



University of Alberta Students' Union

**COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

**December 5th, 2023**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Juniper Room (Sub 0-33)/[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, Dènesų́liné (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?

**ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Adrian Lam (Chair)		Y
Noor Abdelwahab		Y
Aamir Mohamed		Y
Christian Zukowski		Y
Michael Griffiths		Y
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Precious Majekodunmi		Y
Levi Flaman		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A

Aseel Atia		N/A
Racquel Araujo		N/A

**MINUTES (CAC-2023-15)**

<b>2023-15/1</b>	<b><u>INTRODUCTION</u></b>
<b>2023-15/1a</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>  LAM called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM
<b>2023-15/1b</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>  <b>PICH/FLAMAN MOVE TO</b> approve the agenda CARRIED
<b>2023-15/1c</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>  <b>THEISSEN/ABDELWAHAB MOVE TO</b> approve the minutes CARRIED
<b>2023-15/1d</b>	<b>Chair’s Business</b>  LAM: Notes the struggle to schedule the Augustana retreat. A date is tentatively set for March 23rd, 2024.

<b>2023-15/2</b>	<b><u>CLOSED SESSION</u></b>
<b>2023-15/3</b>	<b><u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u></b>
<b>2023-15/4</b>	<b><u>PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS</u></b>
<b>2023-15/5</b>	<b><u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u></b>  <b>Nomination of one member of CAC to participate in the DIE Board Replenishment Selection Committee</b>  GRAHAM: Looking for one member to be on the DIE Board Replenishment Selection Committee. Meetings will be short and will start shortly, with the purpose of filling in vacant positions on the DIE Board.  <b>THEISSEN/MOHMED MOVE TO</b> submit to council a call for nominations for one member of council to sit on the DIE Board Replenishment Selection Committee. CARRIED

	<p><b>Discuss a change in standing orders</b></p> <p>FLAMAN: Council’s standing orders regarding closed sessions can be misconstrued as they are currently written. Is proposing that the standing orders change to more accurately reflect the original intent of closed sessions.</p> <p>LAM: Asks for clarification that in-camera sessions only require two people to move it instead of a required two thirds of council?</p> <p>FLAMAN: Yes, as the motion is in a Closed Session, so only Robert’s rules apply. In-camera and Closed Sessions are two different things. With the new proposed rule, there would be an assumed closed session at the end of every Students’ Council meeting, but it doesn’t have to be used every meeting.. The problem this is meant to address is the issue of needing a motion to go into Closed Session; the proposed changed would allow an automatic movement into a Closed Session at the end of each Students’ Council agenda.</p> <p>LAM: Wants ZUKOWSKI’s opinion on the changes before anything concrete is decided.</p>
<p><b>2023-15/5a</b></p>	<p><b>Post Sharing Circle Debrief</b></p> <p>LAM: What did everyone think? What changes could be made, what suggestions can be implemented?</p> <p>THIESEN: It was a good experience. There were only a few people in attendance though.</p>
<p><b>2023-15/5b</b></p>	<p><b>Council Fund Application Process</b></p> <p>LAM: How does the committee feel, is there anything they oppose in regards to the new proposal?</p> <p>ZUKOWSKI: The purpose of the document is to provide a transparent and responsible way to use the funding that council has access to. The proposal lists responsibilities, noting that CAC will administer the more operational part of using the funds. Once a fund is approved, someone should be ensuring disbursements and providing financial oversight. Financial oversight is important, so perhaps the Audit committee should audit the receipts to ensure the money is put to what is proposed.</p> <p>The document also describes the council fund application process.</p> <p>THIESEN: Could consolidate power to the CAC chair, as there’s then accountability to the Audit committee. Seems onerous.</p> <p>FLAMAN: Agrees with THIESEN, as there are multiple steps and multiple</p>

	<p>accountability committees. Suggests that the proposal can be tweaked to make it more efficient while maintaining the same protective mechanisms.</p> <p>ZUKOWSKI: This is a brand new fund, so there wasn't a previous process. As such, all feedback and constructive criticism is welcome.</p>
<b>2023-15/5c</b>	<p><b>End-of-Trimester Celebration</b></p> <p>LAM: Responses from the Google Form have been received, and the consensus is that council would like to do something involving food on Saturday, December 9th. Are there any specifics and opinions about the food and venue that people would like to note?</p> <p>MAJEKODUNMI: Would like to do holiday themed activities that would promote team building and allow network construction.</p> <p>THIESSEN: Suggests going to Dewey's.</p> <p>FLAMAN: Suggests Balmoral Lounge on South Campus, as it would provide councillors an opportunity to visit South Campus.</p> <p>LAM: Will discuss venue option with GRAHAM and get back to the committee in regards to this.</p>
<b>2023-15/6</b>	<b><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></b>
<b>2023-15/6a</b>	<b><u><a href="#">Students' Council Fund Process Proposal</a></u></b>

**2023-15/7 ADJOURNMENT**

LAM adjourned the meeting at 5:56 PM

**Next Meeting: December 12th, 2023 at 5 pm**