



University of Alberta Students' Union

**COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

**October 10th, 2023**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Bill Smith Room (Sub 6-06)/[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, Dênesųłíné (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
Adrian Lam (Chair)		Y
Noor Abdelwahab		Y
Nathan Thiessen		Y
Mason Pich		Y
Pedro Almeida		Y
Precious Majekodunmi		Y
Aamir Mohamed		Y
Levi Flaman		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Racquel Araujo		N/A

**MINUTES (CAC-2023-11)**

2023-11/1	<b><u>INTRODUCTION</u></b>
2023-11/1a	<b>Call to Order</b> LAM called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM
2023-11/1b 2023-11/1c	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>  <b>THIESSEN/MOHAMED MOVE TO</b> approve the agenda CARRIED  <b>Approval of Minutes</b>  TABLED
2023-11/1d	<b>Chair’s Business</b>  <b>LAM:</b> Next CAC meeting will include a closed session to discuss SAL applications.

2023-11/2	<b><u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u></b>
2023-11/3	<b><u>PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS</u></b>
2023-11/4	<b><u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u></b>
2023-11/4a	<b>SAL for Physical Activity and Wellness [Centre] Strategic Operating Committee (PAWSOC)</b>  LAM: Referred to CAC at the last meeting of Students’ Council. The goal for today is to open the job posting with the same stipulations as the last time it was opened. Applications will be reviewed on a biweekly basis.  Motion to discuss and then approve the job posting, with the stipulation that the posting will be closed once the position is filled, there is one position, and applications will be reviewed on a biweekly basis.  <b>FLAMAN/THIESSEN MOVE TO</b> open an application for an SAL position on the Physical Activity and Wellness Centre Strategic Operating Committee (PAWSOC). CARRIED
2023-11/4b	<b>Sharing Circle Discussion</b>

	<p>LAM: Based on the ARRC recommendations given last year, they want council to host a sharing circle each semester for all members of Council. Has consulted with Dani, the FNMI specialist, and she has agreed to be the facilitator during Council's Sharing Circles.</p> <p>GRAHAM: The goal of the Sharing Circle is to have a discussion, and that discussion will touch on Indigenous culture, reconciliation and decolonization of council spaces. It would be about an hour long and would be less formal than the KAIROS Blanket Exercise.</p> <p>Motion to direct staff to give ceremonial tobacco to the facilitator of the sharing circle discussion.</p> <p><b>MOHAMED/THIESSEN MOVE TO</b> direct staff to provide ceremonial tobacco to the facilitator of the Sharing Circle Discussion. CARRIED</p>
<p><b>2023-11/5</b></p>	<p><b><u>CLOSED SESSION</u></b></p>
<p><b>2023-11/6</b></p>	<p><b><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></b></p>
<p><b>2023-11/7</b></p>	<p><b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b></p> <p>LAM adjourned the meeting at 5:14 PM</p> <p><b>Next Meeting: October 24th, 2023 at 5 pm</b></p>