

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

Friday, October 4, 2019

**4:00pm
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	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Samir Esmail		N	
Talia Dixon		N	
Chris Beasley		Y	
Amlan Bose		Y	
Phoebe Marinakis		N	
David Draper		Y	
Abigail Isaac		N	
Luke Statt (chair)		Y	
Jared Larsen		Y	
Amber Sayed		N	

AGENDA (FC-2019-07)

- 2019-07/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2019-07/1a Call to Order**
- 2019-07/1b Approval of Agenda**
DRAPER/BOSE MOVED to approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2019-07/1c

Approval of Minutes

BOSE/LARSEN MOVED to approve the minutes of FC-2019-05-M.
CARRIED

2019-07/1d

Chair's Business

STATT: Noted that the Committee should expect to soon hear from dedicated fee unit recipients who will be seeking to receive their collected fees.

2019-07/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-07/2a

The current FACRA space agreement contract negotiations.

STATT: Noted that Standing Orders empower the Committee to participate in the space agreement contract negotiations for First Alberta Campus Radio Association which holds the broadcast licence for CJSR. Determined to meet with the FACRA leadership on Monday to finalize the agreement.

DRAPER: Inquired into whether there exists a conflict of interest given that he serves as a member of the FACRA Board.

STATT: Responded in the negative.

BOSE: Suggested that Draper can engage in these discussions but should note vote in relation to this issue.

DRAPER: Noted that the FACRA Board expressed concern at the vagueness of a new proposed clause regarding re-negotiating the space lease in the event of the Alberta Government legislation for the creation of voluntary student unions.

STATT: Clarified that he had sent the Board a preliminary clause which had some vagueness but that he corrected this in the updated contract which reads "In the event implementation of anti-student union main policies by the provincial government, the University of Alberta Students' Union reserves the right to initiate a renewal of the lease under revised terms and conditions one month after the announcement of such policy by the government". Confirmed that the rental costs FACRA pays are now curved and indexed to the cost of inflation. Determined to discuss with FACRA the potential of removing Section 3(b) which concerns terminating the lease subject to a change in the status of their fee.

BEASLEY: Inquired into whether the contract should take into account any legislative change in the federal government.

STATT: Responded in the negative as education is outside the federal jurisdiction.

LARSEN: Responded in the negative as the clause would apply whether change occurred provincially or federally given that there is not a material difference between these public authorities in this context.

DRAPER: Expressed concern at the use of the term “announcement” as it could take the Alberta Government years to complete their reform of the Post Secondary Learning Act. Proposed using the term “tabling” alternatively.

LARSEN: Considered that it would be prudent to use the term “announcement” as it would allow the Students’ Union to renegotiate the lease with FACRA in the interim between the announcement of a policy change and the implementation of the change. Suggested that, thereafter, the Students’ Union could set new terms for the lease on the same date that new provincial legislation takes effect.

DRAPER: Expressed concern at renegotiating a lease on the basis of a policy announcement given that the government cannot assume its legislation will become law and, therefore, cannot determine the date of its implementation prior to the conclusion of the bill to law process.

STATT: Noted that, had the timelines been aligned, the Committee could have been engaged in the process of renewing the Gateway lease agreement.

2019-07/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-07/7a

STATT/LARSEN MOVED to review and approve the release of the Aboriginal Student Council's dedicated fee for the 2019-20 year.

STATT: Confirmed that Councillor Sunday, pursuant to Bylaw 6100, provided the Committee with information it requires to approve the release of the Aboriginal Student Council's dedicated fee unit funds for the 2019-20 year. Outlined that this information includes a description of the fee, the amount of the fee, whether the fee increases and by how much, whether the fee is opt out, the next scheduled plebiscite date, and whether part time, off campus, and Augustana students are required to pay the fee. Noted that, in addition, Sunday provided a budget for the disbursement of funds. Noted that the Committee, next year, will evaluate the spending of the Aboriginal Student Council.

CARRIED

2019-07/7b

STATT/DRAPER MOVED to appoint two members of the Finance Committee to the Student Group Granting Adjudication Committee for the 2019-20 year.

DRAPER/BEASLEY MOVED to amend the motion to read “to appoint two members of the Finance Committee to the Student Group Granting Adjudication Committee for the 2019-20 year stat.”

CARRIED

STATT: Outlined that there are twelve grants which require review within three weeks. Noted that the Adjudication Committee meets to determine the winners in a multi-hour meeting after its members have evaluated the applicants.

DRAPER nominated BEASLEY: declined.
 LARSEN nominated DRAPER: declined.
 LARSEN nominated LARSEN: accepted.

STATT: Determined to nominate the remaining non-present members of the Committee via email.

LARSEN is declared appointed to Student Group Granting Adjudication Committee.

2019-07/7c **STATT/LARSEN MOVED** to ratify Student Group Committee’s awards adjudications for the 2019-2020 year as follows:
 Student Group Progress Award: Women in Science and Engineering
 Student Group of the Year Award: Muslim Students Association
 Most Promising New Group Award: Active Minds
 Best Event of the Year Award: TEDx UAlberta
 Community Outreach Award: Heart of the City Music Program

2019-07/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-07/4a Finance Committee Minutes, (FC-2019-05-M) - Monday, September 6, 2019.

See FC-2019-07.01.

2019-07/5 **ADJOURNMENT**
 STATT: Adjourned the meeting at 4:36pm.

2019-07/5a **Next Meeting:** Friday, September 20, 2019 @ 4:00PM in SUB 6-06.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
DRAPER/BOSE MOVED to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
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