

**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019
3:00 PM
SUB 0-55**

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 WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Michelle Kim (Chair)		Y	
Rowan Ley		N	
Emma Ripka		Y	
Nathan Sunday		N	
Robert Bilak		Y	
Amlan Bose		Y	
Luke Statt		N	
Rebecca Taylor, Discover Governance		Y	

MINUTES (BC-2018-13)

2018-13/1 INTRODUCTION

2018-13/1a Call to Order

KIM: Called to order at 3:00pm.

2018-13/1b Approval of Agenda

KIM: Special ordered item *2018-13/3c* onto the agenda.

BOSE/BILAK MOVED to approve the agenda.
4/0/0 - CARRIED.

2018-13/1c Approval of Minutes

BILAK/BOSE MOVED to approve the minutes of *BC-2018-12-M*.
4/0/0 - CARRIED.

2018-13/1d Chair's Business

KIM: Noted that the Committee must amend its regular meeting schedule for the present semester to accommodate several other members' conflicts. Determined to release a Doodle Poll to select the meeting times.

2018-13/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

- 2018-13/2a**
- Councillors graduating in Fall term with no other representation for the Winter term

KIM: Established that some councillors graduate in their fall term and, therefore, must resign from Council. Inquired into whether members elected in and graduating during the Fall Term should be permitted to continue in the Winter Term notwithstanding that they are no longer enrolled in a class.

BOSE: Expressed concern that this change may preclude other active students from assuming the role.

KIM: Clarified that a graduating councillor would be permitted to carry on in the Winter Term provided that there were no other candidates interested in the position.

RIPKA: Emphasised that it is better to have a seat filled with representation than a seat empty. Noted that students in classes should have priority. Inquired into whether these restrictions exist as part of a bylaw or Council Standing Orders.

KIM: Responded that the restriction exists in both places. Noted that members of Council must be members of the Students' Union who must be enrolled in a class in order to pay the membership fee.

BILAK: Supported councillors continuing after ending their classes provided that there are no other councillors-in-waiting.

2018-13/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 2018-13/3a** **KIM/BILAK MOVED** to approve First Principles of Bill 6: Changes to SU Student Group Oversight First Principles as amended.

See BC-2018-13.02.

TAYLOR: Established that there are the First Principles which Council committed and the proposed Second Principles which the Committee would approve as the First Principles today to be sent to Council.

KIM: Expressed concern that the First Principles Taylor identified are not those which Council received and committed. Inquired into why the First Principles use the phrase “at minimum” in several instances.

TAYLOR: Responded that the phrase intends to provide Bylaw with the power to make additions where necessary.

KIM: Noted that the phrase confuses councillors who expect and inquire into what other items are to be included in a given bylaw. Inquired into whether the University of Alberta is the only Canadian university wherein the Students' Union does not control student group oversight.

TAYLOR: Responded that only the University of Toronto has a similar system in principle, although it does not operate similarly in practice.

RIPKA: Inquired into how the Bill relates to Bylaw 5600 when their purposes overlap and conflict.

TAYLOR: Proposed including a provision that reads “existing bylaws that concern student groups and student representative associations will be amended or rescinded as necessary”. Inquired into the reason for which Council committed the Bill initially.

KIM: Responded that Council committed the item due to an error in communication, an incorrectly attached document, and in order to preserve their ability to make changes to the Bill on the basis of the Committee's recommendations which require the Bill to be considered by the Committee in the first instance.

4/0/0 - CARRIED.

2018-13/3b Review of DIE Board Ruling 2018-07.

See BC-2018-13.03

KIM: Established that the Ruling makes a strong recommendation to draft a Bill to amend the creation and implementation of Standing Orders.

RIPKA: Expressed concern that the bylaw provides that the chair of CAC is responsible for updating the website. Expressed concern that the ruling is unclear.

TAYLOR: Clarified that DIE Board expressed concern insofar as there are several

different bodies which can amend Council Standing Orders and recommended centralising the authority.

KIM: Noted that the Ruling recommends that only Council have the authority to render change to Standing Orders and that CAC remains the forum for their discussion. Identified that the Committee will effect this change in a new Bill.

RIPKA: Outlined that the Bill would amend Bylaw 100 Section 11.4(b) that reads Standing Orders “are adopted, amended, or rescinded on a simple majority vote of Students’ Council or the Council Administration Committee”. Proposed adding a new provision to clarify that CAC generates and debates amendments which must then be approved by Council.

BILAK: Determined to draft Bill 7 to effect this change for the next meeting.

2018-13/3c RIPKA/BILAK MOVED to approve the Student Spaces Levy Referendum Question as presented and as amended.

RIPKA: Established that the \$9 per term levy, which can increase by up to \$9 per term in 2020 and 2021, later matching inflation, intends to provide for the renewal and maintenance of the Students’ Union Building and other student spaces.

KIM: Expressed concern that the question offers a confusing description of fee increases.

RIPKA: Responded that she selected the present wording as it was most successful at getting favourable responses in the Annual Survey.

BILAK: Proposed amending the provision to read “a potential Student Spaces Levy, designed to address this problem, would cost \$9 per term” to link the sentences.

TAYLOR: Expressed concern that Bilak’s proposal does not read as neutrally. Noted that the final question should read as a full restatement of the details relating to the fee.

KIM: Added a provision outlining that “Augustana students will be exempt from this levy” in the third portion of the question.

RIPKA: Expressed concern that the Augustana students vote on the creation of fees applied in North Campus even while they are not applied in Augustana Campus.

4/0/0 - CARRIED.

RIPKA: Proposed, in relation to the translation bylaw, the addition of a provision

stating that the Translation Committee should meet immediately after a meeting in order to effect change occurring in Council. Proposed that the bylaw not state whether Translation Committee members must speak French as it cannot occur. Noted that the Translation Committee will be designated as an operational committee.

2018-13/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2018-13/4a BC-2018-12-M, *December 6, 2018*

See BC-2018-13.01.

2018-13/4b Bill 6: Changes to SU Student Group Oversight First Principles - First Principles

See BC-2018-13.02.

2018-13/4c DIE Board Ruling - 2018-07

See BC-2018-13.03.

2018-12/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned the meeting at 3:52pm

2018-12/5a **Next Meeting:** TBD.

MOTION	VOTES
BOSE/BILAK MOVED to approve the agenda.	4/0/0 - CARRIED.
BILAK/BOSE MOVED to approve the minutes of <i>BC-2018-12-M</i> .	4/0/0 - CARRIED.
KIM/BILAK MOVED to approve First Principles of Bill 6: Changes to SU Student Group Oversight First Principles as amended.	4/0/0 - CARRIED.
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