
**Tuesday, September 10, 2019
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

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.

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2019-09)

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| 2019-09/1 | <u>SPEAKERS BUSINESS</u> |
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| 2019-09/3 | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</u> |
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| 2019-09/8 | <u>GENERAL ORDERS</u> |
| 2019-09/8a | BHATNAGAR MOVES to discuss the University of Alberta Students' Union climate action approach.

See SC-2019-09.17. |
| 2019-09/9 | <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u> |
| 2019-09/9o | Climate Action Approach, Question Response(s).

See SC-2019-09.17. |

Dear Council,

First, thank you for engaging in this conversation with us and taking steps to engage with the Executive Committee. We want to keep our answer concise, but if you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to follow up. There is no doubt that our climate is changing, both globally and locally. The impacts of these changes on our future are undeniable, and we do acknowledge this. The question we need to ask ourselves is what is the most effective and appropriate way for the Students' Union to respond? We look forward to a discussion at Council on this matter.

Below are the answers to the questions posed via the letter submitted.

- 1. Will the University of Alberta Students' Union inform students about the general strike on September 27?**
 - a. Please see question two.
- 2. Will the University of Alberta Students' Union inform students about the general strike on September 27 through its campus-wide email lists?**
 - a. This event is scheduled to be integrated into our newsletter content. We would encourage the Climate Justice Action group and other interested groups to advertise the event through platforms such as BearsDen and the Student Group Services newsletter.
- 3. Will the University of Alberta Students' Union inform students about the general strike on September 27 through our social media platforms?**
 - a. Our official "[UASU](#)" social media is tailored to communicate official stances, services and operations of the Students' Union. Currently, the Students' Union does not have an official policy on this issue.
- 4. Will the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate against attendance penalties towards students who miss class to attend the general strike on September 27?**
 - a. We would encourage students to talk to their professors beforehand should they wish to participate.
- 5. Will the University of Alberta Students' Union join dozens of Canadian cities and thousands of universities around the world to declare a climate emergency?**
 - a. The UASU does not make public statements without full and complete discussion as an organization.
- 6. Will the University of Alberta Students' Union Executive pledge to take climate change seriously and take direct action to help University of Alberta students tackle this massive issue?**
 - a. Every member of this Executive takes this issue seriously. We stand by our ongoing commitment to environmental, fiscal and social sustainability.

7. **Will the University of Alberta Students' Union have the courage to do what's right, not what's easy?**
 - a. This question is framed in a way that is disrespectful to the entire organization. Hundreds of staff, volunteers, and representatives work daily in accordance with our [organizational values and principles](#). We encourage you to think about the impact that your words have on this organization, as members of its Board of Directors.
8. **If any of the previous requests receives a 'no' vote, will the Executive Committee of the University of Alberta Students' Union give thorough reasoning as to why this decision was made?**
 - a. Our thoughts are explained above. We are looking forward to discussing this further. VP Brown has also reached out to all of you individually to have this open dialogue and work constructively towards a solution.

Kind regards,
2019/20 UASU Executive Committee