



University of Alberta Students' Union

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

**February 3rd, 2023
11:00 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, Dènesųłíné (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
Simran Dhillon		Y
Joannie Fogue		Y
David Lee		N
Levi Flaman		Y
Fateh Arslan		Y
Milan Regmi		Y
Abner Monteiro		Y
Pien Steinbusch		Y
Jon Olfert		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A

MINUTES (FC-2022-19-M)

2022-19/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-19/1a Call to Order

VILLOSO called the meeting to order at 11:03 A.M.

2022-19/1b Approval of Agenda

FOGUE/ARSLAN MOVE TO approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2022-19/1c Approval of Minutes [#14](#), [#17](#) + [#18](#)

ARSLAN/REGMI MOVE TO approve the minutes from the previous meetings.
CARRIED

2022-19/1d Chair's Business

- Meeting Time

VILLOSO: After committee feedback, the meeting time for Finance Committee has been changed to weekly meetings on Fridays at 5:00 P.M.

- Budget Principles

VILLOSO: Has submitted the Budget Principles for discussion at the next Students' Council Meeting.

2022-19/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

FLAMAN: Requests access to the document noting changes to Financial Assessments.

VILLOSO: Will give that access as soon as possible.

2022-19/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-19/3a Annual Report: Jonathan Olfert, Director of Research and Advocacy in Research and Advocacy

OLFERT: Is the current Director of Research and Advocacy and the Manager of both the Research and Advocacy and Governance Departments. Both departments are not revenue generating departments. Research and Advocacy supports the Executive team directly, works with the Marketing Department, advocates to the university and the government, promotes GOTV and also manages some Perks surveys. The Governance Department provides scheduling and administrative support for Council and Council committees, works with the CRO, Speaker, DIE Board and Committee Chairs, ensures compliance to Bylaw and Policy and provides training and support

to Students' Union Councillors.

FLAMAN: Raises concern about record keeping. Understands that record keeping this year has been a struggle due to the sheer amount of work required for Governance Restructuring.

Raises concern that committee meetings are only 1 hr in length and not allowed to go over time. Wonders if meeting times could be scheduled next year for longer times.

OLFERT: States that it is not an issue of whether meeting times are longer or shorter. What has been a growing issue has been meetings that have run severely over scheduled meeting times and the amount of emergency or special meetings which were scheduled.

Notes that the backlog of record keeping has been addressed and measures have been put in place to prevent this from happening in the future.

FLAMAN: Questions if planning longer meetings, which end up running shorter, would be a better solution than having a scheduled meeting run longer than the scheduled time.

OLFERT: Suggests that scheduling longer meetings would work better for student administrative clerks in order to better work around student/other work schedules.

ARSLAN: Questions if data from Perks Surveys are published or made publicly available.

OLFERT: Raw data is never released and the privacy of said data is heavily guarded. Infographics or reports around this data are released though.

2022-19/3b

ISU DFU Report

REGMI: Raises concern that the topic should be discussed in-camera. Believes that the information is sensitive due to the discussion revolving around a registered society (DFU).

VILLOSO: Notes that the committee has never gone in-camera for any previous discussion for a registered society (DFU).

REGMI MOVES TO go in-camera.

FAILED

REGMI: Was assigned to the ISU to collect their DFU Report. The ISU responded and sent bank statements and receipts. However, because ISU is a registered society, they had to submit a professional audit to the Finance Committee, not just receipts and bank statements. The VP Finance of the ISU resigned during this time. Reached out to the new VP Finance but has currently not received a response.

VILLOSO: Has reached out to the ISU but could not have a meeting with the ISU VP Finance, either past or present. The ISU VP Finance said that they only wanted to talk to REGMI. REGMI then asked VILLOSO to help draft an email. After sending the email, REGMI has not received a response. The ISU has also not brought up anything in regards to the weekly ISU meetings.

REGMI/FLAMAN MOVE TO go in-camera.

CARRIED

FOGUE/MONTEIRO MOVE TO go ex-camera.

CARRIED

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-19/4a

[Finance Committee Year Plan](#)

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ADJOURNMENT

VILLOSO: Adjourned the meeting at 12:49 P.M.