

# BYLAW COMMITTEE

# Thursday, November 22, 2018 4:00 PM SUB 6-06

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.

| NAME                 | PROXY | PRESENT | SUBMISSION OF<br>WRITTEN<br>FEEDBACK (IF<br>ABSENT) |
|----------------------|-------|---------|---|
| Michelle Kim (Chair) |       | Y       |   |
| Rowan Ley            |       | Y       |   |
| Emma Ripka           |       | Y       |   |
| Nathan Sunday        |       | Y       |   |
| Robert Bilak         |       | Y       |   |
| Amlan Bose           |       | N       |   |
| Luke Statt           |       | Y       |   |
| Kathrine Belcourt    |       | Y       |   |

#### **MINUTES (BC-2018-11)**

**2018-11/1 INTRODUCTION** 

2018-11/1a Call to Order

KIM: Called to order at 4:06pm.

2018-11/1b Approval of Agenda

**SUNDAY/KIM MOVED** to amend the agenda by rearranging items 2018-11/3a

and *2018-11/3b* in reverse order.

6/0/0 - CARRIED.

**LEY/RIPKA MOVED** to approve the agenda as amended.

6/0/0 - CARRIED.

# 2018-11/1c Approval of Minutes

**LEY/BILAK MOVED** to approve the minutes of *BC-2018-10-M* with corrections to the incorrectly listed Committee membership. 5/0/1 - CARRIED.

## 2018-11/1d Chair's Business

KIM: Established that the Committee will have to follow-up with the review of DIE Board Ruling 2018-07 on *Monda v Students' Council.* 

LEY: Confirmed that he completed the Bill 5 Second Principles but they require review from other interested members of Council. Determined to bring them forward at the next meeting.

KIM: Reaffirmed that members may submit agenda items to effect reform at any time.

# 2018-11/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

KIM: Inquired into the timeline for the implementation and/or consideration of Bourgeois's referendum reform as in *2018-10/2a*.

RIPKA: Responded that they are not rushing the item. Anticipated further consultation on the issue. Determined to follow-up with Kim.

#### 2018-11/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

## **2018-11/3a** Aboriginal Student Council to pursue a DFU model

**KIM/RIPKA MOVED** to approve the Aboriginal Student Council's Dedicated Fee Unit model proposal.

SUNDAY: Noted that the proposal reflects the new standard as per bylaw requirements. Identified that, if approved, Bylaw Committee will create a referendum question for this DFU.

KIM: Established that this proposal must satisfy Bylaw 6100 §3.3. Confirmed that it satisfies §3.3a as it notes that "the purpose of the DFU is to start/expand on current services and programmes offered by ASC" by funding items such as increased cultural supports and events, operational costs including building maintenance, Aboriginal community awards, substituted childcare, increased educational opportunities, and strengthening internal and external collaborations. Inquired into the nature of the building repair.

BELCOURT: Responded that ASC is located in the Old Power Plant building which has problems with flooring and water quality. Noted that these funds would render the space more functional and welcoming.

SUNDAY: Noted that the building is owned by the University but has not been renovated due to the deferred maintenance. Considered that ASC, with its own funds, may complete renovations in order to better serve students.

BILAK: Inquired into the proposal as it relates to the subsidised childcare for undergraduate students.

BELCOURT: Responded that funds would act as an award to support those students who have difficulty attending classes because of their childcare costs.

SUNDAY: Clarified that students would apply for this fund through a process alike to that for other awards or emergency funding. Noted that applications would be assessed.

KIM: Suggested childcare subsidies for students should extend beyond this ASC fund.

SUNDAY: Noted that the child care subsidies would be provided on an ongoing basis.

BELCOURT: Considered that this fund could assist those who do not otherwise have government subsidies.

KIM: Confirmed that the proposal satisfies §3.3a. Identified that the proposal must satisfy §3.3b. Noted that the proposal suggests a \$1 fee administered on a trimesterly basis in Fall, Winter, and Spring.

RIPKA: Proposed tying the fee to the Consumer Price Index in order to ensure growth with inflation.

SUNDAY: Determined to act on Ripka's proposal.

LEY: Inquired into the renewal period.

KIM: Responded that renewals occur every five-years.

KIM: Confirmed that the proposal satisfies §3.3b. Identified that the proposal must satisfy §3.3c.

SUNDAY: Noted that the proposal provides for an opt-out period of at least a month in which students can opt out in-person or online.

KIM: Confirmed that the proposal satisfies §3.3c. Identified that the proposal must

satisfy §3.3d. Noted that the proposal provides for a reduced fee for part-time students at 5 cents per term. Noted that the proposal applies to off-Campus but not Augustana students. Confirmed that the proposal satisfies §3.3d-f and can, therefore, be approved. Confirmed that there are no problems associated with the proposal in relation to §7 and §8.

KIM: Determined that the Committee must follow §5 after if the proposal is approved.

BILAK: Inquired into whether the proposers of the referendum author the question.

KIM: Responded in the negative.

LEY: Determined to draft the question and work collaboratively with Ripka.

**5/0/1 - CARRIED.** 

# **2018-11/3b** Aboriginal Student Council to pursue a DFU model

**KIM MOVES** to approve the First Alberta Campus Radio Association plebiscite question, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, as attached below. See BC-2018-11.02.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether FACRA will seek a petition.

RIPKA: Responded that the proposal does not discuss a petition.

KIM: Noted that the question must match the original proposal as in §4.2. Confirmed that the proposal satisfies the conditions as in §3.3. Inquired into whether the fee has always been mandatory.

RIPKA: Responded in the affirmative. Expressed concern that the proposal does not clearly identify the relevant motion.

KIM: Identified the motion as "do you support the continuation of the Dedicated Fee for the CJSR-FM Fund?".

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether FACRA wishes to receive a plebiscite (non-binding) rather than a referendum (binding).

RIPKA: Responded that they seek a plebiscite.

KIM: Noted that plebiscites are reviewed in relation to Bylaw 2500 for mandatory non-instructional fees.

RIPKA: Identified that the proposal is for a Dedicated Fee Unit, not a mandatory

non-instructional fee and, therefore, Bylaw 6100 applies for a plebiscite question.

RIPKA: Expressed concern that the proposal does not satisfy §4.2 as it does not include the original petition question. Considered that the committee must receive the original question prior to approving the proposal because it cannot assume they are consistent.

SUNDAY: Inquired into which fees are mandatory.

RIPKA: Noted that all fees are mandatory barring APRIG and The Landing.

KIM: Determined to follow-up with Discover Governance to ensure that the proposal satisfies §4.2 and then approve the item in an online vote. Determined, also, to confirm the plebiscite question.

**KIM/SUNDAY MOVED** to table the item 2018-11/3b for an online vote. 6/0/0 - CARRIED.

BILAK: Inquired into whether, as per §4.3, the Committee must draft the renewal question for Student Legal Services. Noted that they have sent a question to meet a deadline.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether other members of Council sit on Student Legal Services.

KIM: Requested that Bilak check the other items upcoming for renewal.

RIPKA: Determined to liaise with Student Legal Services in connection with this renewal question.

KIM: Confirmed that §4.3 confers responsibility to the Committee for drafting the question where it has otherwise not been received by the relevant party. Considered revisiting §4.3 in future.

BILAK: Identified that the Engineering Students Society and Law Student Association have renewal upcoming in the next year.

#### 2018-11/4 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

**2018-11/4a** BC-2018-10-M, *November 8, 2018* 

See BC-2018-11.01.

**2018-11/4b** FACRA - Plebiscite Question, 2018

See BC-2018-11.02.

#### **2018-11/5 ADJOURNMENT**

KIM: Adjourned the meeting at 4:49pm.

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

| MOTION   | VOTES            |  |
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| SUNDAY/KIM MOVED to amend the agenda by rearranging items 2018-11/3a and 2018-11/3b in reverse order.                          | 6/0/0 - CARRIED. |  |
| LEY/RIPKA MOVED to approve the agenda as amended.  | 6/0/0 - CARRIED. |  |
| LEY/BILAK MOVED to approve the minutes of <i>BC-2018-10-M</i> with corrections to the incorrectly listed Committee membership. | 5/0/1 - CARRIED. |  |
| KIM/RIPKA MOVED to approve the Aboriginal Student Council's Dedicated Fee Unit model proposal.                                 | 5/0/1 - CARRIED. |  |
| KIM/SUNDAY MOVED to table the item <i>2018-11/3b</i> for an online vote.   | 6/0/0 - CARRIED. |  |