

**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019
5:00 PM
SUB 0-48**

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.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Michelle Kim (Chair)		Y	
Rowan Ley		Y	
Emma Ripka		Y	
Nathan Sunday		Y	
Robert Bilak		Y	
Amlan Bose		Y	
Luke Statt		Y	

MINUTES (BC-2018-14)

2018-14/1 INTRODUCTION

2018-14/1a Call to Order

KIM: Called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

2018-14/1b Approval of Agenda

KIM MOVED to remove *2018-14/2a* (as it is duplicated in *2018-14/3c*) and correct *2018-14/3c* to remove the phrase 'First Principles' in the final sentence of the motion.

SUNDAY/STATT MOVED to approve the agenda as amended.

7/0/0 - CARRIED.

2018-14/1c Approval of Minutes

RIPKA/BOSE MOVED to approve the minutes of *BC-2018-13-M*.

4/0/2 - CARRIED.

2018-14/1d Chair's Business

LEY: Proposed that the Committee meet on March 13th and, thereafter, return to the regular off-Council schedule.

RIPKA: Expressed concern that the Committee may not meet quorum during the election period.

KIM: Considered that, depending on attendance, the Committee can meet quorum. Determined to schedule the next meeting for March 13th and complete an online vote if required by pressing matters.

SUNDAY: Noted that online votes are not addressed by any current legislation. Inquired into the permissibility of online votes.

KIM: Responded that there is ample precedent for online votes. Proposed that Sunday investigate addressing their user within Standing Orders or bylaw.

RIPKA: Supported Kim. Clarified that chairs set a deadline for the completion of a vote and, if a sufficient number of members participate, the vote is treated as fair.

2018-14/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether the Students' Union is valued at ten or fourteen million dollars.

RIPKA: Responded that the Students' Union is a fourteen million dollar organization.

STATT: Considered that the Students' Union has a running budget of twenty-five million, including its collected associational fees. Requested the Committee assign him an active project.

RIPKA: Suggested that Statt work with the Finance and Bylaw Committees to develop the regulation related to Dedicated Fee Units.

SUNDAY: Noted that ARRC's Recommendations propose a change to Bylaw such that DIE Board may respond to reference questions. Noted that the DIE Board itself suggested this change in *Sunday v Christiansen*.

KIM: Proposed that Sunday investigate the issue and propose changes as First

Principles.

2018-14/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2018-14/3a **KIM/LEY MOVED** to review Second Principles of Bill #5: Translation Committee as amended.

See BC-2018-14.02.

KIM: Established that Campus Saint-Jean students proposed changes for the Committee to consider.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether bylaws and Standing Orders, as twin pillars of the Students' Union, should both be translated.

RIPKA: Responded that changes to provide for the translation of Standing Orders extend beyond the scope of First Principles. Noted that this issue can be addressed in the next year.

KIM: Proposed removing the timeline and delay of information provision as they are no longer relevant.

LEY: Reaffirmed that any changes must be tracked for Council to consider in the Second Principles vote.

KIM: Inquired into whether Bill 5 outlines the membership of the Translation Committee.

LEY: Responded in the positive, noting that Section 12.9 address membership.

KIM: Supported Section 12.9. Suggested that the Translation Committee need not be composed entirely out of French speakers.

RIPKA: Supported Kim.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether the Translation Committee should include student-at-large members.

KIM: Supported Sunday. Noted that the Translation Committee is to receive the operational designation.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that the Translation Committee technically has standing classification. Proposed that the Bill need to reflect the Bylaw 100 schedule that provides for operational and ad-hoc committees.

KIM: Noted that Sunday is correct. Considered that the Committee originally planned for the Translation Committee to be standing but later reconsidered.

LEY: Noted that this change in designation must also include a change to Section 9(a), which only applies to standing committees.

SUNDAY:

Expressed concern that the website still lists oversight and legislative committee as extant, even after this abolishment. Proposed updating Bylaw 100 Schedule B.

RIPKA: Expressed concern that Bylaw 100 Sections 5 and 6 are incomplete on the website.

LEY: Inquired into the rationale upon which the Committee decided to proceed with an operational as opposed to standing classification for the Translation Committee.

KIM: Responded that the operational designation would allow for student-at-large to serve on the Translation Committee.

LEY: Noted that Section 12.2 allows for students-at-large to join standing committees as members.

RIPKA: Proposed that the Translation Committee have standing classification as it will meet frequently.

SUNDAY: Proposed that the Translation Committee have operational classification as it serves a specific operational function and is easier to create.

RIPKA: Inquired into whether there is a definition of operational committees.

BILAK: Responded that the definition resides within Section 3.3.

LEY: Inquired into whether the definition was amended in the most recent reform of Bylaw 100.

SUNDAY: Responded in the negative.

RIPKA: Inquired into the definition of standing committees.

KIM: Responded that they are committees whose mandate is a legislative delegated function of Students' Council.

LEY: Determined to keep the Translation Committee with its standing designation. Emphasised that this designation does not preclude the inclusion of students-at-large.

RIPKA: Considered that, as they serve no representative function, the presence of

the students-at-large members will not affect the ability of the Translation Committee to function.

KIM: Noted that students-at-large will be useful if there are too few councillors to fill the Translation Committee.

LEY: Suggested that there should not be a mandated number of students-at-large on the Translation Committee.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether the Translation Committee will respect the differences in Parisian and Quebecois French

LEY: Responded that the Translation Committee will adhere to the standard of translation used professionally via its external audit process.

7/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-14/3b BILAK/STATT MOVED to approve the First Principles of Bill #7: Changes to Students Council Standing Orders amendment process.

See BC-2018-14.03

BILAK: Established that the Bill responds to a ruling in which DIE Board advised that the Committee centralise the authority to amend Standing Orders. Outlined that the Bill ensures that CAC and ARRC may submit amendments to Standing Orders but empowers only Council to effect changes.

KIM: Inquired into whether the Committee should clarify precisely how it intends to effect this change in bylaw. Inquired into whether ARRC will keep its power to amend the treaty acknowledgement.

BILAK: Responded that only Council will have the power to amend Standing Orders.

RIPKA: Proposed that the Committee outline the circumstances in which it is permissible for Council to violate Standing Orders.

LEY: Suggested that it is permissible if there is an explicit vote by Council.

KIM: Proposed that this question be addressed within another Bill.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether CAC was consulted in relation to this Bill which would change its power.

RIPKA: Responded in the negative. Suggested that CAC could raise any concerns at Council during the vote on the First Principles. Considered emailing the proposed changes to CAC for early review.

SUNDAY MOVED to add a definitional provision that “ Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board (DIE Board) is the judiciary board of the Students’ Union”
Carried as friendly.

7/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-14/3c KIM MOVES to approve the Second Principles of Bill #6: changes to Students’ Union, Student Governance Oversight.

KIM: Determined to table the item for the next meeting.

RIPKA: Suggested that proposed amendments to the Bill must be indicated with strikethroughs and red additions font colour.

2018-14/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2018-14/4a BC-2018-13-M, *January 15, 2019*

See BC-2018-14.01.

2018-14/4b Second Principles of Bill #5: Translation Committee

See BC-2018-14.02.

2018-14/4c First Principles of Bill #7: Changes to Students Council Standing Orders amendment process

See BC-2018-14.03.

2018-14/4d Suggested Changes to Existing Bylaws

See BC-2018-14.04.

2018-14/4e Appendix 1.1 DIE Board Consultation Comments

See BC-2018-14.05.

2018-14/4f Appendix 1.2 DIE Board Consultation Comments

See BC-2018-14.06.

2018-14/5 ADJOURNMENT

KIM: Adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm.

2018-14/5a **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 6, 2019 @ 5:00PM in SUB 6-06.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
KIM MOVED to remove <i>2018-14/2a</i> (as it is duplicated in <i>2018-14/3c</i>) and correct <i>2018-14/3c</i> to remove the phrase 'First Principles' in the final sentence of the motion.	7/0/0 - CARRIED.
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BILAK/STATT MOVED to approve the First Principles of Bill #7: Changes to Students Council Standing Orders amendment process.	7/0/0 - CARRIED.