



University of Alberta Students' Union
**FEE GOVERNANCE REVIEW
 COMMITTEE**

**6 October 2021
 6:00pm
 Google Meet**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT (Y/N)
Emily Kimani, Chair		Y
Samar Barazesh		Y
Simran Dhillon		Y
Georgia Korfeh		Y
Samantha Gardner		Y
Andrew Batycki		N
Nathan Brandwein		N
Marc Dumouchel		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Thomas Banks		N/A

MINUTES (FGRC 2021-03)

- 2021-03/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2021-03/1a **Call to Order****
 KIMANI: Called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.
- 2021-03/1b **Approval of Minutes****
- 2021-03/1c **Approval of Agenda****
- 2021-03/1d **Chair's Business****
- 2021-03/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2021-03/2a

KIMANI: Identified that the requirements for the new system of auditing are outlined in the attached materials. Inquired as to whether the questions used in referendums are publicly available for students to access.

DUMOUCHEL: Responded in the affirmative.

KIMANI: Proposed creating an MOU provision requiring the submission of questions for public posting.

DHILLON: Determined, next meeting, to update the Committee on the new process for auditing.

GARDNER: Inquired as to whether fee holders are required to attend GovCamp to learn the auditing process.

KIMANI: Responded in the negative. Proposed requiring annual attendance (from an SRA VP Finance or delegate) to GovCamp auditing modules as a part of the MOU in order to receive fee revenue.

BARAZESH: Cautioned that this requirement may be perceived as hypocritical because councillors are not required to attend GovCamp.

DHILLON: Recognised the importance of personal relationships as part of the auditing process given the high turnover of student volunteers.

DUMOUCHEL: Noted that the Student Group Coordinator can also support auditors.

KIMANI: Proposed requiring as part of the MOU a meeting between the SRA and the auditors within one or two months of the year.

DUMOUCHEL: Noted that there are variable election timetables for SRA executives.

DHILLON: Expressed concern that Audit Committee has never successfully completed a total audit cycle in her experience.

DUMOUCHEL: Considered that auditing could occur on an annual basis in order to reduce red tape.

DHILLON: Expressed concern that externally audited groups may pose a problem to this proposal given that they have special auditing schedules.

DUMOUCHEL: Suggested that disbursement could occur before audit completion so long as an SRA is in good standing based on the successful completion of audits in the past.

KIMANI: Cautioned that auditing requiring close collaboration between Finance and Audit could create delay.

DUMOUCHEL: Agreed. Proposed setting out a definition of 'good standing' as part of Audit Standing Orders and establishing the requirement to be of 'good standing' in order to receive funds within Bylaw.

DHILLON: Proposed defining the cost of potential interest as part of the MOU.

DUMOUCHEL: Responded that it could be defined as the average primary rate of top 5 largest banks or prime rate.

KIMANI: Inquired as to whether the Committee would consider matching councillors with all DFU and SRA executives as a measure of additional transparency.

DHILLON: Cautioned that SRA will see this measure as excessive.

GARDNER: Proposed having more informal links between councillors and SRA.

BARAZESH: Expressed concern that the time investment of this matching would be unreasonably costly compared to the potential benefit it would produce.

DUMOUCHEL: Agreed. Proposed having a system which requires SRA to reach out to councillors relating to fee matters. Considered that placement matching is still possible in exceptional cases.

DHILLON: Proposed using COFA and CORA to connect SRA with Council.

KIMANI: Determined to resume discussions at the issue of representation requirements for next meeting.

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COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-03/4a

[MOU Content List](#)

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ADJOURNMENT

KIMANI: Adjourned the meeting at 6:54pm.