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, Dënesųłıné (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 6:06 PM.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2023-12)

2023-12/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Join Zoom Meeting
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2023-12/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2023-12/2a Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2023-11) Tuesday, October 10th, 2023

See SC-2023-12.04

APPROVED

2023-12/3 PRESENTATIONS

2023-12/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOG REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

GRIFFITHS - VP Student Life - Report
FLAMAN - VP Operations and Finance - Report
ALMEIDA - VP Academic - Report
FOTANG - President - Report
2023-12/5  BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

FLAMAN - Finance Committee Chair - Report
AISENSTAT - Councillor - Statement

2023-12/6  OPEN FORUM

HAYLEY (CMP): States that InfoLink receives a lot of feedback regarding the lack of after-hours door access within the Tory Building and the Humanities Centre.

GRIFFITHS: States that ALMEIDA and himself are advocating for building access after hours as well as for security concerns on campus. Adds that ensuring student access is priority, along with giving students the ability to use OneCards outside normal building operating hours to access the buildings they need to access for class.

APARAJITA (The Gateway): Questions FLAMAN regarding the second quote for the Dewey's Washroom Renovation and how it compares to the first one.

FLAMAN: Answers that they cannot state specific numbers at the current time, but can state that the second quote is a higher quoted price than the first quote.

2023-12/7  QUESTION PERIOD

LAM: Asks what are the changes in the AMP approval routing and what caused those changes.

ALMEIDA: Answers that AMP now needs approval from the Provost and does not need to go through student led approval. This change occurred because of the type of fee that AMP falls under. AMP is classified as an un-regulatory fee and, as such, doesn’t follow the standard approval routing.

MOHAMED: Asks FLAMAN regarding the delay in the Horowitz Theater renovation and what the financial implications are.

FLAMAN: States that there were many delays in this project due to the construction period occurring during COVID. The closer the theatre gets to being finished, the more cohesive work it requires. There were also supply chain issues earlier in the project.

Adds that there will be a presentation by the end of this term by GM DUMOCHEL regarding this.

RAITZ: For the change in the decision-making process for AMP, questions if there is any indication that this might have happened because the UASU statement was released.
ALMEIDA: States that there are no indications to such. Clarifies that there is going to be an approval process, it just doesn't go through GFC's Academic Planning Committee, as earlier believed.
2023-12/8  UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-12/8a  GRIFFITHS/THIESEN MOVE TO appoint one (1) councilor to the Sustainability Committee.

See SC-2023.12.01
CARRIED 17/00/00

GRIFFITHS nominates FOTANG - accepted
FOTANG is appointed to the Sustainability Committee, via acclamation.

2023-12/9  BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-12/9a  AISENSTAT/RAITZ MOVE TO appoint one councilor to the Bylaw Committee.

See SC-2023.12.02
CARRIED 17/00/00

FOTANG nominates ALMEIDA - declined
AISENSTAT nominates ABDELWAHAB - accepted
ABDELWAHAB is appointed to the Bylaw Committee, via acclamation.

2023-12/9b  ABDELWAHAB/ALMEIDA MOVE TO ratify Hiba Khan and Prisha Sarna as tribunes for the DIE Board.

See SC-2023-12.07
CARRIED 16/00/00

2023-12/9c  ABDELWAHAB/ALMEIDA MOVE TO ratify Navneet Chand and Leighten Janzen as Associate Chief Tribunes.

See SC-2023-12.08
CARRIED 16/00/00

2023-12/10  GENERAL ORDERS

2023-12/11  CLOSED SESSIONS

2023-12/12  INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-12/12a  Students’ Council Submissions
See SC-2023.12.01-02

2023-12/12b Executive Report
See SC-2023.12.03

2023-12/12c Students’ Council Votes and Proceedings
See SC-2023-12.04

2023-12/12d Students’ Council Attendance
See SC-2023-12.05

2023-12/12e Students’ Council Motion Tracker
See SC-2023-12.06

2023-12/12f Students’ Council Submission
See SC-2023-12.07-08

SPEAKER ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:50 PM.