



University of Alberta Students' Union

**ABORIGINAL  
RELATIONS AND  
RECONCILIATION  
(ARRC) COMMITTEE**

**February 13th, 2023**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Location: SUB 0-31 (Marigold Room) OR 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, Dënesųłíné (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?

**ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Chantel Akinneah		Y
Rebeca Avila		N
Daniela Carbajal Velez		Y
Susana Dokiburra (SAL)		N
Ayanna Fata (SAL)		N
Joannie Fogue		Y
Gloria K annumkulabil (SAL)		Y
Malijha Moyan		N
Julia Villosa		Y

Courtney Graham		N/A
Collette Cullen		N

### **MINUTES (ARRC-2022-07-M)**

**2022-07/1                    INTRODUCTION**

**2022-07/1a                Call to Order**

AKINNEAH: Called the meeting to order at 5:18 P.M.

**2022-07/1b                Approval of Agenda**

TABLED

**2022-07/1c                Approval of Minutes**

TABLED

**2022-07/1d                Chair's Business**

AKINNEAH: Reached out to Fort Edmonton Park to schedule a KAIROS Blanket Exercise. The venue was quoted at 1800 dollars and an additional 600 dollars was quoted for catering. Wonders if this budget would be feasible alongside current ARRC projects.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Suggests that CAC could be contacted to help support the budget for the KAIROS blanket exercise.

GRAHAM: States that there is potential for this, but that it would be best to reach out to the CAC Chair, WATTAMANIUK, to confirm.

**2022-07/2                    QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2022-07/3                    COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2022-07/3a                ARRC General Member Update (i.e., Recommendation Updates)**

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Has consulted with SU Service Staff to help develop their report. Michelle Kim, a Senior SU Manager, would like the report to be presented to the EDI Service Committee. MOYAN would also like to be involved in the consultation process. Has received very good feedback so far on the report.

AKINNEAH: Wonders when CARBAJAL VELEZ would be able to present to ARRC in regards to this.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Hopes to present at the next ARRC meeting.

FOGUE: Is currently in the process of translating a sharing circle at CSJ. In regards to the Residence recommendation, has not had a response from the Residence contact and will continue to try and reach out.

VILLOSO: The SUB Renaming Committee is meeting bi-weekly. Will rename the SUB rooms in tandem with putting more indigenous art in SUB. Would like to do a grand ceremony to reveal the artwork and new room names. The committee is currently looking at indigenous artists to commission the new art in SUB.

AKINNEAH: Is currently working with KANNUMKULABIL to determine the logistics of the ARRC Executive Committee and ARRC Students' Council Reports. Questions the Executives for advice on determining the logistics of the Executive Committee report.

FOGUE: Suggests setting up a meeting time to discuss the Executive Committee report.

AKINNEAH: Would like to set up a meeting with GRAHAM to discuss more about writing reports for the SU. Invites KANNUMKULABIL to join in on this meeting.

**2022-07/4**

**Information Items**

**2022-07/4a**

**[ARRC Recommendations 2022-2023](#)**

**2022-07/4b**

**[Daniela Carbajal Velez's ARRC Report](#)**

**2022-07/4c**

**[ARRC Standing Orders](#)**

**2022-07/5**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2022-07/5a**

AKINNEAH adjourned the meeting at 5:32 P.M.

Next Meeting: February 27, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.