



University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENT GROUP COMMITTEE

October 20, 2023

1:00 P.M.

SUB 0-31/[Zoom](#)

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
Pedro Almeida		N
Rebecca Barnes (SAL)		N
Selen Erkut (SGS)		Y
Michael Griffiths (Chair)		Y
Alison Kennedy (SAL)		Y
Michelle Kim (SGS)		N
Precious Majekodunmi		N
Colton Meronyk (SAL)		N
Muneeba Qadir		N
Aaryan Shetty (SAL)		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A

Tanisha Sahu		N/A
Aseel Atia		N/A

MINUTES (SGC-2023-01-M)

2023-01/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-01/1a Call to Order
 GRIFFITHS: Called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM (unofficially)

2023-01/1b Approval of Agenda
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2023-01/1c Approval of Minutes
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2023-01/1d Chair’s Business

2023-01/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-01/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-01/3a Presentation from SGS

ERKUT: Presents on behalf of SGS, explaining about student groups and their recognition levels, roles of SGS and Dean of Students’ Office, prohibited behavior for groups and investigation process.

Adds that there will be investigation reports that will be coming forward to the Committee, and requests members to inform the chair if they have any conflict of interest with the International Students’ Association (ISA).

SHETTY: Questions if SGS maintains a guideline for having a timeline to resolve a complaint

ERKUT: States that [Bylaw 5100](#) has some guidelines regarding timelines, but that SGS aims to resolve cases in a month or two, but it depends from case to case.

2023-01/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-01/5 ADJOURNMENT

GRIFFITHS: Adjourned the meeting at 1:50 PM