

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

## September 6, 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?

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2022-10)

SPEAKER: Called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

### 2022-10/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2022-10/1a Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012

Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

Council re-takes the oath.

Two new Councillors, Laetitia Satam and Colton Meronyk, have joined Council through filling vacancy petitions (filling the ALES and Native Studies seats, respectively).

**ALI/REGMI MOVE TO** special order the entirety of Closed Session to immediately after the presentations.

FAILED 04/00/22

**REGMI/ALI MOVETO** suspend standing orders to special order agenda item 8b from the Late Additions to the Consent Agenda.

FAILED 06/00/20

**SPEAKER** special orders agenda item 10c from the Late Additions to the agenda.

- 2022-10/2 CONSENT AGENDA
- 2022-10/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-09) Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022

See SC-2022-10.01

APPROVED

- 2022-10/3 PRESENTATION
- 2022-10/3a **WATTAMANIUK/MONTEIRO MOVETO** present on the new Council Submission Form

See SC-2022-10.03

CARRIED 26/00/00

2022-10/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

FOGUE - VP Student Life - Report VILLOSO - VP Operations and Finance - Report FOTANG - VP External - Report KAUR - VP Academic - Report MONTEIRO - President - Report

#### 2022-10/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

DHILLON- Audit Committee FLAMAN - Bylaw Committee WATTAMANIUK - Council Administration Committee MONTEIRO - Executive Committee VILLOSO - Finance Committee ALI - Nominating Committee FOTANG - Policy Committee DORSCHEID - Board of Governors' Report FLAMAN - DIE Board Hiring Committee Report

#### 2022-10/6 <u>OPEN FORUM</u>

## 2022-10/7 <u>QUESTION PERIOD</u>

LIU: Questions VP External FOTANG about the delay of some international students' study permits and how the University will accommodate these students as well as the other international students who have not arrived on campus yet.

Adds that he saw a post on Reddit saying that international students, who are now residing on campus, cannot legally attend classes because of study permit concerns.

MONTEIRO: Answers the question in place of VP Fotang. According to the Provost and Deputy Provost, the University has given the option for international students, with permit concerns, to do courses online until their permit concerns have been alleviated.

However, will still reach out to the Provost and Deputy Provost regarding international students' study permits and what more can be done by the SU in regards to this situation.

ARSLAN: Asks VP Student Life FOGUE if the training for team leaders for Break The Record, which will be occurring on September 7, 2022, can be rescheduled as there was very short notice given for this

FOGUE: Confirms that it is okay if some of the team leaders are not able to attend the training. Materials will be provided to team leaders after the fact to supplement the missed in-person training, as it is understood that short notice was given for the training and it was expected that not everyone would be able to make it. Adds that another training session is being planned in the next week and a half.

ALI: Questions VP External FOTANG about the City's Regional plan and what will be talked about it with City Council during their meeting on September 7, 2022.

FOTANG: Will be talking about a Service Commission Model as a one-stop shop for multiple regions. This includes reinforcing transit service schedules, as there are currently not enough transit operations to accommodate students who have early and late classes, and with the EMTSC will advocate to meet the demands and services that students are asking for.

LIU: Suggests to the CAC Chair about expanding the council office to also operate as a constituent office. Then, students can come to the office and talk to councilors directly and accessibly. This will help the Students' Council's Office be known to the student body.

ALI: Gives a comment in regards to EMTSC. Mentions that the problem with the system is that, they are giving the City Council a lot less authority when it comes to making changes to how the City of Edmonton operates its transit system and with that, it will be difficult to introduce new routes which will, in turn, lead to more delays.

Mentions that it is difficult to handle this and that it is a mistake on the Students Union part to be advocating for the EMTSC as it limits advocacy avenues.

Suggests working with the system currently in place as a solution instead of trying to work outside of the system EMTSC.

ARSLAN: Point of Parliamentary Inquiry. Questions about what the EMTSC means.

FLAMAN: Comments on the importance of the Standing Orders section for presentations. For anyone who is going to move presentations during the remainder of the year, this is a reminder that presentations must be submitted to the Order Papers by a voting member of Students' Council, with an appropriate abstract and with slides, if required, attached to the submission. Is hoping this issue will be mitigated or eliminated by the new council submission form in its entirety.

WATTAMANIUK: Makes a follow-up on LIU's comment regarding the Council Office space. Suggests having office hours where councilors will be scheduled at a certain time of the day to receive constituents. Suggests potentially posting on social media to advertise when councilors from certain faculties are present and receiving constituents in the office. Will be working with Councor REGMI once everything is sorted out, to get the information posted to Council's social media page.

FOTANG: Responds to Councillor Ali's previous comments on EMTSC. Mentions that the EMTSC policy will be under review at some point later this year and is interested to hear Councillor ALI's research and opinions as the EMTSC policy goes under review.

Answer Councilor ARSLAN's question of what EMTSC stands for. EMTSC stands for the Edmonton Metropolitan Transit Service Commission. Adds that this is a

commission that was initially brought together by the City of St. Albert and the City of Edmonton, which was later joined by the rest of the regions of Edmonton, to see how transit within the regions can be improved.

REGMI: Questions VP External FOTANG about the conservative trend sweeping across Canada, and how he plans to advocate with the yet elected Conservative leader and Conservative MP's throughout Edmonton.

FOTANG: The greatest strength of the UASU, when it comes to its advocacy, is being non-partisan which means regardless of who is in power, the main priority remains the same, which are students and advocating for the best interests of students.

Will set up meetings with some MPs in the surrounding Edmonton region, and will also have the opportunity to meet and speak with MPs in Parliament, both sitting in government and for the opposition in November during Hill Week where there are plans to push the UASUs policies and priorities.

ALI: Questions VP External FOTANG about what direct action he has taken as VP External both in last year's term and in this year's term. Defines direct action as protests.

FOTANG: Believes that this question has been answered already during previous meetings. Says that all the options have been considered involving partners across the province to organize protests in the upcoming year, however, protests were difficult last year due to COVID regulations. during the summer, however, it is not feasible.

MONTEIRO: Adds that with the summer months, direct action like protests involving students is not possible as students are not on campus. However, will explore options going forward.

#### 2022-10/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-10/8a **SINGH/ALI MOVE THAT** the Executives, CAC and Finance committee work jointly to present a proposal to implement council honorarium by Nov 30th, 2022.

See SC-2022-10.04

WITHDRAWN

FLAMAN/REISBIG MOVE TO TABLE this motion indefinitely

WITHDRAWN

- 2022-10/9 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2022-10/9a **REGMI/WATTAMANIUK MOVE TO** discuss recent cuts to the Alberta Student Grant for Full Time Students

See SC-2022-10.05

WITHDRAWN

2022-10/9b **MONTEIRO/FOTANG MOVETO** discuss the councillor engagement opportunities within the UASU Executive Goals.

See SC-2022-10.06

WATTAMANIUK/REGMI MOVE TO go into Committee of the Whole. CARRIED 24/00/00

**REGMI/FLAMAN MOVETO** extend the meeting until 10:00 P.M. FAILED 15/00/09

**REGMI/FLAMAN MOVE TO** extend the meeting until 9:30 P.M. CARRIED 24/00/00

WATTAMANIUK/FLAMAN MOVE TO close debate CARRIED 23/00/00

- 2022-10/10 CLOSED SESSIONS
- 2022-10/10a **WATTAMANIUK/DORSCHEID MOVE TO** to go in camera to allow the Speaker to share a report on member eligibility and answer questions regarding that report

See SC-2022.10.07

CARRIED 23/00/00

**OJO/FLAMAN MOVE TO** extend the meeting by 10 minutes. CARRIED 23/00/00

2022-10/10b VILLOSO/DORSCHEID MOVE TO receive two presentations from General Manager Dumouchel in camera.

See SC-2022-10.08

CARRIED 23/00/00

- 2022-10/10c ALI MOVES TO go in-camera (personnel discussion)
- 2022-10/11 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2022-10/11a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-09)

See SC-2022-10.01

2022-10/11b Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2022-10.02

2022-10/11c Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-10.03-08

2022-10/11d Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2022-10.09

SPEAKER: Adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM