



University of Alberta Students' Union

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

**August 19th, 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, Dènesųłiné (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		Y
Daniela Carbajal		N
Haruun Ali		Y
Lionel Liu		N
Milan Regmi		Y
David Lee		Y
Simran Dhillon		N
Marc Dumouchel		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A
Jetro Dano		N/A

MINUTES (FC-2022-06)

2022-06/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-06/1a Call to Order

VILLOSO called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM

2022-06-1b Approval of Agenda

ALI/LEE MOVE TO approve the agenda

CARRIED Unanimously

2022-06/1c Approval of Minutes

ALI/LEE MOVE TO approve the minutes

CARRIED Unanimously

2022-06/1d Chair's Business

2022-06/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-06/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-06/3a DFU Reports

VILLOSO: States that one of the responsibilities of the Finance Committee, per Standing Orders, is to conduct a financial review of each operational Dedicated Fee Unit (DFU) as outlined by Bylaw 6200.

To complete this assessment, the Finance Committee needs an annual report of each DFUs' finances (given to the Finance Committee within 6 months of the completion of each DFU's Fiscal year, which is typically from March to May). This report includes budget audit financial statements from the previous fiscal year as well as evidenced compliance with the SU, mandate adherence and the availability of board meeting minutes published online.

Committee members will be assigned to specific DFUs.

Within the September-November time frame, reports will be gathered from each DFU, which will then be subject to approval by the Finance Committee. Funds for the DFUs will be released when approved.

The committee already received the reports for The Landing, Refugee Student Funds (WUSC) & CJSR-FM. The reports that are awaiting submission are the ISU, SLS, APIRG & The Campus Foodbank.

Assigns The Campus Foodbank to FOGUE, APIRG to ALI, Student Legal Services to LEE and the ISU to REGMI.

REGMI: Asks if working on the ISU DFU Report while also working on the ISU audit, as part of the Audit Committee, would be a conflict of interest.

VILLOSO: Confirms that this is not a conflict of interest.

Reiterates the email guideline provided to the committee.

Mentions that she looked at each DFUs' websites to see if their board minutes and financial statements are published and found that some of them don't have any, which needs to be rectified.

2022-06/3b

Approval of 2020 CJSR-FM DFU Report

VILLOSO: The committee is reaching out to DFUs from 2021 Financial Year for their reports in order to get these backlogged reports approved. The previous Finance Committee did not approve the 2020 or 2021 report for CJSR-FM because the reports were never received, so both annual reports will be approved today.

REGMI: Raises concerns in regards to the CJSR-FM's license to carry a campus radio or developmental program which expired on August 31st 2021. Does not see a renewed licence form, which basically means that CJSR-FM is operating without a license.

ALI: Answers that the licence extending their operations is found on the letter dated August 30th 2021, which stated that their license was extended until August 31st, 2023. This letter is located in the Finance Committee's 2021 folder labelled, Broadcasting Decision.

ALI/ LEE MOVE TO approve the 2020 CJSR-FM DFU Report

CARRIED Unanimously

2022-06/3c

Approval of 2021 CJSR-FM DFU Report

ALI/REGMI MOVE TO approve the 2021 CJSR-FM DFU Report

CARRIED Unanimously

2022-06/3d

Discussion on Creation and Renewal of DFU

VILLOSO: Emphasizes that the committee should try to create a DFU as

practice for the upcoming year.

Shows the committee a template she created- the committee then worked on creating a DFU and a timeline for proposals as well as renewals of DFUS and SRAs.

Leads the committee through a discussion on creating a DFU template.

Asks Graham if today's meeting is the last meeting for Summer.

GRAHAM: Answers in the affirmative. A new schedule for the meetings has been picked for the Fall Semester. In the Fall Semester, the Finance Committee will be meeting on Fridays between 1-2 PM.

DUMOUCHEL: Notes about being cautious about regulating the timeframes for fees and being clear about how this applies to different classes of fees.

States that when executives have big projects, they may not have all the information they need by the set deadline (November 15th) to move ahead because the plan and the cost analysis take so long

VILLOSO: Will look into this when drafting deadlines.

DUMOUCHEL: Adds that to tackle more about the timelines and deadlines, the committee will need a couple of longer sessions to go more into detail

VILLOSO: Will suggest to the committee about doing weekly meetings instead of the regular bi-weekly sessions.

LEE: Suggests switching the summer meeting time to have more participation from the committee.

VILLOSO: States that today's meeting is the last one for the summer.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-06/4a

[2021/2022 DFU Reports](#)

2022-06/4b

[2021/2022 DFU Report Spreadsheet](#)

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[2020 CJSR-FM DFU Report](#)

2022-06/4d

[2021 CJSR-FM DFU Report](#)

2022-06/4e

[Prep Document #2 - Creation of a Fee](#)

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ADJOURNMENT

VILLOSO adjourned the meeting at 10: 03 AM