



University of Alberta Students' Union

FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 19, 2023

3:00 P.M.

SUB 6-06/[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, 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
Levi Flaman - VP Operations & Finance (Chair)		Y
Laurel Ford - Science Councillor		Y
Michael Griffiths - VP Student Life		Y
Mason Pich - Arts Councillor		Y
Aiman Saif - Engineering Councillor		Y
Colton Meronyk		N
Melissa Cyriac		N
Marc Dumouchel (Non-Voting)		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A
Asseel Atia		N/A

Jetro Dano		N/A
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MINUTES (FC-2023-06-M)

2023-06/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2023-06/1a **Call to Order**

FLAMAN called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM

2023-06/1b **Approval of Agenda**

2023-06/1b **PICH/FORD MOVE TO** approve the agenda
CARRIED

2023-06/1c **Approval of Minutes**

PICH/FORD MOVE TO approve the minutes
CARRIED

2023-06/1d **Chair's Business**

- Personal Updates

2023-06/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2023-06/2a

- Dewey's Washroom
 - Original Motion
 - **FLAMAN/FORD MOVE TO** approve the release of funds from the Sustainability and Capital Fund not to exceed \$10,000 to pay for a Dewey's washroom upgrade Schematic Design Report.
 - Referral Motion
 - **ATWOOD/QADIR MOVE TO** send the motion back to the Finance Committee to acquire 2 additional quotes and funding options.
 - [First Quote from ARC Studio](#)
 - Second Quote
 - Turns out we *don't* have a second one after all.

DUMOUCHEL: Mentions that there are 2 projects that the SU is looking at: the washroom renovation at Dewey's and the potential leasing of a coffee space at University Commons.

Adds that only ARC Studio (vendor) has responded to both projects, two other vendors have responded to one of the projects and that, to

the project that all the vendors have responded to, ARC Studio was the cheapest.

FLAMAN: Clarifies that there is no motion yet on the table and that the committee will open discussions on these matters.

PICH: Recommends referring the motion back to Council since there is now only one option left.

DUMOUCHEL: Clarifies that the SU can continue looking for other firms for options, but thinks that ARC Studio has the lowest bid available.

Adds that an additional budget might be needed to get the rest of the architectural services and construction documents services as well as appointing an electrical and mechanical consultant/engineer. Says that he will ask ARC Studio (between now and November 1st) to get the full-length price for the project.

FLAMAN: States that once the “all-in” design report from ARC Studio comes back, the committee can do an e-vote in time before the order papers are due on November 2nd.

GRAHAM: Mentions that there is a problem with the timeline due to the Council not having a meeting on November 7th. Instead, a special meeting at Campus Saint John will be held on November 4th and the next regular Council meeting will be on November 21st.

FLAMAN: Mentions that in line with the new timeline, the firm will have 2 weeks to respond.

2023-06/3

OLD BUSINESS5

2023-06/4

NEW BUSINESS

2023-06/4a

- **FLAMAN/SAIF MOVE TO** ratify the 2022/2023 University of Alberta Students' Union Award winners and Coca-Cola Award winners

CARRIED (PICH & SAIF Abstained)

FLAMAN gives an overview of the 2022/2023 University of Alberta Students' Union Award winners and Coca-Cola Award winners and its ratification.

2023-06/4b

- **FLAMAN/FORD MOVE TO** appoint Owen Poon and Caroline Hoang as Student At-Large members on the Reserve Funds and Investments Policy Task Force

CARRIED

FLAMAN/SAIF MOVE TO go in-camera.

CARRIED

FLAMAN/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO go ex-camera.

CARRIED

2023-06/5

WRAP-UP

2023-06/5a

Action Items / To-Do List

- Request an “all-in” design report from ARC Studio to include electrical/mechanical engineering input on top of the schematic design

2023-06/5b

Next Scheduled Meeting

- November 2, 2023, 3 PM

2023-06/6

ADJOURNMENT

FLAMAN: Adjourned the meeting at 3:49 PM