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, Haundenosaunee 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?

SPEAKER CALLED the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2023-09)

2023-09/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012

Council retakes their oath.

2023-09/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2023-09/2a Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2023-08) Tuesday, August 29th, 2023

See SC-2023-09.06

APPROVED

2023-09/3 PRESENTATIONS

2023-09/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOG REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

GRIFFITHS - VP Student Life - Report
FLAMAN - VP Operations & Finance - Report
BEASLEY - VP External - Report
ALMEIDA - VP Academic - Report
FOTANG - President - Report

2023-09/5  BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

FLAMAN - Finance Committee Chair - Report
AISENSTAT - Bylaw Committee Chair - Report

2023-09/6  OPEN FORUM

2023-09/7  QUESTION PERIOD

MOHAMED: Questions if there is a deadline for Finance Committee to acquire the required number of design quotes for the Dewey's washroom renovation in order to keep student interests front of mind.

FLAMAN: Answers that it would be up to Council to decide a deadline, but recommends doing so.

ATWOOD: Suggests adding a timeline if only Council believes that this particular task would not be accomplished in a timely manner. Otherwise, believes that Finance Committee is better suited to deal with business/potential deadlines.
2023-09/8  UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-09/9  BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-09/9a  GRIFFITHS/THIESEN MOVE TO approve the first principles of the revised Student Spaces and Deferred Maintenance policy, as presented.

See SC-2023-09.01

CARRIED 17/01/00

RAITZ: Suggests having a strong language for explaining how the student space is under thread and why that needs to be fought for.

2023-09/9b  ATWOOD/RAITZ MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of Bylaws 110/120/130/140.

See SC-2023–09.01

CARRIED 17/00/00

2023-09/9b  ATWOOD/AISENSTAT MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of Bylaw 9000.

See SC-2023-09.02

CARRIED 15/02/00

2023-09/9c  FOTANG/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO nominate two (2) members of the Students’ Union to the Advisory Search Committee for Provost and Vice-president (Academic)

See SC-2023.09.07

BEASLEY nominates ALMEIDA - accepted
ALMEIDA nominates FOTANG - accepted

FOTANG and ALMEIDA are appointed to the Advisory Search Committee for Provost and Vice-president (Academic), via acclamation.

2023-09/10  GENERAL ORDERS

2023-09/11  CLOSED SESSIONS

2023-09/12  INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-09/12a  Executive Report
See SC-2023-09.03

2023-09/12b Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings
   See SC-2023-09.04

2023-09/12c Students’ Council Attendance
   See SC-2023-09.05

2023-09/12d Students’ Council Motion Tracker
   See SC-2023-09.06

2023-09/12e Students’ Council Submissions
   See SC-2023.09.07

SPEAKER: Adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.