

**February 13th, 2024
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers/Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciswâskahikan (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 calls the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2023-22)

2023-22/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

ZUKOWSKI: Reminds Students' Council if any member of Council is planning to take a leave of absence for the elections to let the **SPEAKER** or Governance Staff know so that they may plan accordingly.

Attended the UAS-U Got This gala that was run by the LEAD Center. Notes that it was a great experience interacting with women and gender minorities interested in Student Governance.

2023-22/1a Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012>

2023-22/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2023-22/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2023-21-20240206)

See SC-2023-22.08

APPROVED

2023-22/2b **LAM/THIESSEN MOVE TO** appoint Christian Fotang and Prabnoor Singh to the Presidential Review Committee as SALs

See SC-2023-22.01

APPROVED

2023-22/3 PRESENTATIONS

2023-22/3a **ALMEIDA/FOTANG MOVE TO** allow Karsten Mundel to present on the Syllabus Management Tool

See SC-2023-22.02

CARRIED 15/00/00

ALMEIDA/ELAHI MOVE TO pause the recording for the duration of the presentation.

CARRIED 11/00/04

2023-22/3b **FOTANG/ALMEIDA MOVE TO** present on exec goals/advocacy updates

See See SC-2023-22.11

CARRIED 15/00/00

THIESSEN/FLAMAN MOVE TO suspend the rules and extend the presentation by 30 minutes

CARRIED 12/00/03

2023-22/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOG REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Griffiths - Vice President Student Life - Report
Almeida - Vice President Academic - Report

2023-22/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2023-22/6 OPEN FORUM

2023-22/7 QUESTION PERIOD

Hayley Stubbington: Question for ALMEIDA. Noticed in the Syllabus Management Tool presentation that students would have to scroll around 80% in order to access

the syllabus. Asks if there is anything put in place in order to stop students from scrolling all the way to the bottom.

ALMEIDA: Answers that the details have not been fully fleshed out, however students rights are in the forefront and there is not much the Students' Council would be unable to accomplish if members wanted to push a certain direction. Open to suggestions and forwarding any suggestions over.

2023-22/8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-22/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-22/9a **AISENSTAT/FLAMAN MOVE TO** approve Regulation 110.19: Students' Council Initiative Fund with friendly amendments.

See SC-2023-22.03

CARRIED 13/01/01

AISENSTAT: Notes that most details are laid out in the Order Paper submission. Highlights that it was initially a request from CAC that then got referred to the Bylaw Committee. It was sent back to CAC for approval as well.

ALMEIDA: Asks for the rationale behind why the Initiative Fund was sent to CAC ahead of coming to Students' Council.

RAITZ: The rationale behind this was to address miniscule issues at CAC and have a larger discussion to build on discussions that already took place in Students' Council. Notes that there are broader mechanisms put in place and that CAC is open to the public if anyone has opinions or comments on any discussions.

FLAMAN: Notes that Students' Council oversight is still available if there is concern, but ultimately wanted to reduce the amount of business that is brought to Students' Council instead of increasing it, especially if it is menial.

ALMEIDA: Appreciates the streamlining of the process. However, would personally prefer future items, similar to this, to go directly to Students' Council, as money expenditures can be contentious and it would be agreeable for the highest body to oversee it. Suggests amending .6 to .4 as an editorial mistake.

AISENSTAT: Takes this as a friendly amendment.

2023-22/9b **FLAMAN/FOTANG MOVE TO** approve the 2024-2025 Operating and Capital Budget Principles upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee

See SC-2023-22.04

CARRIED 12/00/02

FLAMAN: Reviews the document that is presented in the Order Paper and notes that all changes have been marked in red. Outlines the principles that have been noted in the document.

ATWOOD: Seeks clarification on Item 10, specifically noting where it states the fees for SRA's will increase based on Regulation 410 but is unsure what Regulation 410 is.

FLAMAN: Responds that Regulation 410 was changed the previous year during bylaw article restructuring. Notes that the Finance Committee got ahead of what Bylaw 3000 was going to be changed into.

ATWOOD: Believes it is a better practice to have bylaws worded to match their current names versus names that they could become. States that this should be noted when DFU's are drafted.

FLAMAN: Agrees and is something they are aware of.

ALMEIDA: Does not believe that a document of this magnitude should be uploaded in the manner presented and also believes it should have been uploaded to the Order Papers, rather than the Late Additions, to ensure members have sufficient time to approve and review everything.

ZUKOWSKI: Notes that PDF documents have been the standard for submitted items, however there has not been any changes to the original linked Google Drive document, beyond those editorial in scope. Does not believe that this is wrong, but if Council does see it as wrong, a vote can be conducted.

ATWOOD: Asks for more clarification on point 32. Asks to expand on the point pressures on staff salaries and the decisions surrounding.

FOTANG: Notes that there is a grid system that determines staff salaries. However, there has been inflationary pressure on staff during the last two years.

2023-22/10

GENERAL ORDERS

2023-22/10a

GRIFFITHS/FOTANG MOVE TO approve the proposed changes to Regulation 150.04: Council of Residence Association Terms of Reference.

See SC-2023-22.05

GRIFFITHS: These are trivial regulations along with grammatical changes for the most part. There are two significant changes though. Notes that CORA's membership fluctuates and undergoes changes as residence associations are created or taken down, which is why they have proposed a quorum change. Seeks also to include a seat for the Augustana Residence Association into the Terms of Reference.

LAM: Voices support for the regulation changes, as they have been working with the ASA for a long time and are excited to see this supported.

2023-22/11

CARRIED 12/00/02

2023-22/12

CLOSED SESSIONS

2023-22/12a INFORMATION ITEMS

Students' Council Submissions

2023-22/12b See SC-2023-22.06

Executive Report

2023-22/12c See SC-2023-22.07

Students' Council Votes and Proceedings

2023-22/12d See SC-2023-22.08

Students' Council Attendance

2023-22/12e See SC-2023-22.09

Students' Council Motion Tracker

2023-22/12f See SC-2023-22.10

Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2023-22.11-12

SPEAKER adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.