We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students’ Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students’ Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

**ATTENDANCE**

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**MINUTES (SUSC 2019-04)**

2019-04/1 **INTRODUCTION**

2019-04/1a **Call to Order**

DIXON: Called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

2019-04/1b **Approval of Agenda**

2019-04/1c **Approval of Minutes**

2019-04/1d **Chair’s Business**

2019-04/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2019-04/2a Committee Standing Order(s) - Improvement and Grammatical/Syntax Editing
DIXON: Proposed that a member of the Committee edit the Standing Orders.

STATT: Determined to edit the Standing Orders and review the amendments at the next meeting.

**2019-04/2b**  
**Broad Plan for Annual Objectives**

DIXON: Outlined that the Committee will advance sustainability by reviewing and recommending changes to Students' Union policy and practice.

STATT: Invited any member of the Committee to offer him informal recommendations. Outlined that he is currently phasing out the use of plastics in the Students' Union Conferencing and Events Department as well as the SUB Food Court.

BALABAN: Inquired into what powers the Committee has to effect internal change.

DIXON: Responded that the Committee will identify unsustainable practices and issue recommendations to be approved by Council and effected by the General Manager and Executive. Noted, as an example, that the Committee can issue recommendations concerning reducing the amount of waste generated in the Week of Welcome.

STATT: Outlined that the Committee will also help administer the Sustainability and Capital Fund. Recognised that formally approving and publicly releasing sustainability recommendations compels the Students’ Union to act and ensures executive accountability. Considered that the Committee will evolve its mandate moving forward. Determined to have SustainSU and the Research Department create a document outlining the status of all current Students' Union sustainability initiatives. Noted that the Research Department has already created a document outlining the sustainability initiatives that other leading students' associations are now pursuing. Suggested that the Students' Union should endeavour to become national leaders in sustainability.

KONRAD: Inquired as to the relationship between the Committee and the University Sustainability Council.

DIXON: Responded that the Council will provide the Committee supportive feedback and research.

KONRAD: Inquired into whether the Committee can rely upon the research the Council provides it.

DIXON: Responded in the affirmative.

STATT: Suggested that the Committee should regularly communicate its activities
and plans to SustainSU and the Sustainability Office.

2019-04/2c  Integration of Indigenous Knowledge

DIXON: Emphasised the importance of integrating Indigenous knowledge in the Committee’s recommendations. Noted that, so far, only settlers have been involved in the creation of the Committee’s Standing Orders.

STATT: Proposed that the Committee adopt the framing and language Indigenous persons use to relate themselves to the land.

DIXON: Determined to discuss, at the next meeting, the values in which the Committee intends to ground its recommendations.

2019-04/2d  Definition of Sustainability

DIXON: Proposed reforming the current Students’ Union definition of sustainability which reads ‘sustainability is the process of living within the limits of available physical, natural and social resources in ways that allow the living systems in which humans are embedded to thrive in perpetuity.’ Suggested that the definition should be more practical and racial.

BALABAN: Inquired as to whether the Committee has financial resources it can use to consult with relevant stakeholders.

STATT: Responded in the negative. Suggested, however, that the Committee could request that Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee provide funds for consultation from its budget. Considered that more funds could be allocated to the Committee in the next Students’ Union budget.

2019-04/3  COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-04/4  INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-04/4a  Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes (2019-03).

See SUSC-2019-04.01.

2019-04/5  ADJOURNMENT

DIXON: Adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm.

2019-04/5a  Next Meeting: TBD.