

April 4th, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers/Zoom

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaćiwâskahikan (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?

SPEAKER CALLED the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2022-25)

2022-25/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

Councillor SINGH resigns from Council.

SPEAKER SPECIAL ORDERS agenda item 8g onto the Order Papers.

FOTANG/MONTEIRO MOVE TO special order agenda item 8f onto the Order Papers.

CARRIED 20/00/00

DORSCHIED - Board of Governors Representative - Report

2022-25/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2022-25/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-24) Tuesday, March 21st, 2023

See SC-2022-25.01

APPROVED

2022-25/3 PRESENTATION

2022-25/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

FOGUE - VP Student Life - Report
VILLOSO - VP Operations and Finance - Report
FOTANG - VP External - Report
KAUR - VP Academic - Report
MONTEIRO - President - Report

2022-25/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

ARSLAN - Audit Committee - Report
FLAMAN - Bylaw Committee - Report
WATTAMANIUK - Council Administration Committee - Report
MONTEIRO - Executive Committee - Report
VILLOSO - Finance Committee - Report
STEINBUSCH - Nominating Committee - Written Report
FOTANG - Policy Committee - Report
AKINNEAH - ARRC - Report
VILLOSO - SCFC - Report
REGMI - Sustainability Committee - Report
SOTO - Translation Committee - Report

2022-25/6 OPEN FORUM

2022-25/7 QUESTION PERIOD

MONTEIRO: Finishes his report and talks about the MNIF Joint Oversight Committee. Informs that the University is working with MyCreds and has offered a free paper alternative to MyCreds for students to receive verification documents. However, advocacy will continue to ensure the elimination of the MyCreds payment option for important student documents.

LIU: Questions about immigration process updates in regards to reforming clauses with dual intentions. In the Parliamentary Report, shared last May, it is recommended that the IRCC clarifies dual intentions, but the clause hasn't been modified since 2013.

FOTANG: Informs Council that Dual Intent is a piece of policy which states that a temporary resident can present the intent to stay in Canada while applying for PR. However, in the process to apply for a Study Permit, international students are supposed to state that they will be going back to their home country after their graduation. This could penalize them since there are two contradicting statements

made about students who are applying for visas, residencies and permits.

Adds that he will be meeting with Immigration Officials to discuss the changes since there hasn't been a review on the policy in a long time. There's no decided timeline on when this will be changed, but student leaders have this item as a priority and are actively advocating for changes.

REGMI: Question VPA Kaur about the elimination of 'Specializations' in the B.Sc degree. States that this was voted on in the year 2022 and students are expressing frustration over it. Questions if any actions were taken by the VPA to consult students about this change.

KAUR: Replies that the B.Sc course hasn't been revised in the past 15 years and that the University is trying to make the B.Sc more valuable and consistent for science students. While changes to the B.Sc have been approved, they haven't been implemented yet so students currently in B.Sc programs will not be affected. The change will come into effect in Fall 2024 so it is still in process, with such changes as including more Indigenous aspects into course content still yet to be determined and implemented.

ABBASI: Questions President MONTEIRO if students, who are seeking to utilize the free paper alternative to MyCreds, will have any option to pick the documents from Augustana Campus, or if they will only be available for pick-up at North Campus.

MONTEIRO: Will raise this concern with the registrar and confirm at a later date.

ABBASI: Questions VP FOTANG about the Augustana Political Policy that will expire soon and if that policy will be up for approval at the next Council meeting.

FOTANG: States that they will follow up with the Augustana Political Policy lead, DHILLON, on this item to confirm.

LIU WITHDRAWS their comments from the minutes.

FLAMAN MOVES TO extend Question Period by 10 minutes.
APPROVED

ABBASI: Questions when the Speaker selection will take place.

SPEAKER: States that it is done during the first meeting of the incoming Council, which is usually at the end of April.

2022-25/8

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-25/8a

CARBAJAL VELEZ/REGMI MOVE TO adopt the recommendation section of the ARRC recommendation report on the educational principles outlined by the 2018-2019 ARRC Report

See SC-2022-25.05

CARRIED 17/03/00

ABBASI: Suggests including Indigenous workshops in GovCamp and the SRA Summit.

MONTEIRO: Commends the ARRC committee on this report. Questions recommendation 1, about the Speaker having access to training for the Indigenous Canada Course. States that the complete course costs \$66 but notes that there's also a free version available. However, certification is not provided for the completion of the free course. Questions if the certification is important for the Speaker to obtain.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Answers that it is not expected from Council to spend money on the course. The important thing is completing the course and getting to know the content.

MONTEIRO/SHETTY MOVE TO go into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED 18/00/00

LIU: Thinks that these are good recommendations to be followed. Especially for International students who don't necessarily learn about the history of Canada. Thinks that it would be beneficial to have the course as a credit course concept, rather than having to pay for it.

MONTEIRO: Questions what happens if someone doesn't finish the course in the timeline specified in the recommendation.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Answers that it is best left to the staff members/managers to decide because staff cannot be restricted in making decisions. Adds that the timelines included are very generous and that the course can be completed easily within the timeframe provided.

FOTANG: Thinks that for the recommendation of partnering with schools, it would be best to put the responsibility on the university rather than the UASU, as the university has more resources and connections to reasonably accomplish the recommendation.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: States that there is an underlying issue with Indigenous students attending universities and many don't get the opportunity to do so. Having the UASU partner with schools would give Indigenous students a sense of acceptance, which would encourage them to search out more university options.

OJO: Appreciates the attention to detail provided within the recommendations. Questions about recommendation 3, and how it would look so that it could be shared around.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Answers that more information can be shared once this is implemented.

WATTAMANIUK: For R0, wonders if it is restrictive in terms of funding. Suggests that there could be opportunities to explore university or other granting systems to access funding for something that is targeted towards this.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: States that this is something that can be amended and expanded on as long as it caters towards the main goal.

MONTEIRO: For the recommendation which states that staff must be able to attend Indigenous based events during the work day, states that staff already have the capability to attend these events during the work day. Questions if the recommendation is, thus, aiming to be more of a mandate or if it is still leaving room for an individual staff member to manage their own schedule for these events.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Notes that, for events like BTR, staff were encouraged to attend it and take up shifts during their work hours. However, this same encouragement was not present for the Indigenous Memorial event. There were staff members who couldn't attend the memorial because it occurred during their work day and they were expected to be working during those hours. The recommendation is not about staff getting paid to attend these events; it is about having equal representation for indigenous events and bridging the current disconnect between SU hosted events and indigenous events.

FOTANG: Suggests that some of these recommendations may be too specific, which would result in the SU potentially not being able to achieve them exactly as they have been written. This would reflect poorly on the SU and the SU would be held in a negative light for something that was beyond their control. There are many logistics involved with some of the recommendations and, as such, greater clarity is required before they can be approved in good faith.

Suggests potentially having further talks with the ARRC Committee to fine-tune these recommendations to ensure that the SU can perfectly uphold the proposed recommendations.

LEE: Is curious about the second last R4 recommendation and questions why the Cree language was singled out in contrast to other indigenous languages.

AKINNEAH: States that Treaty 6 is predominantly Cree and this recommendation acknowledges that.

OJO: Questions if these recommendations, due to the lack of proposed timeline,

would be adopted and implemented entirely next year or if the recommendations are meant to be implemented over a multi-year period.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: States that it can vary from year to year and, as such, some of the recommendations have been given a greater flexibility in regards to timing. One year might look different from another and, hence, so would timelines. Timelines, which are not stated in the recommendations themselves, can be developed by staff members.

MONTEIRO: Agrees with **FOTANG**, since the current conversation is about clarifying the recommendations and fine-tuning them to make them more feasible for the SU to implement. Suggests approving the recommendation section of the proposed recommendations and approving the implementation section at a later date.

SHETTY/LEE MOVE TO exit the committee of the Whole.
CARRIED 20/00/00

FLAMAN/LEE MOVE TO lay the current question on the table.
CARRIED 15/04/01

CARBAJAL VELEZ/SHETTY MOVE TO amend the motion by inserting the “the recommendation section of” after adopt.

CARRIED 16/04/00

2022-25/8b **FOTANG/FOGUE MOVE TO** approve 1st Principles of the Residence Policy.

See SC-2022-25.06

CARRIED 18/00/00

2022-25/8c **FOTANG/OJO MOVE TO** approve the recommendations from the Campus Safety and Security Review Report.

See SC-2022-25.07

CARRIED 16/03/00

2022-25/8d **FOTANG/OJO MOVE TO** approve 1st Principles of the Tuition Policy.

See SC-2022-25.08

CARRIED 18/03/00

LIU/SHETTY MOVE TO direct staff to remove Councillor Liu’s second speaking turn in Question Period from public-facing records.

CARRIED 22/00/00

SPEAKER SPECIAL ORDERS agenda item 8g to the top of the remaining Board and Committee Business items

2022-25/8g

WATTAMANIUK/MONTEIRO MOVE TO ratify the results of the 2023 Students' Council & General Faculties' Council elections.

See SC-2022-25.17

CARRIED 15/05/00, ABBASI Abstains.

REGMI: States that Students' Council elections only had a 5.1% voter turnout, but faculty associations require a 15% turnout in order to ratify FAMF fees. Questions what is recommended for the next CRO to do in order to increase voter turnout for Students' Council elections.

KOOHKAN: States that the Elections office doesn't have a minimum voter turnout for Students' Council elections. Adds that he will have a presentation at the next council meeting which will further discuss the election year. Notes that stronger and better communication with Governance Staff would be needed in order to obtain a higher voter turnout.

ABBASI: States that the next CRO should ensure that the Augustana SU and GFC representative elections occur at the same time as the SU Exec Elections, since that is the procedure which is stated in Bylaw.

FLAMAN/MONTEIRO MOVE TO extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

CARRIED 13/06/01

OJO/CARBAJAL VELEZ MOVE TO pick up the ARRC Recommendation Motion from the table.

CARRIED 17/03/00

2022-25/8e

FOTANG/REGMI MOVE TO approve the 2nd Principles of the Public Transit Policy while unstriking section 4 and substituting the word "station" with "stations and tunnels" in point 11.

See SC-2022-25.09

CARRIED 16/04/00

FLAMAN: Wants to amend certain sections of the policy.

SPEAKER: States that 2nd principles don't allow debate so Council will have to suspend the rules in order to make amendments.

FLAMAN/LEE MOVE TO suspend the rules to allow edits to the policy itself.
CARRIED 08/12/00

FLAMAN: Wants to remove the strikethrough on section 4 and replace the word station with tunnels in point 11.

FLAMAN/SHETTY MOVE TO unstrike section 4 and replace the word “stations” with “stations and tunnels” in point 11.

CARRIED 14/06/00

ARSLAN: States that it is not technically easy to install Wi-fi all over the tunnels. Focusing first on improving cell reception in the tunnels seems to be more appropriate than trying to over-extend by improving both the cell reception and implementing Wi-fi in the tunnels.

LIU: Questions why the wording can't be “stations and tunnels” for point 11 since they represent different things.

REGMI: Clarifies that point 4 was struck since there is already a system to tap student ARC cards. Agrees with ARSLAN and LIU about point 11.

ARSLAN: States that UWS already exists within the train stations, so from a student's perspective it's not necessary to have wi-fi implemented in the stations.

SHETTY/LIU MOVE TO amend the amendment to state that it should state transit stations and tunnels.
CARRIED 19/00/00

REGMI/LEE MOVE TO amend the amendment to change the wording in section 4 to “the SU advocates for the integration of using the ARC technology in existing OneCards.”
WITHDRAWN

SHETTY/ARSLAN MOVE TO call to question
CARRIED 13/07/00

FOGUE/MONTEIRO MOVE TO extend the meeting by 10 minutes until 9:40 P.M.
CARRIED 15/00/02

2022-25/8f **FOTANG/FOGUE MOVE TO** approve the 2nd principle for Sexual and Gender Based Violence Policy.

See SC-2022-25.16

CARRIED 17/03/00

2022-25/9a **MONTEIRO/FLAMAN MOVE TO**, on behalf of the Bylaw Committee, discuss Article I: Governance.

See SC-2022-25.10

TABLED

MONTEIRO: States that there is a draft document for everyone to go through and add comments, since this will be finalized in the next Bylaw Committee Meeting. Invites the councillors, who are interested in hearing more about Article I, to attend the next Bylaw Meeting.

2022-25/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2022-25/10 CLOSED SESSIONS

2022-25/11 INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-25/11a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-24) March 21st, 2023

See SC-2022-25.01

2022-25/11b Executive Reports

See SC-2022-25.02-04

2022-25/11c Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-25.05-12

2022-25/11d Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2022-25.13

2022-25/11e Executive Reports

See SC-2022-25.14-15

2022-25/11f Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-25.16-17

SPEAKER adjourns the meeting at 9:40 PM.

