

Jan 10, 2024 4:30 PM

Online: [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, Dènesųliné (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	Attendance	Proxy or Written Submission
Voting Members		
Levi Flaman - VP Operations & Finance (Chair)	Y	
Melissa Cyriac - Student-at-Large	N	
Laurel Ford - Science Councillor	Y	
Michael Griffiths - VP Student Life	Y	
Colton Meronyk - Student-at-Large	Y	
Mason Pich - Arts Councillor	N	
VACANT		
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Courtney Graham	Assistant Manager, Governance Support	
Aseel Atia	Governance Support Specialist	

Minutes (Finance-2023-09)

2023-09/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-09/1a Call to Order

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

FLAMAN called the meeting to order at 4:36 P.M.

2023-09/1b Approval of Agenda

FORD ▸ / GRIFFITHS ▸ **MOVE TO** approve the FC 2023-09 agenda
CARRIED

2023-09/1c Approval of Minutes

FORD ▸ / MERONYK ▸ **MOVE TO** approve the [FC-2023-08](#) minutes
CARRIED

2023-09/1d Chair's Business

- Personal Updates
- [DFU Report Review & Approval](#)

2023-09/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

- 2023-09/2a**
- None

2023-09/3 OLD BUSINESS

2023-09/4 NEW BUSINESS

- 2023-09/4a**
- **MERONYK / FORD - MOVE TO** ratify the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund disbursement decision as approved by the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund Committee on January 25, 2023.

- [GBPLFC Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2023](#)
- [List of approved disbursements](#)

FLAMAN: The Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund is a DFU that is intended for different athletic clubs around campus. The previous committee approved the dispersal of the fund, subsequently requiring forwarded approval to the Finance Committee at the time. However, this did not occur. Has reviewed the dispersal and has not found anything contentious or controversial.

FORD: Asks if the money has already been dispersed and if the Committee is just ratifying the dispersal.

FLAMAN: Yes. Notes that this is not common practice, however the University has already paid it out as the clubs required the money.

FORD: Agrees with the motion as funding has already been dispersed and FLAMAN does not believe anything to be contentious or controversial.

- 2023-09/4b**
- **FORD / GRIFFITHS - MOVE TO** appoint Laurel Ford and Colton Meryonyk two members of Finance Committee to the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund Committee.

- [Membership List from Finance Committee Standing Orders](#)

FLAMAN: The Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund Committee is the ongoing team from the previous item. The time commitment for the committee is low and more information on the role can be found in Standing Orders. Notes that GRIFFITHS and the Finance Chair cannot be appointed as they are already on the committee.

- 2023-09/4c**
- **FORD / GRIFFITHS - MOVE TO** approve the release of Dedicated Fee Unit (DFU) funds from the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund to be disbursed to Student Legal Services of Edmonton.

- [SLS 2023 Report](#)
- [SLS Audited Financial Statements and Board Meeting Minutes](#)

FLAMAN: Has not heard back from Student Legal Services. Asks if the COMMITTEE should wait to approve the disbursement of funds or move forward with a tentative approval in the meantime.

FORD: Is not opposed to a tentative approval if this is an oversight by Student Legal Services and tentative approval has been done before for another group.

GRAHAM: Has received this information by Student Legal Services and has been unsuccessful in getting PICH on their emailing list. Will be sent over to FLAMAN.

FLAMAN: Does not see the need for tentative approval as the information has now been relayed to COMMITTEE members to go over.

Asks DUMOUCHEL about the SLS budget being nearly 10 times higher this year.

DUMOUCHEL: Is unsure if the budget has increased due to payroll expenses.

2023-09/4d FLAMAN: Notes that this is an SU expense regardless if it is higher. Is comfortable with approving the release of funds to SLS and will inquire further unless the COMMITTEE thinks otherwise.

- **GRIFFITHS / FORD - MOVE TO** approve the release of Dedicated Fee Unit (DFU) funds from the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund to be disbursed to Alberta Public Interest Research Group.
 - [APIRG 2022-23 Annual Report](#)
 - [Audited Financial Statements](#)
 - [Board Meeting Minutes](#)

FLAMAN: The budget was included in their annual report with evidence including the compliance of SU contract and evidence of fulfilling their mandate. Has not found anything in their report that leads them to believe they have not fulfilled the mandate.

GRIFFITHS: Agrees with FLAMAN.

2023-09/5 **WRAP-UP**

2023-09/5a **Action Items / To-Do List**

- TBD
- Will send over previous examples of Budget First Principles as that is coming up. Waiting for reports from certain groups

2023-09/5b **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- Jan 24, 2024 4:30 PM

2023-09/6 **Adjournment**

- FLAMAN adjourned the meeting at 5:18pm