

**BYLAW  
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**

**4:00 PM**

**SUB 6-06**

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**AGENDA (BC-2018-08)**

**2018-08/1     INTRODUCTION**

**2018-08/1a    Call to Order**

**2018-08/1b    Approval of Agenda**

**2018-08/1c    Approval of Minutes**

**2018-08/1d    Chair's Business**

**2018-08/2     QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2018-08/3     COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2018-08/3a    LARSEN MOVES** to approve First Principles of Bill#5: First Principles of Bilingualism.

See BC-2018-08.02.

**2018-08/3b    KIM MOVES** to approve First Principles of Bill #2: Bylaw 10, Attendance Regulations.

See BC-2018-08.03.

**2018-08/4     INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2018-08/4a    BC-2018-07-M, August 29, 2018**

See BC-2018-08.01.

**2018-08/4b    Bill#5: First Principles of Bilingualism.**

See BC-2018-08.02.

**2018-08/4c** Bill #2: Bylaw 10, Attendance Regulations

See BC-2018-08.03.

**2018-08/5** **ADJOURNMENT**

**2018-08/5a** **Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 @ 4:00PM in SUB 6-06.



University of Alberta Students' Union

## BYLAW COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

5:00 PM

SUB 0-55

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### ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Michelle Kim ( Chair)		YES	
Tahra Haddouche		NO	
Rowan Ley		YES	
Stephen Raitz		NO	
Emma Ripka		YES	
Nathan Sunday		NO	
Jimmy Thibaudeau		YES	

### MINUTES (BC-2018-07)

2018-07/1 INTRODUCTION

2018-07/1a **Call to Order**

Called to order at 5:11 PM.

2018-07/1b **Approval of Agenda**

THIBAUDEAU/RIPKA MOVE to approve the Agenda.

4/0/0 CARRIED

**2018-07/1c Approval of Minutes**

RIPKA/KIM MOVE to amend the minutes to correct the minutes for the previous minutes.

4/0/0 CARRIED

**2018-07/1d Chair's Business**

KIM: I don't have any updates at this moment.

**2018-07/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2018-07/2a Meeting time for Bylaw Committee**

KIM: I will take some dates that don't work for all of us and will put it in a doodle poll. 4 PM on Tues was one option, off-council or on-council? I have CAC. I'm looking at off-council on Tues.

RIPKA: I have Strategic plan committee on Tues until 5.

Members discuss their availability.

KIM: Thursday, 4-5:30 PM works or Monday, 3-4 PM. I will put this in the WhatsApp and tentatively it will be on Thursday. I will email Manpreet with the final time. We will be meeting biweekly for now. I won't make any motion for this specific time because it's not finalized.

**2018-07/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2018-07/3a KIM MOVES to approve amended First principles of Bill #2: Bylaw 100.**

See BC-2018-07.04.

KIM: We have discussed the potential of making it a presentation by VP Ripka and I because there's not one specific way that works for everyone so we thought it would be better if we show them different option by Bylaw explored and opening up floors to come up with better, more consensus decision after getting feedback. I felt like there's not a best answer so we thought bringing it up would be better than trying to solve it ourselves.

THIBAudeau: It's a great idea especially where there's different opinions and most of us are on the fence on the issue. We can scrap the intro meeting and having the first meeting in May, having that meeting where we do the oath, having the committee selected or we have the intro meeting that doesn't count towards attendance. We can gather feedback and come back with something more well written.

KIM: So we were thinking about having a presentation forwarded on the Sept 18 meeting.

KIM MOVES to make a motion to table Bill #2 Bylaw Committee for presentation on council and to come back to it after presentation and feedback.

**2018-07/3b SUNDAY MOVES** to approve First principles of Bill #4: Bylaw 100

See BC-2018-07.05.

RIPKA: The first principles did not pass at council because it doesn't really belong in Bylaw because there's no way to enforce it because you're dealing with volunteers and you can't force someone to do something after the term is done. It's hard to put into Bylaw so it should be put into each committees Standing Orders. At the Chair's meeting, we discussed what this transition would look like and what we need to change to get to that point. Not only is it legislative, nothing in policy and bylaw, it's also a cultural thing. If chairs continuously don't write a good transition report then it doesn't set a precedent for future chairs so the all the chairs decided is to hold each other accountable to make a really good report and hopefully we can work with DG to make the training better. Nothing formal will happen, specifically from Bylaw.

THIBAudeau: I agree with everything you said, maybe it could fit under the portfolio like a Chair's training, work with DG but that wouldn't be written into bylaw.

LEY: Would this be in standing orders in Council as a whole?

RIPKA: The action item taken last night from Chair's committee, we created a google doc, looked at transition reports. In terms of actual legislation, I'm assuming that come second semester, we'll have a better idea of where it fits and then put into CAC's Standing Orders or individual committee's standing orders.

RIPKA/THIBAudeau MOVE to table Bill #4: Bylaw 100 indefinitely.  
4/0/0 CARRIED

THIBAudeau: Maybe we should make a time in the future to review the election bylaws because they come up quite often so we can work on it together.

KIM: I will put it on the Agenda next meeting.

RIPKA: Just an update: I'm bring 8400 and 8100, which deal with DFUs to Finance Committee because some of the execs wanted to make changes so the SU can have more oversight. I thought it'd be best to start at FC, we can brainstorm some ideas and bring the amendments to this committee.

THIBAudeau: Maybe talk to the chair of Audit, Councillor Palindat.

**2018-07/4**     **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2018-07/4a**   BC-2018-04-M, *July 18, 2018*

See BC-2018-07.01.

**2018-07/4b**   BC-2018-05-M, *August 1, 2018*

See BC-2018-07.02.

**2018-07/4c**   BC-2018-05-M, *August 15, 2018*

See BC-2018-07.03.

**2018-07/4d**   First principles of Bill #2: Bylaw 100

See BC-2018-07.04.

**2018-07/4e**   First Principles: Bill #4, Bylaw 100

See BC-2018-07.05.

**2018-07/5**     **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM.

**2018-07/5a**   **Next Meeting:** TBA.

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
THIBAUDEAU/RIPKA MOVE to approve the Agenda.	4/0/0 CARRIED
RIPKA/KIM MOVE to amend the minutes to correct the minutes for the previous minutes.	4/0/0 CARRIED
RIPKA/THIBAUDEAU MOVE to table Bill #4: Bylaw 100 indefinitely.	4/0/0 CARRIED

DIE Board Ruling 2018-02 (Bilingualism Bylaw Interpretation):

“With regards to the “sustainable method of translation” we order that such a method has to be established by September 4, 2019, being one year from the date the initial translation must be completed by. This Panel makes no specific ruling on how the sustainable method of translation should operate, but we have made some recommendations above that could be used as guidance by Students’ Council.”

1st Principles:

1. In accordance to DIE Board Ruling 2018-02 (Bilingualism Bylaw Interpretation), the Students Union shall develop a sustainable method of translation for its Political Policies and Bylaws.
2. This sustainable method of translation shall include;
  - a. A standing committee of council which shall be delegated the task of translating bylaws and political policies; and
  - b. Integration with the current legislative procedures of Students Council; and
  - c. Timelines for translation; and
  - d. A yearly audit of translated materials.
3. Students’ Council shall debate the English version of first and second readings of Bylaw and Political Policy.
  - a. The English version of governing documents shall be enforceable.
  - b. When discrepancies arise between the two translations, the English version shall take precedence.
4. Bylaw 600 (A Bylaw Respecting Students’ Union Bilingualism), Bylaw 100 (A Bylaw Respecting Students’ Council), and Bylaw 100 Schedule B, shall be amended to host the aforementioned principles.

**KIM MOVES** to approve First principles of bill #2: Bylaw 100 attendance regulations.

1. In August of 2017, then-speaker of Students' council Saadiq Sumar called for a DIE board interpretation of bylaw 100 surrounding section 7: start-up, and section 21: attendance regulations.
2. Sumar was asking for an interpretation of when the introductory Council meeting could occur, and if it could occur prior to May 1st. In addition, Sumar was also seeking clarification as to if the start-up meeting should be considered for councillor attendance regulations.

DIE board found the following:

***“The questions that were asked of this Panel, and our answers to them, are as follows:***

**1. Do both the introductory meeting and the first meeting of Council need to occur before May 7? What are the consequences if this does not happen? Can the first meeting occur before May 1?**

Both the introductory meeting and the first meeting of Council need to occur before May 7. The first meeting can occur before May 1 in certain circumstances. If the first meeting is held after May 7 and if an application that is brought under section 29 of Bylaw 1500 postdates the first meeting, then there is no consequence to the Students' Union or Students' Council. However, DIE Board may be able to force the meeting to take place if the application that is brought under section 29 of Bylaw 1500 is submitted before the first meeting takes place.

**2. Is the introductory meeting counted towards councillor attendance for the Spring/Summer term?**

This meeting is unique to this term. The introductory meeting does not count towards councillor attendance for any trimester, as interpreted from the Bylaws. In the event that the first meeting (and indeed, any meeting) occurs before May 1, then that meeting will also not count towards councillor attendance for any trimester. “



4. The recommendation was made that Council bylaws should be updated to include this interpretation. Section 7 of Bylaw 100 was amended to instate the start up meeting shall occur anytime in April, and that the first official meeting of council shall occur before May 15th. Section 21, attendance regulations were not amended so that the introductory meeting should not count towards attendance.

5. In accordance with the recommendations from DIE board, Bylaw 100, section 21 shall be updated so that the introductory meeting of council, occurring prior to a council's official term begins, shall no longer be included in attendance regulations.