



University of Alberta Students' Union

ABORIGINAL RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

5:00pm

SUB 0-77

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.

AGENDA (ARRC-2019-02)

2019-02/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2019-02/1a **Call to Order**

2019-02/1b **Approval of Agenda**

2019-02/1c **Approval of Minutes**

2019-02/1d **Chair's Business**

2019-02/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2019-02/2a **Treaty Acknowledgement Workshop**

See ARRC-2019-02.02.

2019-02/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2019-02/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-02/4a **ARRC Minutes (ARRC-2019-01-M) - Tuesday, May 28, 2019.**

See ARRC-2019-02.01.

2019-02/4b **Treaty Acknowledgement Workshop - Presentation.**

See ARRC-2019-02.02.

2019-02/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2019-02/5a **Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 5:00PM in SUB 0-48.**



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Tuesday, May 28, 2019

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SUB 0-48

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ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Nathan Sunday (chair)		Y	
Juan Vargas Alba		Y	
Kathrine Belcourt		N	
Jocelyn Proulx		Y	
Tahra Haddouche		Y	
Yiming Chen		Y	
Luke Statt		Y	
Joel Agarwal		Y	

MINUTES (ARRC-2019-01)

2019-01/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-01/1a Call to Order

SUNDAY: Called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2019-01/1b Approval of Agenda

STATT/HADDOUCHE MOVED to approve the agenda with the addition of item 2019-01/2e.

6/0/0 - CARRIED

2019-01/1c Approval of Minutes

HADDOUCHE/PROULX MOVED to approve the minutes of ARRC-2019-00-M

5/0/0 - CARRIED

Statt abstains.

2019-01/1d Chair's Business

2019-01/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

SUNDAY: Established that the Students' Union identified indigenization as a goal last year. Inquired into whether the Executive should continue to have an indigenization goal. Noted that the Committee requested the goal be added last year. Inquired into how the Committee would like to proceed if indigenization is not included within the Goals.

AGARWAL: Confirmed that the current draft version of the Goals do include provisions related to Indigenization.

SUNDAY: Noted that the conversation in the last year was whether the indigenization goal should be a focus point or sub-point.

VARGAS ALBA: Considered that including this item in the Goals would help drive the Recommendations.

HADDOUCHE: Suggested that including indigenization in the Goals would not change the direction of the Executive as they would effect this goal through ARRC in any case.

AGARWAL: Noted that the Executive intends to incorporate the indigenization item throughout the Goals rather than as a specific provision.

PROULX: Suggested sending a letter reminding the Executive of the importance of decolonizing Campus.

2019-01/2a Committee Introduction

SUNDAY: Inquired into what projects members would like to pursue over the course of the session.

PROULX: Proposed hanging more Metis and Treaty 6 flags on Campus.

HADDOUCHE: Inquired into what plans exist for representing Council at TAWOW.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that was disorganized TAWOW last year as it was rushed and there was no clear responsibility for its planning. Suggested that there should be pamphlets, pens, and other visual identity materials available.

HADDOUCHE: Inquired into whether a sufficient number of councillors attended in the last term.

SUNDAY: Responded in the affirmative.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed hosting an event to launch the ARRC Recommendations during the start of the Fall term.

SUNDAY: Noted that there were plans to launch the Recommendations in the summer, perhaps on National Aboriginal Peoples Day, but that nothing was confirmed. Noted that the Committee requires funding to host the launch ceremony.

STATT: Requested that Sunday send him a proposal including the costs and descriptions of the launch in order that he can discuss the issue at Executive Committee.

SUNDAY: Proposed doing a sweep of Students Union Policy to flag opportunities for further indigenization.

HADDOUCHE: Suggested that the members require training to understand how to advance indigenization in policy. Considered that more information beyond the current blanket exercise would be helpful.

PROULX: Supported Haddouche.

SUNDAY: Noted that he is drafting a presentation for Council which details the number of Aboriginal students in their faculties and the means by which Council can engage with them.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into whether there is an official definition of indigenization.

SUNDAY: Responded in the negative. Noted that the Committee could work on developing this definition.

2019-01/2b ARRC Tracker

See ARRC-2019-01.02.

SUNDAY: Established that Discover Governance has presented the Committee with a draft of the website Recommendation completion tracker.

STATT: Noted that the Tracker could be improved and integrated in the website, which is being transformed within the next year. Considered that there could be a similar tracker for Executive goals.

VARGAS ALBA: Supported the proposed design.

PROULX: Proposed increasing the contrast for the green colouration.

STATT: Proposed sectioning the items to show whether they relate to policy or operational recommendations.

SUNDAY: Determined to request a temporary banner go on the main page in order to notify website visitors of the launch of the Recommendations.

2019-01/2c CAUS 2019/2020 Priorities

SUNDAY: Established that CAUS identified sexual violence, financial aid, work integrated learning, mental health, and institutional funding as priority work areas. Expressed concern that, although CAUS indicated it would pursue indigenization as a priority, this did not occur. Noted that ARRC sent a letter to CAUS outlining its concerns about their planned indigenization initiative last term.

STATT: Inquired into whether CAUS intended to hire a dedicated researcher for indigenization.

HADDOUCHE: Responded in the negative. Proposed writing another letter to reaffirm that indigenization should be a CAUS priority.

STATT: Determined to discuss this issue with Executive Committee.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed adding Executives as signatories to any letter the Committee sends to CAUS.

2019-01/2d Standing Orders

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into how often the Committee amends the land accomplishments.

SUNDAY: Responded that there is currently a proposed change that the Committee will consider.

CHEN: Inquired into whether the Committee can review and appoint its own student-at-larges without proceeding through Nominating Committee.

SUNDAY: Responded in the affirmative. Suggested that the Committee delegate its authority to Nominating Committee for this term. Determined to review Standing Order changes in greater detail in the next meeting.

2019-01/2e Reconciliation Policy

VARGAS ALBA: Established that the Policy was approved by the Committee of last session. Inquired into whether there are proposed amendments.

SUNDAY: Clarified that the Policy was created and approved between both ARRC and

Policy.

STATT: Noted that there may be an opperitnyi for a member of ARRC or Aboriginal Student Council to attend a CASA conference as a representative.

2019-01/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2019-01/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-01/4a ARRC Minutes (ARRC-2019-00-M) - Sunday, May 5, 2019.

See ARRC-2019-01.01.

2019-01/4b ARRC Tracker

See ARRC-2019-01.02.

2019-01/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

SUNDAY: Adjourned the meeting at 5:48pm.

2019-01/5a **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:00PM in SUB 0-48.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
STATT/HADDOUCHE MOVED to approve the agenda with the addition of item 2019-01/2e.	6/0/0 - CARRIED
HADDOUCHE/PROULX MOVED to approve the minutes of ARRC-2019-00-M	5/0/0 - CARRIED Statt abstains.

Treaty Acknowledgement Session

June 2019
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Agenda for session

Introductions

Example and individual reflections

Lecturette on treaty acknowledgement and all my relations

Think Pair Share

Closing example and group reflection



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Introductions

Name, department/position

Pronouns

What do you think of when I say
“relations”?



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Reflection

Was the example good, bad, or a bit of both? (in your opinion)



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Origins & Definition

Recent phenomenon among
predominantly privileged spaces

Expression of gratitude and respect



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All my relations

Verb and a description

Verb - responsibility

Description - those entities other than yourself in the relationship



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In the context of Treaty Acknowledgement

Personalize

Speak from your heart, mean your words



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Think, Pair, Share

Was there any information that really stuck out to you?

How do you think your department can implement this concept into your Treaty Acknowledgement?

What are some of the questions that have come up for you?



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Closing Reflections

How did your opinion on the example change?



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THANK YOU!