

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

February 6th, 2024 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, Dënesųlinė (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)		Υ
Ellen Tam		Υ
Nathan Thiessen		Υ
Mason Pich		Υ
Precious Majekodunmi		N
Aamir Mohamed		Υ
Levi Flaman		Υ
Chris Beasley		Υ
Michael Griffiths		Υ
Christian Zukowski		Υ

Courtney Graham	N/A
Racquel Araujo-Aikman	N/A

MINUTES (CAC-2023-18)

2023-18/1	INTRODUCTION
2023-18/1a	Call to Order
	LAM called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM
2023-18/1b	Approval of Agenda
	THIESSEN/PICH MOVE TO approve the agenda CARRIED
2023-18/1c	Approval of Minutes
	TABELED
2023-18/1d	Chair's Business
	LAM: Planning for the Augustana retreat has started.

2023-18/2	QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD
2023-18/3	PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS
2023-18/4	COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2023-18/4a	Students' Council Initiative Fund - See info item 6a
	LAM: This was redirected to Bylaw Committee. Bylaw has made changes, and is asking that CAC approves these changes. Would like a motion to approve the changes to regulation and have them to be approved at the next Council meeting.
	THIESSEN/MOHAMED MOVE TO approve the changes to the regulations made by Bylaw. CARRIED
2023-18/4b	FAMF & DFU Process and Requirements
	LAM: LAM, ZUKOWSKI, GRAHAM have been discussing this. Should the process and requirements change, along with several other factors?

	PICH: Sees value in presentations, but wonders if a decrease in presentation timing would be best. The metrics are the most important part, so long presentations may not be necessary.
	MOHAMED: Agrees that long presentations are unnecessary, but a report could be done in the place of presentations.
	GRAHAM: If reports should be available ahead of time, then the DFUs could submit their presentations or reports with the general order papers.
	FLAMAN: The changes to FAMF and DFU requirements could make them both more streamlined and aligned. The consensus is that changes do need to be made.
	LAM: Asks the committee on their thoughts and if this is wanted before the next Students' Council meeting.
	GRAHAM: ARI, the External Relations Specialist, has been in a previous meeting, and could be available for support regarding media or any questions that might arise.
2023-18/5	CLOSED SESSION
	THIESSEN/PICH MOVE TO go into closed session. CARRIED
	THIESSEN/PICH MOVE TO go into open session. CARRIED
2023-18/5a	Presidential Review Committee SAL Nominations
	PICH/THIESSEN MOVE TO appoint Christian Fotang and Prabhnoor Singh to the Presidential Review Committee.
	CARRIED
2023-18/6	Information Items

2023-18/7 ADJOURNMENT

LAM adjourned the meeting at 5:39 PM

Next Meeting: February 13th , 2024 at 5:00 pm