

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

April 16th, 2024 6:00pm Council Chambers/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, 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?

SPEAKER: Called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2023-26)

2023-26/1	SPEAKERS BUSINESS
2023-26/Ia	Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/95902116340
2023-26/Ib	Council Scholarship Voting; ALMEIDA abstains from Voting GARBUTT and PICH are the recipients of the Winter Scholarship.
2023-26/Ic	The Gateway Awards Presentation
2023-26/1d	Executive and BoG Farewell Speeches
2023-26/2	CONSENT AGENDA
2023-26/2a	Students' Council Votes and Proceedings will be made available on the Late Additions.
2023-26/2b	LAM/THIESSEN MOVE TO approve the amended Students' Council Standing Orders Section 2 to reflect Bylaw 110.

See SC-2023-26.01

APPROVED

2023-26/7 <u>QUESTION PERIOD</u>

2023-26/2c	LAM/ALMEIDA MOVE TO appoint Payten Semeniuk as the 2024-25 Chief Returning Officer.
	See SC-2023-26.02
	APPROVED
2023-26/3	<u>PRESENTATIONS</u>
2023-26/4	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOG REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
2023-26/5	BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT LAM - Council Administration Chair - Report Alsenstat - Bylaw Committee Chair - Report GRIFFITHS - Multiple Committee Chair - Report
2023-26/6	OPEN FORUM
	ABBASI: Thanks all the Executives and Councillors for their commitment towards student governance. Reminds everyone to provide constructive criticism.

2023-26/8 <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

2023-26/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-26/9a **RAITZ/AISENSTAT MOVE TO** bring forward the Second Principles of Bylaw 140 and 320 amendments to the Students' Council.

See SC-2023-26.03

CARRIED 10/03/01

BEASLEY/FOTANG MOVE TO special order the closed session to Board and Committee Business and discuss immediately in open session.

CARRIED 12/00/02

2023-26/11a **BEASLEY/FOTANG MOVE TO** discuss updates on Provincial advocacy CARRIED 14/00/00

MOHAMED: Questions how is CAUS functioning financially.

BEASLEY: Answers that CAUS is currently running on reserve funds and the surplus was large enough to be able to function for more than a year.

THIESSEN: Asks how long the issue has been persistent considering the organization is being paid so much.

BEASLEY: The Corporate Registry requires the fiscal year-end report to be filed. The first filing was missed in 2022 and then in 2023. Upon missing 2 filings, you might lose status but CAUS never received the letter and only found out while updating the Bylaws. The next year's board is going to evaluate all the suggestions we have for its revival.

ALMEIDA: Questions if the decision to pay or not will be based on the VPX who can then choose to bring or not to bring to Council for updates and discussion.

FLAMAN: In the current proposed budget, there's \$66,500 allocated for CAUS. If CAUS decides to charge their membership fees we have the money covered for it, if not we can amend the budget (from the Finance Committee & Council) and reallocate the amount to elsewhere. But in case the Council decides to remove the allocated \$66K and CAUS decides to charge us, then we would have to pull out money from other departments.

ALMEIDA: Thinks that the Council should have to assess their security to be able to pay the fee.

2023-26/9b **FLAMAN/FORD MOVE TO** approve the 2024-2025 University of Alberta Students' Union Operating and Capital Budget based on the recommendation of the

Finance Committee

See SC-2023-26.04 CARRIED 09/01/03

MOHAMED: Questions if department 502 include Council or if it's just the Governance support.

FLAMAN: States that 502 is staffing cost, wages, and salaries, and the re-enumeration was carried over from the previous years.

BEASLEY: States that the Council is well-informed. Suggests the next set of executives to keep the Council updated at every step.

ABBASI: Plans to bring regular updates about CAUS once their position begins.

2023-26/9c MAJEKODUNMI/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO approve the second principles of the Truth and Reconciliation Political Policy

See SC-2023-26.19

CARRIED 11/00/02

2023-26/9d **GRIFFITHS/ABDELWAHAB MOVE TO** recommend a 10% increase to the Health and Dental Plan Fees for the 2024/25 academic year.

See SC-2023-26.20

CARRIED 10/00/03

2023-26/9e **THIESSEN/ALMEIDA MOVE TO** appoint Hiba Khan as Chief Tribune of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.

See SC-2023-26.21

CARRIED 11/00/02

2023-26/9f **ALMEIDA/THIESSEN MOVE TO** approve the second principles of the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships Policy and to concurrently delete the Scholarships and Bursaries policy.

See SC-2023-26.22

CARRIED 10/00/02

2023-26/9g LAM/ALMEIDA MOVE TO approve the Votes and Proceedings from the April 2nd

Meeting of Students' Council

See SC-2023-26.23

CARRIED Unanimously

2023-26/9h FLAMAN/THIESSEN MOVE TO reintroduce the Annual Remembrance portion

of the first Council meeting of the year in May. (Joke motion)

See SC-2023-26.24

FAILED 04/05/03

ATWOOD/ALMEIDA MOVE TO direct CAC to pursue the idea of personalized

Council Segways. (Joke Motion)

CARRIED 08/02/00

RAITZ/FOTANG MOVE TO move on with their lives and install Speaker

ZUKOWSKI as the Council Speaker for life.

CARRIED 11/01/01

FOTANG/MOHAMED MOVE TO congratulate the class of 2024 and convocating

councilors who immediately have to stand up.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY!

2023-26/10 GENERAL ORDERS

2023-26/11 CLOSED SESSIONS

2023-26/12 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

2023-26/12a Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2023-26.01-04

2023-26/12b Board of Governors Report

See SC-2023-26.05

2023-26/12c Winter 2023/24 Council Scholarship Nominations

See SC-2023-26.06

2023-26/12d Students' Council Attendance

See SC-2023-26.07

2023-26/12e Students' Council Motion Tracker

See SC-2023-26.08

2023-26/12f Executive Reports

See SC-2023-26.14-17

2023-26/12g Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2023-26.18-33

SPEAKER: Adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.