

February 6th, 2024 6:00 P.M. Council Chambers/Zoom

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 Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłiné (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-2023-21)

- 2023-21/I SPEAKERS BUSINESS
- 2023-21/1a Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012
- 2023-21/2 CONSENT AGENDA
- 2023-21/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2023-19) Tuesday, January 23rd, 2023

See SC-2023-21.06

APPROVED

2023-21/2b Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2023-20) - Tuesday, January 23rd, 2023

See SC-2023-21.07

APPROVED

2023-21/3 PRESENTATIONS

2023-21/3a **ALMEIDA/FOTANG MOVE TO** allow Raymond Matthias to present on Experiential Learning & Work Integrated Learning

See SC-2023-21.01

FLAMAN/THIESSEN MOVE TO extend the meeting for 10 minutes. CARRIED 17/00/00

FLAMAN/ALMEIDA MOVE TO extend the meeting for 10 minutes. CARRIED 17/00/00

THIESSEN/ATWOOD MOVE TO extend the meeting for 10 minutes. CARRIED 14/00/03

2023-21/4 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

2023-21/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2023-21/6 OPEN FORUM

PROMETHEUS: Questions BEASLEY, asking them to explain their role in the Alberta Chamber of Commerce and how this role supports their career as a political science student.

BEASLEY: Answers that they have four quarterly meetings with the Alberta Chamber of Commerce and the Alberta Post Secondary Networks Task Force on Talent Development. States that this role is a part of their duties as CAUS chair.

VERONICA: Questions FOTANG regarding what Janice MacKinnon and Zarina Bhambhani contribute to the Board of Governors (BoG).

FOTANG: Answers that these roles are public appointees from the Minister of Advanced Education.

PROMETHEUS: Questions FLAMAN if the UASU performs audits of the University's annual budget.

FLAMAN: No, they are audited by an external organization - the Auditor General of Alberta.

VERONICA: Questions FOTANG what are their thoughts on Bill Flanagan's strategic

plan to deconsolidate the university from the provincial budget.

FOTANG: States that there are funding gaps and shortfalls the institution is currently facing. Adds that the institution is successful due to investments from the provincial government and it is going to be the team's advocacy to let the Premier and Minister know that the budget cuts wouldn't help it maintain the current standard.

PROMETHEUS: Questions what part of the University budget is allocated towards the salaries and benefits for members on the BoG.

FOTANG: Answers that members of the BoG aren't paid. They might be getting paid as an employee of the institution holding other roles outside the BoG, but not as a voting member of the BoG.

RAITZ: Reiterates Fotang's stance.

VERONICA: Questions FLAMAN if there are any plans to reduce the UASU's spending on events like Campus Cup, Anti-Freeze etc., and increase funding for services like Sexual Assault Center and The Landing, especially when looking at the upcoming potential tuition hike.

FLAMAN: States that the Budget Principles are yet to be approved for the next year and as of now there's no plans to reduce the bracket. However, it can be included into the suggestions for the committee to discuss at the next meeting.

2023-21/7 QUESTION PERIOD

2023-21/8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-21/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-21/9a **AISENSTAT/RAITZ MOVE TO** approve the First Principles of Bylaw 100 amendment.

See SC-2023-21.02

CARRIED 14/00/02

2023-21/9b **FLAMAN/THIESSEN MOVE TO** waive the DFU referendum petition requirements for The Landing Fund

See SC-2023-21.03

CARRIED 14/00/02

2023-21/9c **FLAMAN/THIESSEN MOVE TO** waive the DFU referendum petition requirements for the Gateway Student Journalism Fund

See SC-2023-21.04

CARRIED 14/02/02

2023-21/9d **FLAMAN/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO** amend Something Previously Adopted by amending The Landing's ballot question approved in motion 2023-16/9c by striking Plebiscite and replacing it with Referendum.

See SC-2023-21.10

CARRIED 16/00/01

- 2023-21/10 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2023-21/11 CLOSED SESSIONS
- 2023-21/12 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2023-21/12a Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2023-21.01-04

2023-21/12b Executive Report

See SC-2023-21.05

2023-21/12c Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2023-19-VP-20240123 and SC-2023-20-VP-20240123).

See SC-2023-21.06-07

2023-21/12d Students' Council Attendance

See SC-2023-21.08

2023-21/12e Students' Council Motion Tracker

See SC-2023-21.09

2023-21/12f Students' Council Submission

See SC-2023-21.10

2023-21/12g Board of Governors Report

See SC-2023-21.11

SPEAKER adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.