

**December 12th, 2023
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, Dênesųłíné (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 6:06 P.M.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2023-17)

2023-17/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

2023-17/1a Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012>

Voting on Council Scholarship

Councillors Thiessen and Abdelwahab are acclaimed as the Students' Council scholarship recipients for Fall 2023.

2023-17/2 **CONSENT AGENDA**

2023-17/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2023-15) Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

See SC-2023.17.09

APPROVED

2023-17/2b Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2023-16) Tuesday, December 5th, 2023

See SC-2023.17.10

APPROVED

2023-17/3 PRESENTATIONS

2023-17/3a **GRIFFITHS/BEASLEY MOVE TO** allow OASIS to present their 2023-24 FAMF proposal

See SC-2023.17.01

CARRIED 12/00/00

THIESSEN/BEASLEY MOVE TO extend the presentation by 10 minutes.
CARRIED 12/00/00

2023-17/3b **GRIFFITHS/FOTANG MOVE TO** allow the IHCC to present on their 2023-24 FAMF proposal.

See SC-2023.17.02

CARRIED 13/00/00

SAIF(Proxy)/BEASLEY MOVE TO extend the presentation by 10 minutes.
CARRIED 12/00/00

2023-17/3c **GRIFFITHS/FOTANG MOVE TO** allow The Landing to present their 2023/24 DFU renewal.

See SC-2023.17.03

CARRIED 12/00/00

2023-17/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOG REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

BEASLEY - VP External - Report
RAITZ - BoG Representative - Report

2023-17/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2023-17/6 OPEN FORUM

MAKSEN - Statement: Speculates that there's no statement with a clear stance from the University and the UASU since it comes with a heavy weightage for their reputations. But, the UASU cannot justify not taking a stance.

JIBRAN - Question: Questions why the event that occurred recently was sponsored

by the University and was attended by university officials: The Dean of the Students and the EDI Vice Provost.

FOTANG: Answers that there are no university officials in the meeting currently, but will be bring this question to the officials involved.

NISRIN - Question: Questions about what is being done by the UASU since the semester is close to ending and there are no outcomes from the UASU, while Canada has called for a ceasefire.

FOTANG: States that the team is making sure that the university has direct communication in all interfaces with all available supports. There are talks to put consistent efforts to waive tuition for Palestinian students, as was done for Ukrainian students.

MISHAAL - Statement: States that multiple hate comments were seen on the University's social media handles. The university took down the post involved, but there was no statement regarding the Islamophobia seen. There could have been a better way to handle the hate comments rather than just wiping out the existence of the post.

ALI - Statement: States that it is unfair that the Palestinian students face hate crimes while the UASU takes no stance. Points out that students do not see the UASU protecting all students and standing up to injustice on campus.

KATIA - Question: Asks why it was so easy to take a stance for Ukraine while it is been so difficult for the UASU to take a stance for Palestine against genocide.

FOTANG: Answers that they cannot speak on behalf of the previous team that decided to take a stance for Ukraine.

LUIS - Question: Questions what were the weaknesses observed in the Get Out the Vote Campaign that led to the tuition hike that followed.

FOTANG: States that there will be town halls conducted in the Winter term, starting from January 19th, 2024 (tentatively). Adds that there's concern regarding the international tuition hike and the team is ensuring enough financial aid is available for the students.

BEASLEY: Points out that the campaign was meant to get students to vote and to make sure their voices were heard.

YARA - Question: Questions what were the outreach methods done to have the provision of tailored support, and who was consulted for the decision.

FOTANG: Answers that the university has been promoting certain resources lately.

BEASLEY/THIESSEN MOVE TO extend the meeting until 9:30 P.M.
CARRIED 12/02/00

ALI - Question: Questions if the UASU will call the ongoing situation in Palestine a genocide.

FOTANG: States that there are human rights groups that have called it a genocide and ethnic cleansing. Believes that it is not under the skillset of the UASU to determine the same.

YARA - Question: Following up on their previous question regarding advisors being consulted, thinks that there were no Palestinian individuals on the decision-making committee, indicating that Palestinian students' voices aren't being heard. Questions when can the students expect an apology from the UASU regarding their statement and the hate crimes that have been going on across campus.

FOTANG: Apologizes for any negative impacts that followed along with the release of the statement from the UASU. The goal is to engage with the students from the Palestinian community and students from the Jewish community to get appropriate feedback.

BEASLEY/THIESSEN MOVE TO extend the open forum.
CARRIED 13/00/00

MATIN - Statement: Thinks that students should understand the limit of power the UASU holds when it comes to international affairs. If the UASU picks a side, it is evident they're picking a conflict against those on the other side of the issue.

SIMON - Question: Questions the concrete steps that the UASU has taken for student organizers and activists who are being defamed in publicly accessible articles.

FOTANG: Highlights the resources shared by the Dean of the Students' Office, in regards to the Student Code of Conduct or Behaviour. States that the team will also be raising these concerns with the University Provost Office.

SIMON - Statement: Adds that the university administration hasn't answered any calls and hence students are expecting the UASU to represent student activists.

MISHAAL - Question: Questions what the current executive team's hesitation is in standing against genocide and denying the catastrophe happening in Gaza.

FOTANG: Responds that the current team is trying to get as much information as possible to bring it forward to the Council. Adds that the previous statement was in response to the safety of students.

BEASLEY/THIESSEN MOVE TO extend the meeting until 10:00 P.M.
CARRIED 07/03/03

BEASLEY/THIESSEN MOVE TO forego Question Period and postpone all other motions except the approval of the ISU DFU question and the DIE Board Replenishment.
CARRIED 09/04/00

2023-17/7

QUESTION PERIOD

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2023-17/8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-17/8a **ALMEIDA/THIESSEN MOVE TO** approve the first principles of the UASU's Quality Academics policy.

See SC-2023.17.04

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2023-17/8b **LAM/MAJEKODUNMI MOVE TO** approve the First Principles of the UASU's Mental Health Policy.

See SC-2023.17.05

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2023-17/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-17/9a **AISENSTAT/ABDELWAHAB MOVE TO** approve the 2024 DFU question for the Indigenous Students' Union as amended.

CARRIED 11/0001

AISENSTAT/MOHAMED MOVE TO amend condition 8 to read: 8) Portions of this fee may go towards upkeep and renovations of the ISU lounge located in the North Power Plant building, therefore Students' Union members who have not opted out shall have guaranteed access during operating hours.

See SC-2023.17.06

CARRIED 12/00/00

2023-17/9b **LAM/PICHMOVE TO** nominate 1 member of council to the DIE Board Replenishment Committee

See SC-2023.17.07

Almeida nominates Thiessen (accepted)

Thiessen is acclaimed to the DIE Board Replenishment Committee.

ELAHI/THIESSEN/BEASLEY MOVE TO go in-camera

CARRIED 10/02/00

BEASLEY/THIESSEN MOVE TO extend until the conclusion of business.

CARRIED 10/01/01

- 2023-17/10 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2023-17/11 CLOSED SESSIONS
- 2023-17/12 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2023-17/12a Students' Council Submissions
 See SC-2023.17.01-07
- 2023-17/12b Students' Council Votes and Proceedings
 See SC-2023.17.09-10
- 2023-17/12c Students' Council Attendance
 See SC-2023.17.11
- 2023-17/12d Students' Council Motion Tracker
 See SC-2023.17.12
- 2023-17/12e Students' Council Submissions
 See SC-2023.17.13-19
- 2023-17/12f Executive Committee Report
 See SC-2023.17.20
- SPEAKER adjourned the meeting at 10:32 P.M.