



**AUDIT
COMMITTEE**

Date: September 14th, 2023

Time: 6pm - 8pm

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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 Niitsitapi (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?

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Damon Atwood		Y
Megan Garbutt		Y
Adrian Lam		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Nathan Thiessen (Chair)		Y
Janine Chew		N/A
Tanisha Sahu		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A

MINUTES (AC-2023-08-M)

- 2023-08/1** **INTRODUCTION**
- 2023-08/1a** **Call to Order**
THIESSSEN: Called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM
- 2023-08/1b** **Approval of Agenda**
GARBUTT/PICH MOVE TO approve the meeting agenda.
CARRIED
- 2023-08/1c** **Approval of Minutes**
GABUTT/ATWOOD MOVE TO approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
CARRIED
- 2023-08/1d** **Chair's Business**
THIESSSEN: Informs that ISS and MSA have submitted their documents via the submission form on Bearsden.

Adds that the ISS audit has been completed, and the committee will have to wait to approve it since further documents are needed to be checked.

Updates that the committee is still waiting for further information documents from KSSRS and ISA.

GRAHAM: Informs that KSSRS changes their leadership soon so it would be beneficial to get their financial audit done earlier.
- 2023-08/2** **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**
- 2023-08/3** **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2023-08/3a** **Discussion of Audit Duties**
ATWOOD: Questions what would the committee's action plan be, if the organization fails to respond back.

THIESSSEN: States that, moving forward, the Committee gives them a timeline of a month and then takes actions if needed.
- 2023-08/3b** **Allocation of Audit Duties**
THIESSSEN: Informs that ESS has the largest audit to be done, since they have a comparatively larger operating budget and FAMF fee. Plans to assign 1 committee member, and have other members support them later if required.

PICH: Volunteers to look at the ESS audit.

THIESSSEN: Takes up MSA Audits for their Spring Summer terms.
- 2023-08/3c** **Bearsden Discussion**

TABLED

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ADJOURNMENT

THIESSEN: Adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.