

**June 25th, 2024
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers/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, Dènesų́łíné (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?

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2024-03)

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| 2024-03/1 | <u>SPEAKERS BUSINESS</u> |
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| 2024-03/2 | <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> |
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- 2024-03/8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 2024-03/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2024-03/9d **CHANG/THIESSEN MOVE TO** appoint the following members of council to the Social Media Sub-committee: Renson Alva, Angelina Botros and Nate Goetz

See SC-2024-03.08
- 2024-03/9e **ALHUSSAINY/ABBASI MOVE TO** nominate two councillors to the Elections Task Force

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- 2024-03/10 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2024-03/11 CLOSED SESSIONS
- 2024-03/12 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2024-03/12e Executive Report - President

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- 2024-03/12f Executive Report - VP External

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Motion

CHANG moves to appoint the following members of council to the Social Media Sub-committee: Renson Alva, Angelina Botros and Nate Goetz

Mover CHANG

Second Thiessen

Presenter (If Not the Mover) CHANG

Does this item require a closed session discussion?

Office/Committee Responsible CAC

Purpose

To appoint the named members of council to the Social Media Sub-committee

Executive Summary

At the June 4th CAC meeting, members of council were nominated for the SMS committee. We are now seeking Council ratification.

Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders

CAC Standing Orders

Engagement and Routing

CAC Meeting on June 4th, 2024

Approval Routing

CAC Meeting on June 4th, 2024 was then nominations happened.

Strategic Alignment

What we do:

We advocate for student interests to the University, Government and the greater community.

Where we are going:

Contribute to society as active citizens and effective leaders, and know they have a voice and the power to effect change.

What Guides us:

Always Keep Moving.

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Motion Alhussainy moves to nominate two councillors to the Elections Task Force

Mover Alhussainy

Seconded Abbasi

Body Being Nominated To Elections Task Force

Description of the Body

The 2024 UASU General Election highlighted both longstanding and recently identified gaps with the UASU Elections. In order to address these, the Elections Task Force is being established, as it has become increasingly clear that the 2024-25 Council should reevaluate the UASU elections, and as such the Task Force will have the following purposes:

The first purpose of the Elections Task Force is to lead an analysis of the UASU elections, including but not limited to the UASU bylaws relevant to elections, the administration of elections, barriers students face leading up to and during elections, UASU programming in relation to elections, student engagement during elections, turnout during elections, student appointments to university governance bodies through UASU elections, concerns around vacancies and replenishment, and any other relevant concern(s) in relation to the UASU elections.

The second purpose of the Elections Task Force is to provide recommendations for changes to any of the areas analyzed, including but not limited to proposing changes to the UASU bylaws.

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Purpose of Council Representation

The core responsibilities of members of the Elections Task Force shall be to:

1. Engage with constituents and interest-holders;
2. Educate themselves about the current UASU elections processes and concerns in relation to the UASU elections;
3. Complete any assignments given by the Task Force to an individual member or members, including but not limited to researching a specific topic or engaging with a particular interest-holder group;
4. Seek out information on how students, candidates and other relevant interest-holders have interacted with elections and the gaps they have identified.
5. Regularly attend Task Force meetings.
6. One of the councillors will also serve as co-chair of the election task force.

List of Current Members

Vice-President (Academic) - Co-Chair

Two (2) councillors, selected by the Students' Council, one of which will be the Co-Chair

Four (4) students-at-large selected by the Council Administration Committee (CAC)

Meeting Schedule

The task force will mainly meet once a week during the summer, with the meeting schedule yet to be determined based on everyone's availability.

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Terms of Reference

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2. Principles

The Elections Task Force is committed to committing its work efficiently, effectively and fairly, and as such, the following are the Task Force's guiding principles:

- **Impartiality**
 - The Task Force shall maintain strict neutrality in its analysis and recommendations, ensuring that no political, ideological, or personal biases influence its work, with the sole goal of improving UASU elections and connected areas.
- **Data-driven analysis and recommendations**
 - When dealing with social analyses, it can be challenging to obtain data, but the Task Force is committed to basing as much of its findings and recommendations as possible on rigorous analysis of factual, empirical data previously collected by the UASU or through comparisons to other existing models.
- **Transparency and accountability**

- To build trust with the Students' Council and with the student body, the Task Force will operate transparently, with public reports from the Co-Chairs to Students' Council.
- **Interest-holder engagement**
 - Recognizing the diverse perspectives on UASU elections, the Task Force will respectfully seek to actively engage with a broad range of interest-holders.
- **Adaptability and learning**
 - The Task Force acknowledges the breadth and depth of the work it seeks to undertake, as well as the dynamic nature of student elections. Therefore, the Task Force is committed to being adaptable in its approaches and open to learning from new information and evolving contexts, without being stuck in "the way things have always been done."

3. Reporting

At the conclusion of their work, the Task Force will provide a report to Students' Council that shall:

- Outline the priority areas the Task Force has identified;
- Outline concerns identified in the areas analyzed in relation to UASU elections;
- Describe all recommended changes or actions needed in response to the analysis of the UASU elections, including but not limited to bylaw changes; and
- Report back any additional lessons learned in the overall process.

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- Seek out information on how students, candidates and other relevant interest-holders have interacted with elections and the gaps they have identified; and
- Regularly attend Task Force meetings.

5. Composition

The composition of the Task Force is meant to reflect its commitment to being inclusive and representative, it is not meant to reflect the perspectives of only the current executives, or

councilors, but instead to capture a wide array of views and levels of experience. As such the composition shall consist of:

Voting members

- Vice-President (Academic) - Co-Chair
- Two (2) councilors, selected by the Students' Council, one of which will be the Co-Chair
- Four (4) students-at-large selected by the Council Administration Committee (CAC)

Resource members (non-voting)

- UASU Chief Returning Officer
- UASU Governance Manager
- UASU General Manager

Resource members are invited as needed and at the discretion of the Co-Chairs, with input from the committee.

6. Frequency of meetings

The Task Force will conduct the majority of its work between May 2024 and August 2024. In May, the Task Force shall meet to analyze the scope of the work it is hoping to accomplish, and to establish the frequency of meetings that members find appropriate in order to conclude all necessary work by August (e.g. weekly, biweekly, etc.).

The Co-Chairs shall be responsible for organizing the meeting times and providing that information to all other members.

The Task Force shall have a conclusionary meeting once the final report is provided to Council for endorsement in Fall 2024.

7. Supplemental information

[Identity Matters! A Study of Undergraduate Involvement and Leadership in Student Government at UAlberta](#)

[Identity Matters 2: Diversity of Ancestry and Aboriginality](#)

[Identity Matters 3: Gender and Student Leadership, 1908-2023](#)

[2020 General Election Exit Poll Survey Report](#)

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President report

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President report

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Date: 06/25/2024
To: [council]
Re: [President Report]

Congratulations

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2024!!

Student leader orientation

The VPEX and I went to this conference and spent time with our counterparts from various schools and saw presentations from departments in the Ministry of Advanced Education.

ART

Working on getting more FNMI Art in SUB

Upass Discussion

The Upass negotiations are ongoing

GFC Special Meeting Academic Planning Committee

Discussed the UofAs international strategy and the creation of a VP International and enterprise role

CAUS Board meeting

CAUS will be meeting to finalize its Advocacy priorities soon.

Working initiatives

EDI audit is currently ongoing, Sustainability audit will be put into the works shortly, and a review of our banking practices compliance with our ethical business policy will occur soon.

BOG Updates

Topics discussed in the open session:

Strategic Opportunities for Internationalization/Proposed Creation of Vice-President (International and Enterprise)

- Transmission of General Faculties Council Motion for Third-Party Independent Investigation

- University of Alberta People Strategy Metrics WITH Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan
- Online and Continuing Education Update

The results of the Vote on Bill's reappointment should be released soon

Update on 3rd party review they are in the process of finding a person to lead the investigation

Regards,



Lisa Glock

President 2024-25

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Date: 06/25/2024
To: Students' Union Council
Re: Vice President External 24/25 Report #2

Hello Council,

It's great to be back in the council chambers. I hope you're having a good summer. This past month has been filled with various activities, some of which are mentioned here.

Student Leader Orientation

President Glock and I participated in the Government of Alberta's Student Leaders' Orientation (GoA SLO), which spanned 8 hours, with Minister Sawhney in attendance for the first hour. This event facilitated a dialogue between the Ministry of Advanced Education and student leaders representing all 26 of Alberta's Post-Secondary Institutions and Student Unions/Associations. The primary aim of these sessions was to foster connections between the Ministry and elected student leaders, equip them with resources to navigate advocacy efforts within the education system and provide updates from the ministry on forthcoming government initiatives concerning post-secondary education.

During the orientation, we asked about tuition fees, need-based grants, and the provincial attestation letter process. Other student leaders also raised queries on these topics, contributing to a robust discussion that addressed key concerns within the student community.

This was also an opportunity for groups like CAUS and ASEC to provide their own priorities to the ministry; as CAUS has its policy conference starting this week, they presented a general overview of what we would like to see moving forward.

U-PASS

I've been in discussions with several student leaders in the city to prepare for the UPASS negotiations. Today, we had an introductory meeting with all the student associations and unions to talk about collaborating and securing the best deal for our students. Our next steps involve scheduling more meetings and approaching the negotiation table as a united front.

Flix Bus

Last week, VP Alva and I met with the Augustana dean and the administration to discuss the transportation issues between Augustana and Edmonton. We have a bus company interested in starting a route between Camrose and Edmonton, and VP Alva has been working closely with them. We also have a meeting scheduled with the City of Camrose soon.

Abdul Abbasi, Vice-President External

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Convocation and Reception:

I attended the first convocation at Augustana and the last on June 21, which was the chancellor's installation meeting. President Glock and I also briefly chatted with Minister Sawhney and Lieutenant Governor Salma Lakhani at the convocation. Additionally, I attended the reception for the honorary degree recipients for the senate and the chancellor's installation reception.

CAUS Board Meeting

We had the first CAUS board meeting. CAUS has been registered in the Alberta lobby registry and is working towards reinstating its status as soon as possible. During the meeting, UASU brought up the item on how to involve Indigenous students in our advocacy efforts going forward. Each student association/union contacts their Indigenous student leaders to ask how they would like to be involved.

Consultation Meetings:

In the past month, I have been meeting with various stakeholders, including councillors, the campus food bank, AUFSJ, and ISU to discuss the most important priorities for students. As the policy conferences for CAUS and CASA are approaching, I would like to gather your input on what we should advocate for. I plan to meet with more councillors this week to discuss the priorities.

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.

Regards,



Abdul Abbasi

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Date: 06/25/2024

To: [Council]

Re: [VPA Report]

Hello/مرحبا,

Below is an overview of what I have been working on since our last council meeting.

Committees

I have attended the first General Faculties Council (GFC), GFC Nominating Committee meetings of my term. I attended the GFC Programs Committee and the Learning Management System of the Future Advisory Committee meetings as well.

Zero Textbook Cost Program (ZTC)

I have been in communication with library staff about advertising the ZTC program to faculty and expanding the program.

General Faculties Council (GFC)

I have been reaching out to student representatives and staff to collaborate on methods for filling in the GFC student seats to ensure that more student voices and their concerns are heard. We are building a plan and will continue sharing updates.

Elections Task Force Terms of Reference

Applications opened for students at large positions on the elections task force and will be filled by the Council of Administration Committee.

Council of Faculty Associations

I have contacted faculty associations and other Student Representative Assemblies (SRAs) and have started to meet to discuss our goals for the year and how the UASU can effectively support the students they represent. I have also been gathering information from executive members of these associations to provide us with the necessary insights on how to better support students. I chaired my first CoFA Advocacy Board meeting and Senior Board meeting and I am currently preparing for the next meetings.

Best regards,

Layla Alhussainy | ليلى الحسيني

Vice-President Academic 2024-25

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VPSL Report for June 25th, 2024 SU Council Meeting

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Date: 06/21/2024

To: Students Council

Re: Vice President Student Life Report #2

Menstrual Equity Project Future Directions

I have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Club Periodically to provide them free storage space in the SGS lockers in exchange for their volunteers re-stocking the menstrual product dispensers in SUB & VVC. This saves the club over \$100 to buy more menstrual products and ensure dispensers are regularly filled. We are also working to have more menstrual product baskets at public facing locations in CSJ.

Flixbus Update

I have been working with Flixbus to have a bus connecting Augustana campus with North Campus. We are estimating that a round trip ticket would cost around \$40 and we are advocating for students to receive a subsidy on this ticket. More information to be shared in July as specific details are bound to change and we are hoping the bus will start service in mid to late August.

Days of Action Working Group

As part of the Days of Action Working group, I am working on planning, promoting and implementing events for World Mental Health Day on October 10th. We will plan on having multiple events throughout the day across different locations on campus to address different areas of wellbeing and mental health.

OneCard Reader at ISU Lounge

I have been working with the Facilities & Operations department at the university and ISU to implement an OneCard reader at the ISU lounge. This OneCard reader allows ISU to ensure unaffiliated individuals do not enter their premises and ensures safety of students using the lounge.

CoFA Member Services Board

As chair of the Council of Faculty Associations (CoFA) Member Services Board, we had our first meeting earlier in June. We discussed having a portion of ticket sales from the Edmonton Elks Campus Clash to go to the Campus Food Bank. This is similar to last year when a portion of ticket sales went to Student Representative Associations.

Edmonton Elks Campus Clash

I am working with the Edmonton Elks and other colleges/university associations across Edmonton to help organize this event. As of now, there are talks to have a chance to win a trip to Amsterdam & the F1 race for students attending. The event will take place on the evening of September 21st and more details will follow later in July.

Campus Food Bank (CFB)

I have been officially appointed as a Board member of the CFB until the end of my VPSL term. I have had discussions with the CFB on how the SU can help in fundraisers and filling up the Rutherford food pantry as well as advocating on a food strategy for our campuses. I am also working to have the SU adopt the food pantry for a few days in the upcoming year.

CoRA

The Council of Residence Associations (CoRA) will be chaired by me and will have its first meetings next month. We are hoping to discuss the selection of the next campus food vendor (Aramark currently holds that contract). I am also hoping to resuscitate the East Campus Students Association in the upcoming year as the group has been inactive for a long period of time.

Program Planning for the Academic Year

I have several programs and events that I will be planning and meeting with stakeholders from the university, ISA, ISU in the next few months. Some of these include I-Day, Residential School Memorial and Indigenous Celebration Week. There is also a plan to raise the Metis flag at WOW during Campus Kickoff and to have Indigenous drummers welcome new and returning students. Other events such as the Poster Sale that take place on the SUB atrium stairs will also be re-evaluated to be made more accessible.

FOIPP

The SU has submitted [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy \(FOIP\)](#) requests on the university's investments that can be legally released to the public. The results of these FOIP requests cannot be guaranteed or are sometimes heavily redacted. The SU will also work to ensure that the UofA Endowment Pool Investment Holdings are released following the UofA Board Investment Committee's decision to disclose these.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Renson Alva', with a horizontal line underneath.

Renson Alva

Vice-President Student Life 2024-25
University of Alberta Students' Union