We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students’ Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students’ Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:07 PM.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2021-23)

2021-23/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2021-23/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2021-23/2a Students’ Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-22) Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

See SC-2021-23.01

2021-23/3 PRESENTATION

2021-23/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Talia DIXON, Vice-President, (Student Life) - Report.
Emily KIMANI, Vice-President, (Operation and Finance) - Report.
Christian FOTANG, Vice-President, (External) - Report.
Abner MONTEIRO, Vice-President (Academic) - Report.
Rowan LEY, President - Report.

2021-23/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

BEAULIEU-MERCRYDI - Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee - Report.
WATTAMANIUK - Board of Governors - Report.
DHILLON - Audit Committee - Report.
BARAZESH - Bylaw Committee - Report.
VILLOSO - Council Administration Committee - Report.
LEY - Executive Committee - Report.
KIMANI - Fee Governance Committee - Report.
KIMANI - Finance Committee - Report.
MONTEIRO - Nominating Committee - Report.
MOTASKA - Policy Committee - Report.
KIMANI - Sustainability & Capital Fund Committee - Report.
MONTEIRO - Student Group Committee - Report.
DIXON - Sustainability Committee - Report.
LEY - Translation Committee - Report.

OPEN FORUM

2021-23/6

QUESTION PERIOD

2021-23/7

MARQUES: Inquires about VP Fotang’s previous question regarding election information. Claims most questions can be answered on the elections website.

ALI: Inquires to VP Kimani about getting the ISA a specific space on campus.

KIMANI: Gave an update a few months ago about providing a space to the ISA. Had initially found a space in HUB and things were moving according to plan when a miscommunication occurred which resulted in the space falling through for the ISA. Has recently been having talks about assigning various spaces outside of HUB and SUB to the ISA. The General Manager, Marc Dumouchel, has had meetings about this as well. The process is currently moving slowly due to COVID restrictions.

MORRIS: Inquired if any course of action is being held against The Gateway regarding ASC’s contribution to the rally. Also inquired what this particular outcome is going to look like or when it will be discussed.

LEY: Claims The Gateway is an independent media source and that the SU has no authority over what The Gateway chooses to print. Expresses that when The Gateway prints something that doesn’t align with the SU, the SU can make a clear stance.

KIMANI: Pushed board meeting to sometime this or next week. Claimed that The Gateway fee has no longer been collected as of December as well. Happy to update everyone next week regarding further inquiries.

BEASLEY: Has the other representative on the board on Thursday. Believes The Gateway has reached out to aboriginal students and is happy to address various concerns anyone may have.

AVILA: Inquires VP Monteiro on more updates regarding hybrid learning options for those who are unable to return to campus later this semester.

MONTEIRO: University had sent out a newsletter to students awhile ago. The letter should include a lot of info that the SU has advocated for. If there are any students that need accommodations to let Monteiro know so they can provide students with a positive learning outcome.
BEASLEY: Inquires President Ley on how post-secondary was mentioned in the recent provincial throne speech. Also inquired if there was any indication of a positive or negative mention regarding post-secondary institutions.

LEY: Claims provincial government is interested in investing in jobs. Focuses on skills and jobs moreover post-secondary institutions. Research is not mentioned in the throne either and is an issue for research post secondaries. Will need to wait for the budget to be released on Thursday to fulfill answer.

ALI: Inquires VP Monteiro if there has been any progress on advocacy to the university on not forcing students back to Edmonton regarding the recent strike speculation.

MONTEIRO: Has been recently advocating for as much time as possible on behalf of students.

LEY: Has raised the issue with the university. Unfortunately, there is no option for a hybrid learning option for various reasons. Instructors are to make accommodations for students who are unable to return. Any international students that can’t come back for in-person instruction are asked that they contact the associate dean if the professor refuses accommodations.

MORRIS: Inquired if there has been any advocacy regarding Mawska house this year on whether it’s happening or not and inquires why it hasn’t been made available to students.

LEY: Claims a government grant is needed. The government is not making the proper finances available but can request the university to allocate from their budget. However, Ley claims that it is not happening this year. Also, steps are currently being taken for an interim space available while waiting on provincial government.

BEASLEY: Inquires VP Fotang on the review process getting wrapped up regarding the release of the Executive Director.

FOTANG: Believes the chair has been working on a full report. Last week has been constrained on time. Cannot speak to the issue due to the fact that discussions occurred in-camera.
BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

LEY/VILLOSO MOVED TO nominate one Councillor to the Visiting Lectureship on Human Rights Selection Committee

See SC-2021-23.11
CARRIED

MIKAYLA METHÉ is elected as the new member of Council to the Visiting Lectureship on Human Rights Selection Committee via secret ballot

MONTEIRO/MOTOSKA MOVED TO approve first principles of the Student Engagement Policy

See SC-2021-23.08
CARRIED

GENERAL ORDERS

ALI/WATTAMANIUK MOVED TO discuss return to campus and potentially for working with the Minister of Health to secure rapid tests for post-secondary students

See SC-2021-23.06
CARRIED

ALI/MORRIS MOVED TO discuss the removal of the campus ready pass

See SC-2021-23.12
CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Students’ Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-20) Tuesday, March 08th, 2022
See SC-2021-23.01

Executive Committee Reports
See SC-2021-23.02-04
2021-23/10c  Council Submissions
          See SC-2021-23.05-06

2021-23/10d  Students’ Council Attendance
          See SC-2021-23.07

2021-23/10e  Executive Committee Reports
          See SC-2021-23.09

2021-23/10f  Board of Governors’ report
          See SC-2021-23.10

2021-23/10g  Council Submissions
          See SC-2021-23.08 & 23.11-12

MIHESO ADJOURNED MEETING AT 8:25 P.M.