



University of Alberta Students' Union

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

04 November 2021
3:00pm
Google Meet/In-Person

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)
Andrew Batycki, chair		Y
Akanksha Yeola		N
Talia Dixon		Y
Aadhavya Sivakumaran		Y
Megan Uglem		Y
Milan Regmi		Y
Rucha Patel		Y
Mustafa Jaswal		N
Shauna Stace		N
Courtney Graham		N/A

MINUTES (SUSC 2021-06)

- 2021-06/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2021-06/1a **Call to Order****
BATYCKI CALLED the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.
- 2021-06/1b **Approval of Minutes****
- PATEL/BATYCKI MOVE TO** approve the minutes.
CARRIED
- 2021-06/1c **Approval of Agenda****

SIVAKUMARAN/REGMI MOVE TO approve the minutes.
CARRIED

2021-06/1d Chair's Business

2021-06/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2021-06/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2021-06/3a Social Sustainability Recommendations

REGMI: Updated Social Sustainability - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion recommendations based on the edits discussed last meeting.

DIXON: Suggests that point four of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion recommendations should not be included as there is already a standing committee, ARRC, that ensures FNMI perspectives and recommendations are taken into account when making social sustainability related decisions.

BATYCKI: Discussed with the ARRC chair and, upon the ARRC chair's recommendations, believes that there should be a section that directly refers to ARRC within the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion recommendations.

DIXON: Recommends a yearly review of policing policies.

COMMITTEE: Agrees.

BATYCKI: For the Social Cohesion recommendations, if there is a community bookshelf, there should be a dedicated community bookshelf, not part of another fundraiser. Suggests the idea of community food fridge and pantries in SUB and other areas of Edmonton.

DIXON: If community food fridges and pantries are implemented, there is the concern that food donations will be taken away from the Campus Food Bank. As well, the focus of social sustainability programs developed through the Sustainability Committee should be on the student community rather than the Edmonton community. The Campus Food Bank should be consulted before anything is decided regarding community food fridges and pantries.

BATYCKI: Agrees.

BATYCKI: In current legislature, the VP OPF's role is only defined by finance and organization but the VP OPF also takes care of community spaces, which is not defined in any legislation. There should be an inclusion in current legislature to increase the definition of the VP OPF's role.

DIXON: Agrees, with the caveat that what a community space is on campus should be defined thoroughly.

SIVAKUMARAN: Suggests that, to hold inclusivity principles accountable, surveys could be conducted.

DIXON: Suggests “Measuring Inclusivity,” by using previous reports on Student Governance concerning the composition of previous Students’ Councils.

BATYCKI: Asks if there should be a consistent citation style for all recommendations/policies/consultations.

DIXON: Suggests including hyperlinks.

BATYCKI: States that the committee will utilize superscripts to cite while not following a specific style.

The committee will be taking Reading Week off and, when the committee next meets, economic sustainability recommendations will begin. This should take until the beginning of January.

2021-06/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-06/4a

[Social Sustainability Information](#)

2021-06/4b

[Sample Sustainability Recommendations](#)

2021-06/5

ADJOURNMENT

BATYCKI adjourned the meeting at 3:51 P.M.