

**November 28th, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers/Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciśwâskahikan (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 6:05 P.M.

ORDER PAPERS (SC-2023-15)

2023-15/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

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

SPEAKER foregoes reports for this meeting.

2023-15/2 **CONSENT AGENDA**

2023-15/3 **PRESENTATIONS**

2023-15/3a **GRIFFITHS/FOTANG MOVE TO** allow The Gateway to present their DFU proposal.

See SC-2023.15.01

CARRIED 13/00/00

FLAMAN/THIESSEN MOVE TO extend the presentation by 10 minutes.
CARRIED 13/01/00

THIESSEN/BEASLEY MOVE TO extend the presentation by 10 minutes.

CARRIED 11/02/00

GRIFFITHS/FOTANG MOVE TO allow the ISA to present their 2023/24 ISAF proposal.

See SC-2023.15.02

2023-15/3b **BEASLEY/GARBUTT MOVE TO** suspend standing orders to allow an updated presentation to be presented.

CARRIED 10/04/00, Wattamaniuk Abstains, Saif Abstains

BEASLEY/THIESSEN MOVE TO extend the presentation by 10 minutes.

CARRIED 12/01/00, Saif Abstains

FOTANG/BEASLEY MOVE TO extend the presentation by 10 minutes.

CARRIED 09/05/00, Saif Abstains

2023-15/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOG REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

TABLED

2023-15/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

TABLED

2023-15/6 OPEN FORUM

MARIJA (Question): Received an email from VP Student Life, Michael Griffiths, in regards to their calls to the front office of the University of Alberta Students' Union. Reads out a correspondence between themselves and Griffiths. Reads out an email correspondence between themselves and President Christian Fotang. Raises concern that student supports for Palestinian students are not as robust as previous supports for Ukrainian students. Further raises concern that President Fotang is not answering their emails and that Students' Union phone lines are not accessible and that phone calls are not relayed to UASU Executives but, rather, that UASU Executives email them back in lieu of answering phone calls.

GRIFFITHS: States that the intention behind their email was not to discourage them from phoning the UASU Front Office; States that the front office cannot answer questions about the Israel/Palestine geopolitical conflict as fulsomely as the UASU Executives and that the executives are the best source to go to in regards to these questions and concerns. Concerns are passed on from the front desk to UASU Executives, which is why Griffiths reached out to Marija. The violence that is going on has affected UASU staff and it has been difficult for staff members, which is why they offered themselves as an outlet for student concerns.

FOTANG: Notes that they have replied to all email correspondence sent by Marija, answering in a matter of hours. Is happy to further discuss any concerns with Marija outside of this meeting and continue corresponding through email.

FARAH (Question): Last Friday, there were protests on campus. A petition was started this weekend, which calls for the Students' Union to publish a statement calling for a ceasefire. This petition has already been signed by over a thousand students. Wonders what the UASU and the University's plan to address these concerns are, with respect to the protests and the petition.

FOTANG: Expresses gratitude for the student engagement and activism that has been done on campus. In regards to the petition, the UASU is committed to ensuring that students feel safe and heard. Once a petition is received, it will come to Council for review. Council would hear directly about and discuss the concerns brought forward by students. From there, Council would ensure that the petition engages due process with the bylaws, political structures, Council, and committees of the UASU to ensure that proper deliberation and consultation is engaged with. Students have reached out about equity in regards to waiving of tuition for refugee students, which is an issue that has been raised by the UASU to the Registrar's Office. Would also be happy to provide contact information for students wishing to reach out directly to the Registrar's Office.

MARIJA (Question): Questions if Students' Council supports the decision to fire the Director of the Sexual Assault Centre at the U of A.

FOTANG: Students' Council or the Students' Union has not made any comments regarding this.

MARIJA (Question): Questions if it is possible for them to share resources with Students' Council.

ZUKOWSKI: Suggests emailing/sending these resources to themselves; they will then share these resources with members of Council.

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QUESTION PERIOD

WATTAMANIUK (Question): Saw in the presentation that Melissa Padfield gave last week that there's a discussion about Cohort 99, which is a group of international students paying course-based tuition. Wonders what the SU is doing to advocate for these students and ensure that they continue paying course based tuition rather than program based tuition.

ALMEIDA: The concerns around Cohort 99 have been brought up with the UASU Executives, previously. Melissa outlined different approaches for the students and their situations. There have been extensions provided for students whose degrees extend beyond the regular 4 years and they will maintain their current payment

model. Some students are graduating and will not be experiencing these concerns. If there are any student concerns, the UASU will bring the concerns to the Office of the Provost and Vice Provost Academic of the University as well as the Registrar's Office.

FOTANG: Cohort 99, because the majority of those students are well underway and will graduate by the timeline, do not need to worry about their payment plan changing. If students are experiencing a delayed graduation, there is an open line of discussion for supports.

GRIFFITHS (Statement): Expresses gratitude to the UASU Event Team and volunteers for their success with CAMPUS CUP and thanks them for all of their hard work.

2023-15/8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-15/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-15/9a **FLAMAN/FORD MOVE TO** approve the release of funds from the Sustainability and Capital Fund not to exceed \$10,000 to pay for a Dewey's washroom upgrade Schematic Design Report

See SC-2023.15.03

CARRIED 13/01/00

2023-15/10 GENERAL ORDERS

2023-15/11 CLOSED SESSIONS

2023-15/12 INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-15/12a Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2023.15.01-03

SPEAKER adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

