



University of Alberta Students' Union
POLICY COMMITTEE

May 26, 2022
6:00 P.M.
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
Haruun Ali		Y
Rebeca Avila		Y
Simran Dhillon		Y
Joannie Fogue		Y
Christian Fotang		Y
Gurleen Kaur		Y
Lionel Liu		Y
Ibukun Ojo		Y
Vedant Vyas		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Munira Bushra		N/A

MINUTES (PC-2022-00)

2022-00/1

INTRODUCTION

2022-00/1a

Call to Order

GRAHAM called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

2022-00/1b

Approval of Agenda

2022-00/1c

Approval of Minutes

2022-00/1d

Chair's Business

2022-00/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-00/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-00/3a

Chair Selection

FOGUE nominated OJO-declined

VYAS nominated DHILLON-declined

FOTANG nominated AVILA-declined

DHILLON nominated VYAS- declined

DHILLON nominated FOTANG-accepted

FOTANG is declared as the chair by acclamation.

DHILLON: Asks that if the new policy that was started last year with the student addiction policy could be included in the policies to be worked on in summer.

VYAS: Inquires about how committees work.

FOTANG: Explains there's a first principle which includes intention of committee and facts regarding it and most policies have a point person and a small committee group would work together and bring it to the meeting. Afterwards it is brought to council for approval. Then there's a second principle to be worked on.

VYAS: Asks if any policy involves university then is there a discussion with university. Further adds that if you're not enrolled in summer courses you can't use upass so, would there be any way to discuss with university regarding this.

FOTANG: Explains a policy could be created to direct executives to bring it to light.

ALI: Clarifies that vending machines could be used on the lrt to buy arc cards.

FOTANG: Asks about expectations everyone has of each other and of commitments and collaboration. Does everyone prefer visuals like presentations or auditory or combination of both?

FOGUE: Says just wants to ensure student inputs are the priorities of what is being done and ideas and consultations should help students.

VYAS: Suggests if the meetings become long then slides could be helpful otherwise prefers discussions.

OJO: Says she appreciates slideshows

KAUR: Agrees with FOGUE and says everyone should feel comfortable to ask questions. Adds the person who's presenting can decide if it's a presentation or discussion depending on his/her comfort.

Dhillon: Thinks most important thing is reading through the policy

LIU: Suggests we should find out what policies we're updating on and should do proper consultations regarding that with other student groups.

Fotang: Some of the policies are a lot of reading. Expects everyone to read the policies and agendas before the meeting to come prepared.

2022-00/3b

Approval of Standing Orders

TABLED

2022-00/4

ADJOURNMENT

2022-00/4a

FOTANG adjourns the meeting at 6:34 pm

Next Meeting: TBD