

January 23, 2024
5:00 - 6:00 pm
SUB 0-33 Juniper Room/[Zoom](#)

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (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, Dênesų́łíné (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?

ORDER PAPER (SC-2023-19)

2023-19/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2023-19/1a Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012>

Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

2023-19/1b Overview – Code of Conduct Special Meeting:
This special meeting of Students' Council is called to adjudicate an appeal under the Student Governance Code of Conduct. To protect the confidentiality of those involved, Council's consideration of the appeal will occur in Closed Session. The motion deciding the appeal will occur in Open Session without debate.

A general outline of the Closed Session process is provided for the purposes of transparency and record-keeping. Further information on Council's role can be found in the information item attached to this Order Paper.

2023-19/2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2023-19/2a **NAME/NAME MOVE** to approve the Special Meeting agenda, as presented. ~2 minutes

- 2023-19/3 CLOSED SESSION
- 2023-19/3a **NAME/NAME/NAME MOVE** to enter into Closed Session to consider an appeal of the Speaker's decision under the Student Governance Code of Conduct.
- 2023-19/3a Presentation on the Student Governance Code of Conduct ~10 minutes
- 2023-19/3b Statements regarding the Student Governance Code of Conduct Appeal ~20 minutes
The Speaker and the Complainant each receive 4 minutes to state their positions on the appeal. Council may ask questions before excusing the parties.
- 2023-19/3c Discussion on the Appeal ~25 minutes
The Speaker and parties to the appeal are excused.
- 2023-19/4 OPEN SESSION
- 2023-19/4a **NAME/NAME MOVE** to vote on the appeal question: should the Speaker's decision that no further action is required in the Student Governance Code of Conduct complaint be upheld? ~5 minutes

Overview

The Student Governance Code of Conduct is a regulatory document for all actions and proceedings related to student representatives of the University of Alberta Students' Union. The Code of Conduct exists to create, enforce and protect equitable practices and spaces in UASU governance.

Recently, a complaint was submitted to the Speaker of Students' Council for review, citing that a member of Council breached the Code of Conduct. Upon receiving the complaint, the Speaker ruled that the complaint required no further action. The complainant has since appealed the Speaker's decision to Students' Council for review.

Students' Council's role in this process is to listen to relevant testimony and examine the Speaker's decision for the purpose of either upholding the Speaker's ruling that the complaint requires no further action or overruling the Speaker's ruling and requiring further action be taken on the complaint. Council shall evaluate if the Speaker correctly identified the needs, substantiveness and purpose of the complaint and whether further process needs to be taken, despite any barriers or misgivings that the Speaker has identified. When considering an appeal, Students' Council must also uphold the values and principles of the Governance Code of Conduct.

Specific information in regards to the complaint cannot be conveyed at this time to uphold the safety, security and privacy of all those involved. Further details about the complaint will be provided confidentially to Students' Council during the meeting that the complaint appeal is heard.

Any questions or concerns about this process can be directed to governance@su.ualberta.ca.