



University of Alberta Students' Union

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

**August 5th, 2022
9:00 am MST
Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciswaskahikan (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, Dênesųłinê (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
Julia Villosio, chair		Y
Joannie Fogue		N
Daniela Carbajal		N
Haruun Ali		Y
Lionel Liu		N
Milan Regmi		Y
David Lee		Y
Simran Dhillon		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Marc Dumouchel		N/A

MINUTES (FC-2022-05-M)

2022-05/1

INTRODUCTION

2022-05/1a

Call to Order

VILLOSO: Called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

2022-05/1b

Approval of Agenda

ALI/REGMI MOVE TO approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2022-05/1c

Approval of Minutes

TABLED

2022-05/1d

Chair's Business

VILLOSO: FACRA DFU Report from last year and this year have been submitted and will be reviewed at next meeting.

2022-05/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

REGMI: For last year's DFU reports, the ISU was one of the reports that the Finance Committee overviewed. The ISA is an SRA, so why did we review a DFU from them?

VILLOSO: ISU is both an SRA and a DFU, so it is audited by both Audit Committee and the Finance Committee. This situation could be discussed further in future Finance Meetings.

2022-05/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-05/3a

SUB Renovation Funding

DUMOUCHEL: Would like to do two SUB renovation projects over next summer. Would like to build a North entrance to help provide accessibility to the building during renovations. This will affect the Alumni lounge. Would also like to change the main arterials in the building to make them more visible, allowing greater accessibility for those who have limited visual mobility. Both of these changes would take place next summer.

Further, the cafeteria area needs to be overhauled and the reusable dish program needs to be completely overhauled to make it robust. The seating and flooring area need to be renovated in this area as well. However, it may be tight to make these renovations in the span of one summer and would most likely be a full year project, which could lead to the temporary moving of certain businesses in the food court area.

If these renovations should take place, that process needs to take place right

now. Construction documents need to be approved and this process needs to be brought to Students' Council by December/January.

REGMI: Understands that money will be allocated from the Sustainability and Capital Fund Project and questions how this was determined and if there was a cheaper option available.

DUMOUCHEL: In the document, there is an estimate for next summer's renovation. As well, there is an estimate for the full food court redesign project.

ALI: Questions if the SUB Funding Request will be put on the Order Papers for the next Students' Council meeting.

DUMOUCHEL: It's entirely up to Council, however because SCFC has not yet met, there will be some startup administration so does not expect SCFC to meet regarding the funding approval from SCFC in the next week. However, it is a priority to get this project started as soon as possible so construction does not occur during the first week of September.

VILLOSO: States that it will most likely take SCFC a month to be fully operational and able to review the funding request from SCFC to the SUB Funding Approval request.

REGMI: Questions if the plan, in regards to SCFC funding, would involve taking a chunk of SCFC this year and the following year or taking out the SCFC grant for a year and then bringing it back the next.

DUMOUCHEL: The food court renovation is done in many stages, over years, so funding will be spread out over the process. However, the development of the North Entrance is more compact as it is expected to only take one summer for completion. Work on the North Entrance has been part of other projects, so some funding has already been covered for it. Doesn't expect any unexpected financial increases/construction for the North Entrance, but do expect potential financial increases/construction for the food court, which explains the higher budget.

ALI: Questions what Dumouchel's purpose is. Wonders if the SUB Renovation Funding is being presented at Students' Council for approval or is seeking approval at the Finance Committee.

DUMOUCHEL: It is being presented to the Finance Committee to allow Council and its committee to fully consider the proposal and to provide as many opportunities for consultation with students as possible.

ALI: Would like an updated invoice for ARRC/SCFC.

DUMOUCHEL: Will provide.

ALI: Questions if this proposal will be presented on the Late Adds to Student's Council.

DUMOUCHEL: Will not include the proposal on the Late Adds.

ALI: Questions if the proposal will be included on the next Students' Council Order Papers.

DUMOUCHEL: That is ultimately up to the purview of the Finance Committee and contingent on approval from Finance Committee.

LEE/REGMI MOVE TO Recommend that Council approves \$51,375 to be allocated from the Sustainability and Capital Fund for:

The initial design of a potential north entrance, including associated lounges, and of the main circulation corridors on the main floor; and Schematic design work for a renovation to the Food Court area.

CARRIED, ALI abstains

2022-05/3b

Discussion on Types and Categories of Fees

VILLOSO: What fees does the Finance Committee have? Provides the committee with a document outlining fee reviews for the full year of the Finance Committee.

Would like the committee to discuss better ways to organise fees. Currently, there are only Type A and Type B fees, with Type A fees being controlled only by the SU and Type B fees having an external party involved.

Proposes four potential ways to reorganise fees:

1. External Based
2. Collection Based
3. Category Based
4. Purpose Based

REGMI: Believes the best way forward is going with the category based solution. Organises the fees in a more straightforward way.

DUMOUCHEL: Agrees, generally, with organising fees based on categories. However, further suggests that categories are divided into 4 smaller sections, specifically in regards to potentially keeping DFU, SRA, Capital Fees and SU Membership fees separate.

ALI: No preferences for how fees are organised.

LEE: Reiterates choosing the category method.

DHILLON: Also agrees with organising fees based on categories as it seems the most explicit to students. Also agrees with DUMOUCHEL's suggestion of having four different sections of category fees.

LEE: Questions what the difference is between purpose and category based fee organisation is.

DUMOUCHEL: Purpose based fees would require a heavy reorganisation of how fees are currently collected within the SU.

VILLOSO: For every committee meeting, will take notes, set up principles and bring them to the committee for review. These principles will help guide bylaw changes for finances in the coming year. As a heads up, August is a very busy month for the Executives, so will try to give as much notice to the committee as possible, but things may come up.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-05/4a

[SUB Renovation Funding Request](#)

2022-05/4b

[Prep Document #1: Types and Categories of Fees](#)

2022-05/4c

[Finance Committee Year Plan](#)

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ADJOURNMENT

VILLOSO: Adjourns the meeting at 9:51 A.M.