore. Throughout this 3 day conference, we got to meet Janet Brown, one of Alberta's best pollsters. She gave us an update of the political landscape in Alberta, taught us the history and context of polling in Alberta and provided an insightful analysis of the current thinking and feelings of Albertans. Unfortunately, some of the results she shared with us are confidential so I cannot delve much into it in my report. During this conference we also elected our new CAUS Chair and Vice-Chair. I am pleased to announce that Samantha Scott the VPX for the University of Lethbridge Students' Union is the new CAUS Chair and Terra Cardinal, the VPX for the Student Association of Mount Royal University is the new CAUS Vice-Chair. President Monteiro and I along with the rest of the CAUS board are confident that Sam and Terra will do a great job and especially in an upcoming election year, will provide the direction and leadership to ensure that PSE is a major topic for this upcoming provincial election.

This past Tuesday, I was invited to the Mayor's State of the City address at the Edmonton Conference Center hosted by the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce in my capacity as the Chair for the Edmonton Student Alliance. This was a fantastic event in which I was able to meet prominent business and community leaders and even UASU alumni (former VPSL) and President of the Edmonton Elks, Victor Cui.

The State of the City is a formal address that outlines the current conditions of the City, as well as key priorities for the Mayor and Council moving forward. In his address, the Mayor highlighted some of the inequities that currently exist in our City and the role that the Municipal government as well as other stakeholders such as the Provincial government can undertake to make our city a welcoming, accepting and thriving place. His speech was also a message of how Edmonton often feels forgotten by the Provincial government. He highlighted the cuts that have been made to the UofA and the impacts they have had in "stifling innovation and hurting students" I was also particularly struck by the Mayor's message about how "Ending Racism, discrimination and hatred is integral for our economic growth." Following his State of the City Address, the Mayor will be engaging in focused roundtable discussions with various sectors. The goal is to have an active engagement component that allows the Mayor and stakeholders to discuss relevant issues pertaining to Edmonton, as well as find possible alignments with the Mayor's priorities. **I am pleased to say that The Mayor will be collaborating with the Edmonton Student Alliance and the University of Alberta Black Students Association to host a roundtable session focused on the interests and needs of Edmonton's youth.**

Lastly, in my capacity as Chair of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, I had the privilege of speaking before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Science and Research as a witness on their

study of Top Talent Retention and attraction in research and innovation. This was an opportunity to share the importance of increasing federal government investments in scholarships in CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC to expand Canada's research excellence in a way that matches the growth in Canada's student population. For context, while many investments have gone into the tri-council agencies over all budgets, the student scholarship programs have stagnated and not kept pace with the cost of living and overall investments being made into the research granting agencies. More specifically, at its peak, the student scholarships represented 16.9%, 13.3% and 6.3% of the SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR budgets respectively. Today that has fallen to 13%, 8.3% and 5.5% respectively. As a result this is why CASA has called on the government of Canada to increase funding for student scholarship programs by \$120 million on a recurring basis, thus re-establishing the importance of student scholarships within the overall envelope of the Tri-Councils, an ask I reiterated at the committee hearing. I was also able to highlight the struggles faced by international students and the role that mental health supports play in being able to attract and retain talent not only within Canada but outside of it.

### **PSE In The News:**

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- 450 new seats will be created in the Bachelor of Science Program,
- 81 new seats in the Graduate Engineering program
- 336 new seats in Undergrad Engineering seats by 336
- 132 new spaces in nursing degree program
- 2200 new spaces for the business program

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me by DM or email if you have any questions or would like to contribute to any of these initiatives.

Cheers,



**Christian Fotang**

Vice President External

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**Action Requested**

Information Items

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**Abstract**

VP Operations and Finance Report #1

**Attachments**

SC02\_May\_17\_2022.pdf

**Date:** 05/12/2022

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #1

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Dear Council,

I'm very excited to be writing my first ever report! I hope you have all been getting some rest and enjoying the handful of sunny days we've had so far!

In the last couple of weeks I've been in the midst of transition with shadowing meetings and introducing myself to the managers and staff who I'll be working very closely with this year. We've been back from retreat for a week now, and even with being involved on Council for two years there was still much for me to learn about this organization. I'm still continuing to learn a lot about my role and will continue to be in the next little bit, but I have officially been in the office for one week on Friday!

Although it's been only a week, things are already ramping up for us! I've spent time creating my strategic plans and actions for the year ahead. I want to approach the SU's businesses and services through a sustainability lens with all three pillars in mind: social, economic, and environmental. My goal is to increase accessibility and accountability of the UASU with a focus on governance and support for student groups on campus. I want to further work towards reconciliation with an emphasis on educational programming, and lastly to revitalize the Students' Union Building to make it the "living room of campus" and welcoming to students once again. I will keep you all updated on the status of all of my projects this year!

Other than that I've been focusing on Asian Heritage Month! Two of my fellow Arts councillors last year, Nicole De Grano, Serena Yabut, and I had arranged a student spotlight series for the UASU Instagram page to highlight Asian excellence on campus. I wanted to do the same thing this year and give more opportunities for Asian students to be able to highlight their achievements. So please be on the lookout for those graphics in the coming days of this month!

I also got the chance to go on a tour of the DentPharm building, which was super cool! They talked about possible study spaces for students in the building, gender neutral washrooms, and the multiple accessible entrances. A lot of structural work has been done, but there is still a lot to do in the building. I look forward to seeing the building come together.

Well, that's all from me! I'm very excited to get to know and work with all of you! Feel free to reach out anytime if you have any questions or if you just want to have a chat. We can always grab some coffee together. We're going to have a great year!

Best,



**Julia Viloso**

Vice President Operations and Finance

University of Alberta Students' Union

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**Julia Viloso, Vice President Operations and Finance**

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# UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Tuesday, May 17, 2022
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**Date:** 05/17/2022

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Student Life 2022/23 Report #1

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Cher conseil,

I hope you are all doing well. Writing this council report is making this all feel too real! How has it already been 2 weeks?! Last week was our first full week in the office. I've been spending part of my time in the office getting to know core managers and our student staff. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all much better. I've had the opportunity to chat with a few of you, but feel free to reach out to me whenever.

### **Learning, Transitioning, and Retreat**

For the past month and a half, I have been learning a lot about my new role and responsibilities. April was filled with transition meetings with my predecessor Talia. I spent the month shadowing her. I also attended a few intro meetings with relevant stakeholders for my portfolio. These meetings were great as I was able to establish some of my goals for the upcoming year and areas of collaboration with the SU. A lot of these meetings seemed promising, and I'm so excited to continue meeting with members of the university to see how we can help students. Along with my fellow execs, I went on a retreat 2 weeks ago and it was very insightful and allowed me to truly understand my role and the ones of my colleagues. I'm learning so much about our organization and its history.

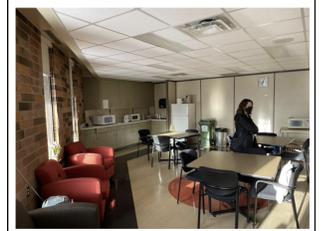
### **Quick Project Updates!**

**Family Lounge** - Although it's been two weeks I have been able to get the ball rolling on some platform points, as well as the work from my predecessor. Last week, I had a tour of the new Family Lounge in Rutherford Library. We went over what we wanted the layout to look like. We're hoping to get a meeting table for Students who Parent on Campus (SPOC), and a [Mamava](#) (lactation pod). We also talked about changing tables in the nearest washrooms. I'll be back this week to go over some digital designs of the layout. Hopefully, I can share this soon with you all. The room should be open to parents in the Fall, so this is all super exciting! I'm going to connect with SPOC, get them involved in these conversations, and see how we can work together this year!



### **Campus Sexual Violence**

**Residence** - Last Thursday, I had a very productive meeting with folks from Residence and the Sexual Assault Centre. As mentioned in my platform, I wanted to work on improving the training student staff got as well as the educational content residents get. We were able to do exactly this during our meeting. Some of the points we touched; on were the online elcass module, in-person sessions, behind closed doors roleplays, and Orientation (basecamp).



**SV Policy** - I am meeting with Deb Erkes this week to go through the full SV policy. I am working on connecting her with different student groups on campus to consult with. Since we'll be done with the policy by November, the next step I've been working on planning is creating a student-friendly SV Policy

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Handbook. I've started having conversations with our staff and the lead at the Sexual Assault Centre about doing so.

**Connecting with Students** - I've been connecting with members of committees I chair (CORA, Member Services Working Group). I've also had a few of you reach out to me about some of my goals and I've loved chatting with you. If we haven't had the chance to connect and you wish to do so, simply shoot me a text! I love hearing from you and the enthusiasm you have for helping students.

Finally, as you all know I'm your francophone CSJ kid, so I want to be able to share that part of me with you all. I'll be committing to including CSJ fun facts for you all with the hope you can leave this year knowing more about our lovely french campus!

**#FaitAmusant** : Effective July 1st, CSJ will have a new Dean, Jason Carrey. He is finishing up his position as a Professor and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. So s/o to the eng folks for letting us have him for another 5 years! - [More info](#).

Okay that's all for me! Merci!

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**Joannie Fogue**

Vice President Student Life

University of Alberta Students' Union

Friday, May 13, 2022

## UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

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**Action Requested** Presentation

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**Date: May 13, 2022**

**To: Student's Council**

**Re: Board of Governors Representative Report**

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### **Greetings**

It's truly an honor to be serving the undergraduate students this 2022/2023 academic year as your Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative. I look forward to representing the voices of all students at the Board this year.

### **Post Election Endeavours**

After being elected I had the privilege of meeting with a number of important people that will be critical to my success this year on the board. I had the chance to meet the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education. Him and I had a good conversation about important issues and I look forward to working with him this year.

I also received a board orientation from Board of Governors Chair Kate Chisholm, Vice-Chair Guy Bridgeman, and President & Vice-Chancellor Bill Flanagan. They went over our committee assignments, issues currently facing the institution as well as other administrative and legal obligations we ought to abide by as board members. Following their segment I got an orientation on Board Services such as an introduction to the Board Portal by Assistant Board Secretary Erin Plume and Board Secretary/Board Services Manager Juli Zinken.

To prepare me for my role I had the opportunity to watch the proceedings of the Learning, Research, and Student Experience committee, the Reputation and Public Affairs committee as well as the last Board of Governors meeting. My opportunity to sit through these meetings will leave me better prepared to hit the ground running in my role this year.

### **Transition**

1. For transition into this role I met with the previous BoG representative Adrian Wattamaniuk after I was elected to the position. In our meeting we discussed various issues currently surrounding the board such as deconsolidation, University of Alberta for Tomorrow (UAT), and he also shared with me various other consultation he had with University stakeholders
2. I also had the opportunity to sit with former Students' Union President Rowan Ley to discuss issues currently surrounding BoG and his experiences with the Board. Similar to my conversation with Adrian we discussed important issues surrounding the board such as deconsolidation, and impacts felt by the university due to the immense budget cuts the University faced over the past few years.

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Thursday, May 12, 2022

## 2021-22 - Council Submissions

### UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

**Council Meeting Date** Tuesday, May 17, 2022

**Mover** VILLOSO

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**Action Requested** Approval

### Approval

**Motion** VILLOSO MOVE TO appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the DIE Board Tribune Selection Committee

### Abstract

Two members of Council are to sit on this committee to select a new tribune for the DIE Board.

# UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

**Council Meeting Date**

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**Mover**

Ali

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**Action Requested**

Approval

**File Upload**



Motions - May 17th-2.pdf

Ali **moves** to direct the Executive Committee to prepare a report, by no later than August 30th, for Students' Council regarding the following:

- An assessment of the EDI-related policies and programs of the Students' Union and comparable student associations; and
- A recommended process for moving forward with updating and implementing the 2021-22 EDIT Recommendations.

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**Mover**

Ali

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**Action Requested**

Discussion

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Motion - May 17th-2.pdf

Ali **moves** to discuss the Government of Canada's plan to give free dental-care and pharma-care.

Under the government's current plan, students who fall into the eligible criteria would have to wait until 2025 to be covered under the plan. The Students' Union in collaboration with partners, **in my belief**, can make a case to the Government to include students attending post-secondary in the 2nd round rather than the last round.

# SCF Funding Request

## Summer 2022 Main Floor, Atrium and Patio Improvements

13 May 2022

Marc Dumouchel, General Manager

### Executive Summary

I am seeking Executive (in lieu of SCFC not yet being in operation) and Students' Council approval for the use of Sustainability and Capital Fund monies for improvements to the main floor of SUB and the SUB Patio.

This request is time-sensitive, in order to ensure the work can be substantially completed by the end of summer and to lock in prices in advance of scheduled price increases at some suppliers. We began work on this project in January, but only received all of the final bids for work in the third week of April.

The total amount of funding requested to be released from the SCF is **\$322,563**. This is well within the annual funding envelope for ongoing building maintenance (\$515,000 this year) outlined in the [Sustainability and Capital Fund Proposal](#).

### Overview of Work

#### Main Floor and Atrium Improvements

This project will renew furniture in the 'living room' or SUBstage area of the building, along with the Atrium. It is composed of the following elements:

- Reupholstery of 2015 furniture, where the fabrics have significantly degraded due to wear and sun exposure;
- Purchase of new tables and chairs to replace existing round tables and chairs, which are 20 years old and nearing end of life. Additionally, the new tables will be rectangular, allowing for group configurations;
- Purchase of some new soft seating, using data from a year of research;
- Purchase of bespoke bean bag seating for Atrium tiers (it is less expensive to make our own, and our design includes removable/swappable covers so that the seats last longer)
- Recycling of the oldest soft seating, which has reached end-of-life after several rounds of reupholstery (the structure and springs are failing);
- Addition of a water feature;

- Adding some new, focused lighting;
- Repainting of walls in the SUBstage area; and
- Significant reorganization of the space, taking into account suggestions from Industrial Design student projects which surveyed students and proposed a number of usability and ergonomic improvements.

The reorganization of space makes a number of specific improvements:

- Moving tables to better-lighted areas;
- Setting up specific conversation pods of various sizes;
- Widened paths (improved navigability and accessibility);
- Creation of 'group booths'.

A draft layout is provided in the [estimate](#) for this portion of the work. (Estimate documents may require viewers of this document to request access.) The estimated cost is \$227,668.

## Patio Improvements

This project makes a few improvements to the SUB Patio:

- Improved fencing to facilitate easier use of the space for events;
- Repair of damaged stucco;
- Improvements to plantings and possibly the grassed tiers;
- Addition of multiple area for mounting banners and/or art on the concrete walls; and
- Addition of spaces for future sculptural art.

The [estimate](#) for this work is \$94,895.

## Adherence to SCF Principles

The Sustainability and Capital Fund is administered in accordance with the principles outlined in the original [Sustainability and Capital Fund Proposal](#). Under the rules outlined there, Council must approve any motion to use SCF funds by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote.

The referendum question itself stated the objectives of Fund as:

*The University of Alberta Students' Union (UASU) proposes to create a permanent Sustainability and Capital Fund to help provide funding that allows for the renovation and improvement of Students' Union-controlled spaces on campus like SUB.*

The question further notes:

*All Fund projects must demonstrate a clear contribution to environmental, economic, and/or social sustainability.*

Of particular note in the Proposal document are two sections relevant to this proposal.

The first is ***Structure and Uses of the Fund*** section, which states:

*The Fund will be divided into four 'envelopes':*

- 1. A Major Projects envelope, to fund large SUB renewal projects. Major projects must demonstrate clear contributions to each of the three elements of sustainability - environmental, social, and economic.*
- 2. An SU Spaces Deferred Maintenance envelope to pay for the ongoing renewal and renovation of SUB public spaces according to sustainability and wellness principles.*
- 3. A Major Sustainability Investments envelope, to pay for environmental and social sustainability improvements above and beyond regular above space renewal. It is anticipated that this will fund significant additional investments in green energy generation and waste reduction.*
- 4. A Sustainability Emerging Projects Fund ("Green Fund") to support student-led, early-stage sustainability projects on campus.*

This request for funding is being made in accordance with the requirements of envelope 2, "SU Spaces Deferred Maintenance".

The second section of note is the potential "Main Floor Renewal" on page 14. This proposal is part of that project.

## **Financial/Economic Sustainability**

The current target % of fund revenue allocated to the SU Spaces Deferred Maintenance envelope is 25%. For the upcoming year, we expect that envelope to total approximately \$515,000. This project fits well within that parameter. Any excess funds in this envelope at year end will be conserved for future projects.

More significantly, this project contributes to the overall financial sustainability of SUB and the Students' Union by helping to maintain SUB's preeminent role as a destination building on campus. By ensuring that our spaces are attractive and comfortable for multiple use cases, we increase the viability of our leaseholder operations and our own businesses and events. The revenue derived from these sources form a crucial part of the Students' Union revenues. Failure to invest in maintaining our spaces - particularly in light of increasing competition for service traffic from CAB and the upcoming University Commons - will result in reducing the economic contribution from the building to our overall operating budget.

## **Social Sustainability**

Active and engaging social spaces - places to meet, eat, and study together - that emphasize accessibility and overall wellness are essential to the mission of SUB. The proposed improvements have been developed by Erin van Horn, our Building Planner and author of [The Design of Happiness](#), a Master's thesis on improving wellness in spaces that used SUB as its basis. The improvements are based on ideas in that thesis.

The social sustainability and wellness improvements are designed to:

- Improve accessibility in SUB by widening certain pathways and clarifying major walkways;
- Improve the usability of the space by reorganizing certain areas and improving lighting;
- Adding certain naturalistic elements, such as a water feature and provisions for improved planting/landscaping;
- Improving usability of patio for events;
- Adding additional spaces for the display of art and/or banners to add color and humanize the patio; and
- Providing a generally-improved level of comfort and aesthetics.

## **Environmental Sustainability**

In 2015, new furniture was purchased for the Atrium. Unfortunately, the fabrics used grossly underperformed expectations, and within five years, seating exposed to the sun and heavy use has degraded considerably. Councilors have undoubtedly noticed this. This proposal proposes to renew and reuse this furniture by reupholstering it instead of replacing it. The fabrics are sourced from a local company that is a major maker of upholstery fabric. The company has a strong commitment to sustainable practices and a sustainable supply chain, and the products we have selected have high durability ratings and are cleanable with sustainable cleaning practices. They're designed to last in our very demanding environment.

As part of this project, we will be replacing most of our early-90s stock of couches and chairs. These have held up reasonably well over the years (with regular reupholstery work), but have finally reached end-of-life. These will be disposed of by CSR Eco Solutions, who will deconstruct them and divert 90% of the material from landfill, reducing GHG emissions by an estimated 26 tonnes as opposed to direct disposal.

New furniture was selected with an eye to overall sustainability, with a particular focus on durability and appeal to students.

# Overview of Budget

## Sourcing

Multiple bids for work were selected for wall finishes and reupholstery. New furniture pieces were selected in part based on a year-long test of samples.

## Costs

Project	Summary Description	Cost
Main Floor and Atrium	Reupholstery of furniture/purchase of new furniture/change walls/add water feature/sustainable disposal	\$227,668
Patio	New plantings/addition of art mounts/improved gating and fencing	\$94,895
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$322,563</b>
<b>Total Cost</b>	As a % of the SU Spaces Deferred Maintenance envelope	63%

## 2021-22 - Council Submissions

### UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Tuesday, May 17, 2022
<b>Mover</b>	VILLOSO
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<b>Action Requested</b>	Approval

### Approval

**Motion** VILLOSO MOVES TO re-affirm the ad-hoc Sustainability Committee and Standing Orders.

### Abstract

The Sustainability Ad-Hoc committee aims to make the SU more sustainable, environmentally, socially, and economically by evaluating its current practices and suggesting definitive, practical improvements.

### Attachments



