

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

#### November 22nd, 2022 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?

#### LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2022-16)

2022-16/1	SPEAKERS BUSINESS	
2022-16/1a	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012	
	Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012	
2022-16/2	CONSENT AGENDA	
2022-16/3	PRESENTATION	
2022-16/4	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	
2022-16/5	BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT	
2022-16/6	OPEN FORUM	
2022-16/7	QUESTION PERIOD	

2022-16/8	BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2022-16/9	GENERAL ORDERS
2022-16/9b	<b>VILLOSO/FOGUE MOVETO</b> discuss the potential to reinstate a mask mandate.
	See SC-2022-16.08
2022-16/9c	<b>ALI/REGMI MOVETO</b> discuss AASUA's call to reinstate the mask mandate.
	See SC-2022-16.09
2022-16/10	CLOSED SESSIONS
2022-16/11	INFORMATION ITEMS
2022-16/11d	Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-16.08-10



## **UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form**

**Council Meeting Date** Tuesday, November 22, 2022

**Meeting Schedule** 

Submitter **VILLOSO** 

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**Type of Item Submission** Discussion

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

## **Approval/Discussion Items**

#### Motion

VILLOSO/FOGUE moves to discuss the potential to reinstate a mask mandate.

Mover **VILLOSO** 

Seconder **FOGUE** 

**Presenter (If Not the Mover)** N/A

Does this item require a closed

session discussion?

No

Office/Committee Responsible **Executive Committee** 

#### **Purpose**

To get an understanding of the thoughts of the student body in regard to a potential mask mandate.

#### **Executive Summary**

The Association of Academic Staff University of Alberta (ASSUA) put forward a call to reinstate the mask mandate at the University of Alberta. We're looking to get Student Council's feedback on the current perspective of the student body regarding this issue.

#### **Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders**

Student Engagement Policy

#### **Engagement and Routing**

Student's Council will be the first step in our consultation framework.

#### **Approval Routing**

Executive Committee is bringing this to Student's Council for feedback.

#### **Strategic Alignment**

Develop and adhere to an improved student consultation framework.

Strategic Plan

## **Calls for Nominations**

**Council Committees and Boards** 

**Written Nominations** 

**Information Items** 

**Presentations** 

**Written Questions** 



## **UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form**

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, November 22, 2022

**Meeting Schedule** 

**Submitter** Ali

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Type of Item Submission Discussion

Is this a Consent Agenda item?

## **Approval/Discussion Items**

#### **Motion**

Ali/Regmi move to discuss AASUA's call to reinstate the mask mandate

**Mover** Ali

Seconder Regmi

Presenter (If Not the Mover)

Ali

Does this item require a closed

session discussion?

No

Office/Committee Responsible N/A

#### **Purpose**

To discuss the AASUA call and if the UASU wants to endorse this call

#### **Executive Summary**

To allow for discussion on the merits of reinstating the mask mandate.

#### **Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders**

N/A

#### **Engagement and Routing**

N/A

#### **Approval Routing**

N/A

#### **Strategic Alignment**

N/A

Strategic Plan

## **Calls for Nominations**

**Council Committees and Boards** 

## **Written Nominations**

## **Information Items**

### **Presentations**

## **Written Questions**

Is there anything else that you would like to include?

Nada



## **UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form**

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, November 22, 2022

**Meeting Schedule** 

**Submitter** Singh

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Type of Item Submission Information Item

Is this a Consent Agenda item?

## **Approval/Discussion Items**

Strategic Plan

### **Calls for Nominations**

**Council Committees and Boards** 

## **Written Nominations**

## **Information Items**

Agenda Title Singh submit apology for BTR incident.

#### **Description of the Information Item**

I will let the letter speak directly on this item. Its never too late to fix things, but if left unfixed then you repeat the mistakes.

**Attachments** 



Re\_ Apology for BTR incident.pdf

## **Presentations**

## **Written Questions**

Re: Apology for BTR incident.

Dear Students Council, Executives and Staff,

I hope you all are doing well. I want to share my apology for my role in blowing the whole BTR incident. I have been taking the past few weeks to reflect on the whole incident and have come to the realization that my actions back then seemed justified to me but overall with the situation in a wider context, I failed in my role as a councillor. As a Board of Directors equivalent to this organization, protecting the public image is a core part of this role, and I acted exactly the opposite to it. I was angry about SU spending 145k on dodgeball with campus food bank and all going on, however, when more information was provided at Audit, the cost was justified. Spending that amount for an event for 6,000 students is justified and reasonable. The Exec and staff did an amazing job in convincing the university in taking the bulk of the cost. However, I still acted in a manner that neglected all this and just focussed on fueling what "seemed" students wanted, i.e. an apology. This created a situation where knowing that no one did anything wrong but still went after calling for an apology. The execs did give an apology as well, however, I know and many of you all know, that the whole dodgeball was not their fault, in fact they made other partners take the bulk of the cost to make it affordable for SU to host this event.

Something, as simple as publicly asking for an apology was easy for me, but on other side it must have been very hard for execs and staff, considering they all acted in good faith, tried to do what they thought was best for the student experience and at the same time did an amazing job with the bulk of finances being bored by the university. Yet having to apologize for no wrongdoing due to calls being made by me and a few others. My actions have impacted alot of individuals, and I wholeheartedly want to apologize for it. Personally, I have a tendency of occasionally being very stubborn on a few things and ignoring all facts, making me very impulsive in my actions and responses. This behaviour is an issue that I am dealing with it, it has impacted many in past and it impacted many this time as well. This year I have been trying to change this but BTR just brought out the worst in me. Alot of time, we run on train to hold others accountable as it seems the right thing to do, but ignoring the full context is something wrong on my part as a councillor. There are manners to hold someone accountable and a public humiliating one is not the right one and yes my approach with BTR is regrettable and wrong on my part. The incident has passed on and there is no need to revisit it but still, I decided to write this apology, so I could start admitting things where I go wrong and this shall help me get rid of the behaviousal problem as outlined. All this information is no excuse for the harm that was done and the impact it had on many individuals on exec and staff, and thus I sincerely apologize for my actions in regards to BTR incident and I will aim at doing better and continue in my effort to correct my impulsive behavior.

Best Chanpreet Singh Engg Councillor 2022/23