



*University of Alberta Students' Union*

**SCFC  
COMMITTEE**

**September 10th, 2021**

**2:00 P.M.**

**SUB 6-06**

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
Andrew Batycki		Y
Vaughn Beaulieu-Mercredi		Y
Maddy Tupper		Y
Julia Villoso		Y
Akanksha Yeola		N
Mehrin Hoque		N
Justin Morlock		Y
Yousuf Iqbal		N
Ethan Franz (ESS)		Y
Mikhel Bruneau (ESASAL)		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A

**MINUTES**

**2021-3/1            INTRODUCTION**

**2021-03/1a        Call to Order**

KIMANI: Called meeting to order at 2:06 P.M.

**2021-03/1b        Approval of Minutes**

**2021-03/1c        Approval of Agenda**

**2021-03/1d** **Chair's Business**

**2021-03/2** **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2021-03/3** **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2021-03/3a** **SCF Green Fund Application**

VILLOSO: Would like to remove program specific information (i.e being currently enrolled in the Certificate of Sustainability), as there is no relevancy to the adjudication process.

KIMANI: Suggested that this may create a bias towards those in the Certificate of Sustainability.

ALL: Agree and decide to remove the relevant section. Everything should be focused on the project, rather than background.

VAUGHN: Expressed concerns with the word choice, suggesting that a consistent use of FNMI would be appropriate. Liked the use of nation instead of tribe though.

KIMANI: Feels that the questions regarding program relevancy are redundant and are repeated periodically throughout the document.

ALL: Agree

TUPPER: What is the physical end/lifespan of the project? How is the project either continued or disposed of sustainably?

MORLOCK: Agrees and suggests that this could be included in the project timelines.

KIMANI: Should this be included in the project timeline or be its own sub-section of the project timeline?

ALL: Agree that it should be a sub-section

KIMANI: Raises the point that a project's success is very subjective.

BATYCKI: Suggests that a project should not only take place on campus but should be defined as being beneficial to students.

MORLOCK: Should definitions for sustainability be included in the adjudication so a greater scope of projects can be included and so all applicant understand what is being searched for?

BATYCKI: SCFC's adjudication guide and the actual adjudication document should be included in the application package (i.e a rubric should be provided for transparency).

ALL: Links would be better to include rather than a page of definitions or a drop

down menu.

TUPPER: Suggests a standardized budget should be drafted for the adjudication.

**2021-03/3b**

### **SCF Adjudication**

KIMANI: Was there a baseline last year?

BATYCKI: There wasn't a baseline. It might be good to look at projects from last year and have historical data in which to compare this year's projects to.

KIMANI: Last year everything was scored separately and then combined (social and environmental). Should that be the same this year or should those two scores be separate this year. (easier to create a baseline)

VILLOSO: Agrees.

BATYCKI: Summary of scores each year and comparing the scores to projects this year may be the best way in which to get a base.

VILLOSO: Adjudication is looking very different this year than last year so it may be hard to compare.

MORLOCK: Sometimes, the committee was too lenient with approving projects which were presented last year.

FRANZ: What does the ideal project look like? Is it a blend of the two aspects of sustainability or is it one that is more heavily focused on one over the other?

TUPPER: If we try to identify a "perfect" project, we limit ourselves and discourage certain projects from being presented.

KIMANI: We need to have some kind of a baseline so that that committee is just giving money for the sake of giving money.

VILLOSO: If someone is rejected from funding for a project, but then goes on to apply to other avenues, it shows dedication and perseverance.

BATYCKI: The score is meant to distinguish projects because not every project will be able to receive funding. Personal biases may influence decisions but the score can help sway the decision in a more objective manner.

KIMANI: If the score is that important, the baseline idea is feasible. An overall baseline feels less fair rather than a baseline for each category.

TUPPER: Agrees

BATYCKI: A lot of projects boil down to feasibility.

VILLOSE: If every group asks for 10 000 dollars, how many groups can we approve?

KIMANI: We have 100 000 dollars at our disposal. So we can in theory approve 10 projects who ask for 10 000 dollars.

KIMANI: Maybe we adjudicate across 3 rounds then?

BATYCKI: Suggests that adjudication could be done over 2 rounds instead.

ALL: Agree

KIMANI: After we figure out the adjudication process, we need to go over the categories of the adjudication process. Erin will do a presentation which will break down the different kinds of sustainability

### **SUB Planning Committee**

KIMANI: SCFC needs a member to sit on the SUB Planning Committee. Frequent meetings will be required. Three SAL positions are still waiting to be filled also.

Ethan nominates themself.  
Mikhel nominates themself.  
Maddy nominates themself.

Maddy is elected to the SUB Planning Committee through secret ballot.

KIMANI: Meeting is adjourned at 3:07 PM

**2021-03/4**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2021-03/4a**

[2021-22 SCF Green Fund Application Draft](#)

**2021-03/4b**

[SCF Green Fund Adjudication Doc](#)

**2021-03/4c**

[SCF Adjudication Guide](#)