



*University of Alberta Students' Union*

# **ABORIGINAL RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, September 19, 2019**

**5:00pm**

**Aboriginal Student Council Lounge in 220 North Power Plant**

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## **AGENDA (ARRC-2019-08)**

**2019-08/1    INTRODUCTION**

**2019-08/1a    Call to Order**

**2019-08/1b    Approval of Agenda**

**2019-08/1c    Approval of Minutes**

**2019-08/1d    Chair's Business**

**2019-08/2    QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-08/2a    Recommendation Launch**

**2019-08/2b    Indigenizing Political Policy**

**2019-08/3    COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-08/4    INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-08/4a    ARRC Minutes (ARRC-2019-07-M) - Tuesday, August 20, 2019.**

See ARRC-2019-08.01.

**2019-08/5    ADJOURNMENT**

**2019-08/5a    **Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 @ 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.**



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**Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

**5:00pm**

**SUB 0-48**

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### **ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
<b>Permanent Members</b>			
Nathan Sunday (chair)		Y	
Juan Vargas Alba		Y	
Kathrine Belcourt		Y	
Tahra Haddouche		Y	
Luke Statt		Y	
Adam Brown	Jared Larsen	Y	
<b>Guests</b>			
Kelsi-Leigh Balaban		?	

### **MINUTES (ARRC-2019-07)**

**2019-07/1**    **INTRODUCTION**

**2019-07/1a**    **Call to Order**  
SUNDAY: Called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**2019-07/1b**    **Approval of Agenda**  
**BELCOURT/HADDOUCHE MOVED** to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

**2019-07/1c Approval of Minutes**

**STATT/BELCOURT MOVED** to approve the minutes of ARRC-2019-07-M.

CARRIED

**2019-07/1d Chair's Business**

SUNDAY: Noted that he is conversing with two prospective members of the Committee. Confirmed that the ARRC Recommendations are now available on a consolidated page on the Students' Union website.

**2019-07/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-07/2a Recommendation Launch**

STATT: Noted that the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Coordinator cannot lead the planning of the Recommendation Launch due to the size of their current workload. Determined to assume responsibility for arranging the event's food and location. Emphasized that the Executive cannot take on additional responsibilities and lead the event. Considered that a member of the Committee step forward to plan, promote, and prepare for the event.

SUNDAY: Inquired into the total number of current Students' Union staff.

LARSEN: Responded that there are approximately 245 staff.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that, despite this large number of staff, Statt and Larsen suggest that that the Students' Union does not have the capacity to task an individual with planning the Recommendation Launch.

STATT: Clarified that the Executive cannot task any member of staff with planning the Launch as the task does not exist within their job descriptions.

LARSEN: Clarified the Services Department has neither sufficient labour hours nor the budget to pay for the overtime hours required to organize the Launch. Proposed that each member of the Committee organize the event together.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into how many hours Sunday estimates organizing the launch will require from an individual.

SUNDAY: Responded that Bhatnagar has a document detailing the specifics of the Launch resulting from discussions of last session's Committee. Outlined his vision for the event as including a recognition of the Recommendations, prayer, celebration, and hard-copies of the Recommendations being presented to members of the Students' Union.

BELCOURT: Expressed concern that non-councillor Committee members would find

organizing the event a challenge as they are further removed from the Students' Union operations.

STATT: Proposed hosting the Launch in the Cascade Room of the Students' Union Building. Considered hosting the Launch in the third week of September.

BELCOURT: Proposed launching the Recommendations on September 16th or 17th.

LARSEN: Expressed concern that these dates do not offer sufficient time for preparation and planning.

STATT: Confirmed that the SU can provide audio-visual equipment and other materials in addition to food at the Cascade Room.

LARSEN: Suggested that the Launch could serve as an opportunity to provide campus groups with an Aboriginal knowledge and a sense of understanding.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that the onus for promoting reconciliation, as in this case, always falls upon Aboriginal students to go the extra mile.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into whether the date for the Students' Union bye-election has yet been determined. Considered that the Launch could tie into the election.

SUNDAY: Responded that the election occurs each year in the first week of October.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into the size of the budget for the Launch.

STATT: Responded that the budget size is below \$1000 and requires sourcing funds from other departments as there is no specific budget line for the Launch.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed that, if required, the Executive use their special project funds to support the event.

LARSEN: Emphasised that the Committee needs to determine how many dollars are required for the Launch and for what purposes.

SUNDAY: Inquired into the Executive secured a dedicated budget for ARRC after it provided its budget estimates.

STATT: Responded that the budget is under development and will be ready shortly.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed establishing a sub-committee for planning the Launch. Determined to act as project coordinator and seek to engage other groups and members of the Committee.

SUNDAY: Offered his support to Vargas Alba.

BELCOURT: Commended Vargas Alba for his leadership.

STATT: Proposed hosting the Launch during the week of September 20th. Proposed a preliminary budget of \$500. Noted that this budget proposal may be sufficient as the SU can get cheaper rates for the cost of food and space. Noted that the budget can increase if required.

SUNDAY: Determined to meet next week Friday at 5:00pm in the Aboriginal Student Council Lounge to plan the event.

BALABAN: Expressed concern that the preliminary budget may be insufficient for the event. Requested that Statt provide more detailed costings before the meeting occurring on Friday.

LARSEN: Concurred with Balaban. Proposed pricing the event before setting out a budget.

BELCOURT: Expressed concern that this year's Executive seems less interested in hosting the Launch compared to that of the last session.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether the SU has a kitchen that could be used for the event in the basement of SUB.

STATT: Responded that, while there is a kitchen, it is not for public use.

SUNDAY: Noted that he intends to use the kitchen to make bannock.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired into what planning occurred in regards to promoting the Students' Union at TAWOW.

SUNDAY: Responded that the Students' Union will have a table at TAWOW.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed providing promotional material related to the Launch and the Recommendations at the TAWOW booth.

**2019-07/3**     **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-07/4**     **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-07/4a**    ARRC Minutes (ARRC-2019-06-M) - Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

See ARRC-2019-07.01.

**2019-07/5**     **ADJOURNMENT**

SUNDAY: Adjourned the meeting at 5:53pm

**2019-07/5a**    **Next Meeting: N/A.**