

**October 10th, 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 Niitsitapi (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?

SPEAKER called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2023-11)

2023-11/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

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

Aamir MOHAMED has been appointed to the Engineering Faculty Councillor seat following the by-election.

Council retakes their oath.

2023-112 CONSENT AGENDA

2023-11/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2023-10) Tuesday, September 26th, 2023

See SC-2023-11.05

APPROVED

2023-11/3 PRESENTATIONS

2023-11/3a **GRIFFITHS/FOTANG MOVE TO** allow GM Dumouchel to present on council remuneration

See SC-2023-11.01

CARRIED 16/00/00

2023-11/4 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

2023-11/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2023-11/6 OPEN FORUM

2023-11/7 QUESTION PERIOD

THIESSEN: Questions VERGHESE about the by-elections' turnout.

VERGHESE: States that there wasn't much voter turnout, but it filled about 10 vacant seats overall (including vacant seats in GFC).

THIESSEN: Asks what strategies are going to be implemented to fill the remaining seats.

VERGHESE: Answers that it is mostly going to be getting the word out by going to different buildings and talking to students.

MOHAMED: Asks Flaman regarding an update about the quotes for Dewey's washroom upgrade.

FLAMAN: Answers that they are still waiting for a second quote.

THIESSEN: States that the work done by councilors (and SALs) is important to serve the community and need not be compared to the efforts of Executives. Executives have more of a workload and it is fair that they receive compensation for it.

FOTANG: States that the conversation isn't meant to be steered toward Executives versus the Councilors. Rather the intent for council remuneration is to steer the conversation towards the impact of the work being done and how it compares to other volunteer work around campus.

2023-11/8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-11/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-11/9a **GRIFFITHS/THIESSEN MOVE TO** appoint one (1) councillor to the Sustainability Committee.

See SC-2023-11.02

PICH nominates MOHAMED - declined

THIESSEN/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO postpone the item to the next meeting.
CARRIED 17/00/00

2023-11/9b **AISENSTAT/ATWOOD MOVE TO** approve the Second Principles of Bylaw 600: Student Union Bilingualism

See SC-2023-11.03

CARRIED 17/00/00

2023-11/9c **ALMEIDA/FOTANG MOVE TO** endorse the UASU's position on the Academic Materials Program.

See SC-2023-11.04

CARRIED 18/00/00

SCHMIDTKE: Questions if there's a follow-up plan to get more endorsements from other groups if the motion passes.

ALMEDIA: Denies, stating that feedback has already been taken.

AISENSTAT: Thinks that AMP undermines the Zero Textbook Cost program. Sees issues with AMP's consultation route and suggests that it doesn't cater to equity.

SCHMIDTKE: States that the program has issues with accommodations, such as lack of ability to download materials and resourcefulness.

MOHAMED: Questions if there are any policies to direct the University to use available open educational resources.

ALMEIDA: States that a suggested approach is highlighted in the document, which offers a different path, using open educational resources.

2023-11/9d **GRIFFITHS/FOTANG MOVE TO** ratify the results of the 2023 Fall Council and GFC By-election.

See SC-2023-11.09

CARRIED 16/02/00, MOHAMED abstains

GENERAL ORDERS

2023-11/10

CLOSED SESSIONS

2023-11/11

INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-11/12

Students' Council Submissions

2023-11/12a

See SC-2023-11.01-04

Students' Council Votes and Proceedings

2023-11/12b

See SC-2023-11.05

Students' Council Attendance

2023-11/12c

See SC-2023-11.06

Students' Council Motion Tracker

2023-11/12d

See SC-2023-11.07

Students' Council Submissions

2023-11/12e

See SC-2023-11.09

Executive Reports

2023-11/12f

See SC-2023-11.08

SPEAKER: Adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM