



University of Alberta Students' Union
**STUDENT GROUP
 COMMITTEE (SGC)**

**September 12th, 2022
 5:00 P.M.
 Zoom/SUB 6-06**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (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
Jayden Brooks, Chair		Y
Mackenzie Burnstick		Y
Selen Erkut (Non-Voting Member)		N/A
Joannie Fogue		Y
Gurleen Kaur		Y
Michelle Kim (Non-Voting Member)		N/A
Polina Reisbig		Y
Mikael Schmidtke		Y
Bin Ge Yang		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Tanisha Sahu		N/A

MINUTES (SGC-2022-00-M)

2022-00/1

INTRODUCTION

2022-00/1a

Call to Order

GRAHAM: CALLED the meeting to order at 5:05 PM

2022-00/1b

Approval of Agenda

FOGUE/REISBIG MOVE TO approve the agenda

CARRIED

2022-00/1c

Approval of Minutes

TABLED

2022-00/1d

Chair's Business

2022-00/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

SCHMIDTKE: Questions if the next meeting time will be changed or something could be done about the attendance. The Engineering Students' Society (ESS) will have its Annual General Meeting for the Fall semester on the 26th of September 2022 at 5 pm, which conflicts with the next meeting of the SGC Committee.

BROOKS: States that if there's no other choice we might have to look for a proxy. Or the Committee could meet on another date if all the members are fine with it.

GRAHAM: The committee could meet at 5 pm, on the non-meeting Monday. Or fill a lettuce meet to decide the timings.

BROOKS: Agrees on changing the timing of the next meeting as per the availability of all members.

YANG: Asks if SGS and SGC are the same.

ERKUT: The SGC falls under a sub-committee under the council, but the SGS is not a part of the council. It is an external body. These two work together but are different.

2022-00/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-00/3a

Chair Selection

Nomination:

REISBIG - BROOKS - ACCEPTED

FOGUE - KAUR - DECLINED

BROOKS is announced as the chair, via acclamation.

2022-00/3b

Overview of Student Group Committee Work

ERKUT: States that last year, there was an investigation where the report was forwarded to the committee to make a decision. Other things will include discussing what it means to be a student group, creating a tier for all the groups on campus, and working to facilitate them.

KIM: States that most of the agenda will be related to the discussions brought up by the SGS to the committee to take a decision.

2022-00/3c

Approval of Standing Orders

FOGUE/REISBIG MOVE TO approve the standing orders.
CARRIED

2022-00/4

ADJOURNMENT

2022-00/4a

Next Meeting: September 26th, 2022 at 5:00 P.M in SUB 6-06.

BROOKS: ADJOURNED the meeting at 5:23 PM