

**February 7th, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers/Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (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, Dènesų́łíné (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?

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2022-21)

2022-21/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

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Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

SPEAKER: CALLED the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

SPEAKER: Reminds everyone of the rules and regulations regarding running for the UASU elections.

Councillor HUANG's resignation has gone through officially.

BROOKS/SHETTY SPECIAL ORDER agenda item 3c to the order paper.
CARRIED 24/00/00

REGMI/SHETTY SPECIAL ORDER agenda item 9c to the order paper.
CARRIED 24/00/00

- 2022-21/2 CONSENT AGENDA
- 2022-21/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-20) Tuesday, January 24th, 2023
- See SC-2022-21.01
- APPROVED
- 2022-21/2b **USSERBAYEVA/KAUR MOVE TO** recommend Pedro Almeida to be part of the Chancellor Selection Committee on the Senate
- See SC-2022-21.02
- APPROVED
- 2022-21/3 PRESENTATION
- 2022-21/3a **FOTANG/KAUR MOVE TO** allow the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues to Present to Students' Council.
- See SC-2022-21.07
- CARRIED 24/00/00
- FOTANG/DHILLON MOVE TO** extend the motion by ten minutes.
CARRIED 26/00/00
- 2022-21/3b **FOTANG/FOGUE MOVE TO** Allow Aseel Atia to present on GOTV.
- See SC-2022-21.08
- CARRIED 26/00/00
- 2022-21/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- FOGUE -VP Student Life - Report
VILLOSO -VP Operations and Finance - Report
FOTANG -VP External - Report
KAUR - VP Academic- Report
MONTEIRO - President - Report
- 2022-21/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
- DHILLON - Audit Committee - Report
FLAMAN - Bylaw Committee - Report
WATTAMANIUK - Council Administration Committee - Report
MONTEIRO - Executive Committee - Report
VILLOSO - Finance Committee - Report

STEINBUSCH - Nominating Committee - Report
FOTANG - Policy Committee - Report
DORSCHIED - Board of Governors Representative - Report
VILLOSO - SCFC - Report
REGMI - Sustainability Committee - Report
SOTO - Translation Committee - Report

2022-21/6

OPEN FORUM

ALI: Asks MONTIERO about what the UASU is protesting on, if not on Consultation, when it comes to University tuition hikes.

MONTEIRO: Answers that he sees consultation as a conversation between various elected student leaders and people who will be impacted by the decision. Comments that so far, the university has done a good job on consultation.

Adds that although installment fees will be removed, due to SU advocacy, there is still more to advocate and protest on.

KOOHKAN: Questions if there has been any direct cooperation between the university and the Government of Alberta regarding the tuition increases.

FOTANG: States that there have been conversations. The SU was initially pushing for a tuition capped by CPI but now that CPI is also very high, the SU is currently pushing for something that is more achievable.

ALI: Makes a statement about how the university was praised for its consultation process, when no statements were given by the university. Adds that it just ticks the box of them listening to the issues like affordability. Concerned that it lessens the advocacy that other student leaders on campus have been making, apart from the UASU.

POLENCHUK: Questions about the balanced budget to be presented at the GFC meeting. Wonders if the goal is to change the tuition increase entirely or to make it less impactful on students.

MONTEIRO: Answers that the SU is currently trying to do both. Saving students' money doesn't necessarily mean that the SU will be supporting other proposals. Saving students the cost of an installment fee is a win, but the SU aims to do more.

Replies to ALI by stating that everyone has different opinions on consultation and what constitutes good consultation. So far, the SU hasn't received any complaints regarding consultation and there is more focus on what the Executives aimed to do at the start of their terms as Executives.

2022-21/7

QUESTION PERIOD

SHETTY: Comments that the international tuition increase will impact a lot of students.

LIU: Questions the Executives in regards to the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria and wonders about what assistance will be provided to international students.

MONTEIRO: Answers that if students need support they can come directly to the Executives, who will be happy to connect them to any support that the university has to offer.

LIU: States that most practicum placements are unpaid and that faculty supports often don't reply back in time. Students are paying a huge amount to be at the university, but don't get the services that they deserve. Notes that they are frustrated about how the only reply from faculty supports is to use financial support from the university, which most of the students currently don't qualify for.

SHETTY: Point of Order. Adds that international students qualify for some additional funding, which is beneficial, but generally agrees with LIU.

OJO: Commends the university supporting the Campus Food Bank. However, is concerned about the fact that food banks are being treated as long term solutions when they are only momentary solutions. Council needs to advocate on how the university can support further funding for the Campus Food Bank.

SHETTY: Points out that Elev doesn't get charged for rent as they are a not-for-profit, but notes that on their website, there is a small fee that is charged. This implies that they are for profit. Instead of not charging Elev for rent, suggests charging them for rent in order to allow the Campus Food Bank to not pay rent.

MONTEIRO: Replies that Elev's current rent arrangement was based on a contract with a previous set of Executives. However, that contract expires in April. Council has raised concerns about this in previous meetings and the Executives are currently looking at new contract conditions for Elev.

2022-21/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-21/8a **VILLOSO/FOGUE MOVE TO** nominate two members of Council to the Health and Dental Plan Committee.

See SC-2022-21.09

CARRIED 23/00/00

FOGUE nominates FLAMAN - accepted
KAUR nominates ARSLAN - declined
DHILLON nominates FORD- accepted
LEE nominates VYAS - declined
VILLOSO nominates DHILLON - declined

FLAMAN and FORD are appointed to the Health and Dental Plan Committee via acclamation.

2022-21/8b **VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVE TO** nominate one member of Council to the SUB Planning Committee.

See SC-2022-21.10

CARRIED 26/00/00

FOGUE nominates PIEN - accepted
DHILLON nominates SHETTY - accepted

SHETTY is appointed to the SUB Planning Committee via a secret ballot.

2022-21/8e **FOTANG/KAUR MOVE TO** approve 1st principles of the Indigenous Students Policy.

See SC-2022-21.13

CARRIED 26/00/00

2022-21/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2022-21/9b **VILLOSO/FLAMAN MOVE TO** discuss the proposed 2023/24 Budget Principles.

See SC-2022-21.14

CARRIED 26/00/00

OJO: Questions what the term "Projects" meant in the Principle 27. Wonders if projects referred to projects by Council or by student groups on campus.

VILLOSO: Answers that the \$10,000 allocated in Principle 27 was meant for Students' Council Project.

BROOKS: Questions how much funding is allocated to Student Groups, in regards to the Principle 29.

MONTEIRO: Answers that there's not a certain number as of now, but hopes to look into it after a few conversations in the initial stages.

FLAMAN: States that the presented Budget Principles are a product of most of the consultations that occurred within Council. Comments on the safety and security of SUB.

WATTAMANIUK: Happy to see more money coming to CAC.

Questions about principle 35 and is curious on what it is exactly whilst worrying that the SU would be taking on an increased burden in supplying mental health services while the university could offer the same such services. .

VILLOSO: States that the services provided by UASU would cover a different side of mental health, not the professional counseling that's provided by the CCS and the University's Health Centre. .

LEE: Questions about how the "20%" was determined, in regards to Principle 26.

VILLOSO: Answers that Green Fund applications are for student projects that contribute towards sustainability on campus. Adds that there has been an absence of applications and the 20% allocation is meant to increase the amount of students who apply for it.

SHETTY: Makes a remark similar to WATTAMANIUK. Comments that he is glad to see CCS being funded by the university as their services are usually overbooked.

In regards to Principle 32 adds that, along with SUB being unsafe, there are other buildings and places on campus that are unsafe and need further security.

OJO: Thinks that Principles 23 and 14 are vague and unclear. Adds that it will be beneficial to subsidize student spaces on campus, with regards to Principle 29.

VILLOSO: Clarifies that the mental health services are different, UASU runs PSC internally, but since CCS is under the university's umbrella, all the SU can do is advocate for CCS to get more funding.

Adds that the UASU has advocated for safety all over the campus, but can only make affirmative changes towards SUB.

Also adds that all budget principles are mostly vague as the SU is trying to see where

these points fit into the budget overall. The vagueness also allows for more room to maneuver for the future set of Executives who will be working within these principles.

LIU: Would like to see if the UASU could make annual donations and give a greater amount of SU per year. Suggests carefully evaluating major events before setting them in motion, in order to avoid fiascos like BTR.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: In regards to providing more security to SUB, questions if the fact that security isn't very friendly with the Indigenous students is being taken into consideration.

VILLOSO: States that the SU is trying to improve current issues and comments that all issues that Council brings up will be taken positively.

FLAMAN: Adds that there can be some passive security measures that could be implemented, such as installing security cameras and enforcing OneCard access only to SUB. Suggests that this is a better conversation to have in the SUB Planning Committee meetings.

SHETTY: Agrees with FLAMAN. Adds that there needs to be more ease to access funding and bridging the gap with communication for more support towards getting funding.

2022-21/9c

REGMI/LIU MOVE TO discuss potential action in response to the Minister of Advanced Education's demands to strengthen free speech on campus.

See SC-2022-21.20

CARRIED

OJO: States that conversations like these are contentious and thinks that conversations on these topics should be held in a private setting rather than discussed at Council.

MONTEIRO: States that UASU released a statement about this topic and also did a few media interviews. For the SU, the real concern is that these discussions are taking away attention from the pressing issues that already exist for students.

LIU: Agrees with MONTEIRO as there are more important issues to discuss, such as tuition hikes and mental health support for students. However, the motion identifies an issue which is dangerous to academic freedom of the university and in terms of where the university stands as an institution.

FLAMAN/SHETTY MOVE TO extend until the conclusion of the presentation in the closed session.

CARRIED 25/00/00

2022-21/10 CLOSED SESSIONS

2022-21/3c **BROOKS/REISBIG MOVE THAT** the Students' Council allow a presentation from the Chair of the Student Group Committee regarding the Alpha Psi investigation.

See SC-2022-21.18

CARRIED 25/00/00

COUNCIL MOVES TO go in-camera.

CARRIED 25/00/00

Council loses Quorum. Meeting Ends.

2022-21/11 INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-21/11a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-20) January 24th, 2023

See SC-2022-21.01

2022-21/11b Executive Reports

See SC-2022-21.03-0.6

2022-21/11c Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-21.07-20.14

2022-21/11d Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2022-21.15

2022-21/11e Executive Reports

See SC-2022-21.16

2022-21/11f Board of Governors Representative Report

See SC-2022-21.17

2022-21/11g Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-21.18-20

SPEAKER: ADJOURNED the meeting at 10:14 pm