

**January 9th, 2024
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, Dênesųłíné (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 P.M.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2023-18)

2023-18/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2023-18/1a Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012>

Ellen Tam joins Students' Council as the ALES Councillor.
Aiman Saif has resigned from their position as Engineering Councillor.

FLAMAN/FORD MOVE TO suspend the rules to allow agenda item 9c to be placed on the Order Papers.
CARRIED 15/00/00

Council re-takes the Oath of Office.

2023-18/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2023-18/2a *Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2023-17) are unavailable and will be made available for the next Students' Council meeting.*

2023-18/3 PRESENTATIONS

2023-18/3a **THIESSEN/PICH MOVE TO** allow KPMG to present the 2022-2023 UASU's Audit Finding Report.

See SC-2023.18.01

WITHDRAWN

2023-18/3b **GRIFFITHS/FOTANG MOVE TO** allow Jacob to present the Elections Office's advertising strategy

See SC-2023.18.07

CARRIED 15/00/00

2023-18/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOG REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

GRIFFITHS - VP Student Life - Report

FLAMAN - VP Operations and Finance - Report

BEASLEY - VP External - Report

ALMEIDA - VP Academic - Report

FOTANG - President - Report

2023-18/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

AISENSTAT - Councillor - Report

2023-18/6 OPEN FORUM

PROMETHEUS (Statement): Highlights an article that was published in 2022 which indicates that President Fotang was present in an event where the Ukrainian President spoke with the university and multiple other Canadian post-secondary students) as the VP External of UASU. Christian Fotang was also involved in the Executive team last year that decided to support Ukraine during the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Questions why can't the current team refer to the ongoing event in Palestine as a genocide.

FOTANG: States that it is up to Council to decide on that. Makes it clear that during 2022, they were invited in the capacity to share the resources that were available at that time to the students who had recently arrived from Ukraine as refugees. Adds that they weren't the president back then but now beholds the decision to Council.

2023-18/7 QUESTION PERIOD

2023-18/8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-18/8a **ALMEIDA/THIESSEN MOVE TO** approve the first principles of the UASU's Quality Academics policy.

See SC-2023.18.02

CARRIED 14/00/02

2023-18/8b **LAM/MAJEKODUNMI MOVE TO** approve the First Principles of the UASU's Mental Health Policy.

See SC-2023.18.03

CARRIED 14/00/02

2023-18/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-18/9a **FLAMAN/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO** approve the Students' Council Composition Report 2023/24.

See SC-2023.18.04

CARRIED 13/00/04

2023-18/9b **LAM/MAJEKODUNMI MOVE TO** approve the First Principles of the UASU's Augustana Campus Policy

See SC-2023.18.05

CARRIED 12/00/05

2023-18/9c **FLAMAN/SECONDER MOVE TO** amend Bylaw 6100 based on the following first principle:

Legislation will be amended to extend Students' Council's authority to waive the referendum petition requirements in relation to Dedicated Fee Unit proposals to include currently existing dedicated fees and recently expired dedicated fees.

See SC-2023.18.08

CARRIED 14/00/04

BEASLEY/THIESSEN MOVE TO take the normally scheduled recess immediately.

CARRIED 13/00/05

- 2023-18/10 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2023-18/11 CLOSED SESSIONS
- 2023-18/11a **FOTANG/BEASLEY/ALMEIDA MOVE TO** discuss Council feedback form.
CARRIED 15/00/02
- 2023-18/12 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2023-18/12a Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2023.18.01-05
- 2023-18/12b Students' Council Attendance

See SC-2023.18.06
- 2023-18/12c BOG Rep Monthly Report

See SC-2023.18.09
- 2023-18/12d Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2023-18.07-18.10
- SPEAKER adjourned the meeting at 9:38 P.M.