

University of Alberta Students' Union

## STUDENT GROUP COMMITTEE

## Dec 1, 2023 1:00 P.M. SUB 6-06/<u>Zoom</u>

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, Dënesųłiné (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?

| NAME                        | PROXY | PRESENT |
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| Pedro Almeida               |       | Y       |
| Rebecca Barnes (SAL)        |       | Ν       |
| Selen Erkut (SGS)           |       | Y       |
| Michael Griffiths (Chair)   |       | Y       |
| Alison Kennedy (SAL)        |       | Y       |
| Annie Miao (SGS)            |       | Y       |
| Precious Majekodunmi        |       | Ν       |
| Colton Meronyk (SAL)        |       | Ν       |
| Muneeba Qadir               |       | Y       |
| Aaryan Shetty (SAL) (Guest) |       | Y       |
| Courtney Graham             |       | N/A     |

## ATTENDANCE

| Tanisha Sahu | N/A |
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| Aseel Atia   | N/A |

## MINUTES (SGC-2023-03-M)

| 2023-03/1  | INTRODUCTION   |
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| 2023-03/1a | <b>Call to Order</b><br>GRIFFITHS: Called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.   |
| 2023-03/1b | Approval of Agenda<br>TABLED   |
| 2023-03/1c | Approval of <u>Minutes</u><br>KENNEDY/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO approve the previous meeting minutes<br>CARRIED, Unanimously   |
| 2023-03/1d | Chair's Business<br>- Reminder: confidentiality, boundaries, reputation  |
| 2023-03/2  | QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD   |
| 2023-03/3  | COMMITTEE BUSINESS   |
| 2023-03/3a | Case Update and Potential Resolutions - Case #1  |
|            | GRIFFITHS: Informs that there's no additional information received from<br>both the parties and, hence, the Committee will need to make the decision<br>based on the summary reports from SGS. Opens the table for discussion<br>regarding the potential resolutions for case 1. |
|            | KENNEDY: Suggests adding a point that indicates about NDA transparency<br>and how members can submit concerns about any potential breaches of<br>NDAs.   |
|            | ALMEIDA: States that the final hiring decision should be made by the<br>appropriate parties involved who are relevant with the hiring or the position.<br>And the other members should be informed by the notes and summaries<br>from the time of the interview.                 |
|            | QADIR: Suggests that the ISA should ensure that the expectation and duties required for the position (if the applicant is successful) are communicated ahead of applications.  |

- <u>Case #3</u>

QADIR: Suggests addition of a point that states that the candidates'

|            | information is confirmed with the candidates ahead of posting on social media to ensure that the information is accurate. |
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| 2023–03/3b | Case Discussion<br>- #1<br>- #3<br>TABLED   |
| 2023-03/3c | <b>GRIFFITHS/QADIR MOVE TO</b> adopt resolutions 1 & 2 for case #1<br>CARRIED; Unanimously                                |
| 2023-03/3d | <b>GRIFFITHS/KENNEDY MOVE TO</b> adopt resolutions 1 for case #3 CARRIED; Unanimously                                     |
| 2023-03/4  | INFORMATION ITEMS   |
|            | <ul> <li>Bylaw 5100</li> <li>ISA Constitution</li> <li>Next Meeting: TBD</li> </ul>                                       |
| 2023-03/5  | ADJOURNMENT   |

GRIFFITHS: Adjourned the meeting at 1:54 PM.