

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

December 5th, 2023 6:00 P.M. Council Chambers/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 Niitsítapi (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?

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2023-16)

- 2023-16/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS
- 2023-16/1a Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012
- 2023-16/2 CONSENT AGENDA
- 2023-16/3 PRESENTATIONS
- 2023-16/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOG REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
- 2023-16/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2023-16/6 OPEN FORUM
- 2023-16/7 <u>OUESTION PERIOD</u>

2023-16/8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-16/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-16/9c **AISENSTAT/RAITZ MOVE TO** approve the 2024 DFU questions for The Gateway, The Landing, and CJSR.

See SC-2023.16.11

- 2023-16/10 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2023-16/11 CLOSED SESSIONS
- 2023-16/12 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2023-16/12a Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2023.16.11

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date	Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Meeting Schedule	
Submitter	Jillian Aisenstat
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Type of Item Submission	Approval
Is this a Consent Agenda item?	No

Approval/Discussion Items

Motion

AISENSTAT/RAITZ move to approve the 2024 DFU questions for The Gateway, The Landing, and CJSR.

Mover	Aisenstat
Seconder	Raitz
Presenter (If Not the Mover)	Aisenstat
Does this item require a closed session discussion?	No
Office/Committee Responsible	Bylaw Committee

Purpose

This item is seeking to approve three of the Dedicated Fee Unit questions to appear on the ballot for the 2024 UASU elections.

Executive Summary

These questions outline the purpose, conditions and the actual question for the 2024 Dedicated Fee Unit renewals/creations. The Gateway, The Landing and CJSR-FM questions need to be approved at council to appear on the 2024 elections ballot.

Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders

Bylaw 6100: Dedicated Fee Units, sections 3 and 4. Regulation 320.06: Plebiscite and Referenda Procedure.

Engagement and Routing

The Gateway and The Landing submitted proposals to Bylaw Committee by November 15th which were

used in the creation of their questions.

Approval Routing

Proposal submissions by The Landing and The Gateway were provided to Bylaw Committee on November 16th, 2023.

Bylaw Committee met on November 24th, 2023 to discuss the questions.

Bylaw Committee approved the drafted questions on November 30th, 2023.

Strategic Alignment

Support and encourage diverse programming across campuses. Connect students to academic and personal support services. Enhance annual planning processes and implement multi-year forecasting to ensure the Students' Union can support the programs that students need.

Strategic Plan

Attachments



Calls for Nominations

Council Committees and Boards

Written Nominations

Information Items

Presentations

Written Questions

Gateway Student Journalism Society (GSJS) Fee

Purpose

The Gateway Student Journalism Society is the only independent student-run media outlet at the University of Alberta. They publish daily online articles and special print edition newspapers on topics such as student life, tuition increases, University and Students' Union governance and the achievements of students and academics. The Gateway is operated by a team of student journalists who are committed to empowering student volunteers to write their own stories. The re-creation of a DFU would allow The Gateway to continue its current operations and cover more ground on a campus that continues to grow at a rapid pace. The Gateway Student Journalism Society Board of Directors would oversee the administration of the proposed fee. The Board of Directors is composed of at least 10 members, including a Students' Council member, SU Vice-President (Operations and Finance), and student-at-large.

Conditions

If successful, The Gateway Student Journalism Fund will continue for a five (5) year term beginning September 1, 2024 and expiring August 31, 2029 subject to the following conditions:

- 1.) All eligible Students' Union members shall pay \$2.64 per Fall and Winter term, and \$1.32 per Spring and Summer terms in which they are enrolled; with
 - a.) The amount increasing annually to match CPI;
 - b.) The amount remaining the same for in-person, online and off-campus students;
 - c.) The amount remaining the same for full-time and part-time students.
- 2.) Students registered at Augustana Campus are exempt.
- 3.) Students shall have the option to opt-out, subject to opt-out deadlines.
- 4.) The Gateway Board must include at least one Student's Council member.

Referendum Question

Do you support the creation of a five (5) year Gateway Student Journalism Fund subject to the preceding conditions?

The Landing Fee

Purpose

The Landing is the main campus provider of support, programming, and events related to gender, sexuality, and sexual health for undergraduate students. It is The Landing'sgoal to promote gender equity on a broad scale and advocate for the safety, inclusion, and celebration of students of all genders and sexualities in campus life. The Landing's mandate is to affect meaningful change in the quality of life of students who are marginalized based on gender and/or sexuality. The Landing's Board would oversee the administration of the proposed fee. The Board will consist of 7-12 elected or appointed members from the following categories:

a. 1-2 volunteer representatives

b. 1 Students' Union Executive member or delegate appointed from Students' Union Council.

c. 2-3 campus community representatives (academic or non-academic University staff)

- d. 1-2 representatives from 2SLGBTQ+ serving organizations in Edmonton
- e. 2-4 undergraduate student-at-large representatives

Conditions

If successful, The Landing Dedicated Fee will continue for a (5) year term beginning September 1st, 2024 and expiring August 31st, 2029, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. All eligible Students' Union members shall pay \$3.75 per term, with
 - a. The amount increasing annually to match CPI,
 - b. The amount only being assessed in the Fall and Winter terms,
 - c. The amount remaining the same for full-time and part-time students,
 - d. Augustana and off-campus students are not subject to the fee.
 - e. Students shall have the option to opt-out, subject to opt-out deadlines.

2. If the referendum passes, The Landing will become independent of the Students' Union as per Bylaw 6100.

3. There shall be at least one Students' Council member on The Landing's board.

Plebiscite Question

Do you support the creation of a (5) year" The Landing" Dedicated Fee subject to the preceding conditions?

CJSR-FM Fee

Purpose

CJSR 88.5 FM offers facilities and training for campus and local-centric music and news programming, in addition to documentary and podcast production, and is open to all undergraduate students, graduate students, staff, alumni, and community members. The CJSR-FM Fund goes towards operating a radio station that includes a campus focus which enriches the lives of students by providing opportunities to learn radio broadcasting, as well as producing high quality and diverse programming. The CJSR-FM fund will go towards operating costs, equipment acquisition, maintenance and repairs, fundraising events and projects, volunteer programming and training, and programming outreach and awareness. The First Alberta Campus Radio Association Board would oversee the administration of the proposed fee. The Board shall consist of 12 elected and appointed members, including SU and GSA student representatives.

Conditions

If renewed, the CJSR-FM Fund will continue for a five (5) year term beginning September 1, 2024 and expiring on August 31, 2029 subject to the following conditions:

- 1. All full-time Students' Union members, shall pay \$2.50 per fall and winter term,
- 2. All part-time Students' Union members, shall pay \$0.90 per fall and winter term,
- 3. On- and off-campus members shall pay the same amount,
- 4. No fee shall be assessed during the Spring/Summer term, and
- 5. Augustana students shall be exempt from the fee.
- 6. The First Alberta Campus Radio Association must include at least one Students' Council member.

Plebiscite Question

Do you support the five (5) year renewal of the CJSR-FM fund subject to the preceding conditions?