



University of Alberta Students' Union

# BYLAW COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

**5:00 PM**

**SUB 6-06**

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## **AGENDA (BC-2018-16)**

**2018-16/1    INTRODUCTION**

**2018-16/1a    Call to Order**

**2018-16/1b    Approval of Agenda**

**2018-16/1c    Approval of Minutes**

**2018-16/1d    Chair's Business**

**2018-16/2    QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2018-16/2a    Recommended Changes To Bylaws For Next Year**

**2018-16/2b    Bylaw Committee Wrap Up**

**2018-16/3    COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2018-16/4    INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2018-16/4a    BC-2018-15-M, *March 15, 2019***

See BC-2018-16.01.

**2018-16/5    ADJOURNMENT**

**2018-16/5a    Next Meeting: TBA.**



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Friday, March 15, 2019

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### ATTENDANCE

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		Y	

### MINUTES (BC-2018-15)

2018-15/1

#### INTRODUCTION

2018-15/1a

#### **Call to Order**

KIM: Called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

2018-15/1b

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**BILAK/BOSE MOVED** to approve the agenda.

4/0/0 - CARRIED

2018-15/1c

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**STATT/RIPKA MOVED** to approve the minutes of *BC-2018-14-M*.

4/0/0 - CARRIED.

2018-15/1d

**Chair's Business**

KIM: Established that Ripka attended a Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board hearing on behalf of the Committee. Noted that no ruling is yet available.

RIPKA: Outlined that the hearing related to a concern that the Student Legal Services referendum question, drafted by the Committee, did not include all relevant information. Noted that the Committee is bound both to approve a question that reads in the same manner as its original but also to ensure that it includes all relevant information as per Bylaw 6100 4.3. Expressed concern that a contradiction exists insofar as the original question may not include all the relevant information a question requires according to bylaw.

KIM: Noted that this problem arose because longstanding referenda questions were approved prior to the creation of the bylaw that sets out what information a question must include.

RIPA: Expressed concern that there is also confusion in relation to the Aboriginal Student Council referendum question and determining what is a referendum question versus a petition question. Noted that Dedicated Fee Units are created by petition which require 15% of undergraduate support or via Students' Council. Expressed concern that it is unclear that students can take either route. Expressed concern that it is not clear whether, if students are proceeding in the latter option, they require a referendum question in addition to petition question.

KIM: Proposed that Bylaw Committee clarify Bylaws 2200 and 6100 to address these concerns. Proposed that Bylaw Committee identify whether the chair of the Committee, Discover Governance, the Chief Returning Officer, or the question initiator is responsible for a question's content. Suggested that chairs training and committee reporting must improve in future.

STATT: Noted that he is still working on the Aboriginal Student Council bylaw in collaboration with Sunday.

KIM: Expressed concern that there remains only two meetings of Council within which to create or amend bylaw.

2018-15/2

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2018-15/2a

Bylaw Recommendations from Finance

See BC-2018-15.04.

RIPKA: Established that Finance Committee proposes changes to Bylaw 6200.

Outlined that Dedicated Fee Unit recipients expressed concern at the vagary of their reporting relationship with Council. Noted that the proposed changes provide examples as to the types of information DFU recipients should provide in their reporting.

KIM: Recommended Ripka send the First Principles directly to Council if the next meeting of Council occurs before the next meeting of the Committee.

2018-15/3

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2018-15/3a

**KIM/RIPKA MOVED** to approve the Second Principles of Bill #6: Changes to SU SG Oversight as amended.  
See BC-2018-15.02.

KIM: Established that Bylaw reserved approving Bill 6 to wait for a copy including tracked changes at the last meeting. Determined to review the Bill section-by-section

BILAK: Inquired into whether bylaw 5100 is newly created.

RIPKA: Responded in the affirmative. Confirmed that Bylaw 5600 is being rescinded.

KIM: Reviewed the proposed addition of Bylaw 100 12.9 under Standing Committee Membership.

**BILAK MOVED** to add Bylaw 100 Section 12.10 reading that "The chair of the Student Group Committee shall be a member of the Students' Council."  
Carried as friendly.

KIM: Noted that the Committee will have to provide a copy of the Bill with tracked changes for Council.

BILAK: Suggested that Kim request the Speaker waive this requirement due to the length of the Bylaw for simplicity and clarity.

KIM: Confirmed that the proposed addition of Bylaw 100 17.8 under Mandates of Standing Committees matches First Principles.

RIPKA: Inquired into whether the appeal body for student groups, as in Bylaw 5100 Student Group Conduct Bylaw 3.1(b)(iii) is Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board of the Student Group Committee.

KIM: Responded that as the Bylaw refers to student groups, the appeal body would likely be the Student Group Committee. Determined to confirm the identity of the appeal body with the Bylaw author.

RIPKA: Expressed concern that student groups could use Bylaw 5100 3.1(c) to avoid debts owed to the Students' Union which were created by past members.

KIM: Considered that this abuse would not be possible within the Bylaw. Noted that the Committee can propose amendments if this problem arises.

RIPKA: Expressed concern at 4.6(c) as, if a student group applies in December they could not appeal a denial of recognition or request reconsideration.

**BILAK MOVED** to amend Bylaw 5100 4.6(c) to read "Requests for reconsideration must be received within four months in which the approval or denial took place"  
Carried as friendly.

RIPKA: Inquired into 5.5(a) would apply to bars which generally require registration to weeks prior to an event, rather than two months as outlined in the Bylaw. Proposed adding a provision that events requiring Students' Union business or venues must submit their reiteration two weeks prior to the date of the event.

KIM: Determined to get clarification from Discover Governance.

5/0/0 - CARRIED

**2018-15/3b** **BILAK/BOSE MOVED** to approve the Second Principles of Bill #7.

See BC-2018-15.03.

BILAK: Established that Bill 7 amends the procedure for amending Council Standing Orders. Noted that he made three amendments to Bylaw 100. Identified that these include 11.4(b) which removes the power of CAC to unilaterally amend Standing Orders, 17.3(a) which provides that CAC can recommend changes, and 17.7(n) which provides that ARRC can recommend changes to the territorial acknowledgement.

5/0/0 - CARRIED

**2018-15/4** **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

See BC-2018-15.01.

**2018-15/4b** Second Principles of Bill #6: Changes to SU SG Oversight

See BC-2018-15.02.

- 2018-15/4c**      Second Principles of Bill #7  
See BC-2018-15.03.
- 2018-15/4d**      Bylaw Recommendations from Finance  
See BC-2018-15.04.
- 2018-15/5**      **ADJOURNMENT**  
KIM: Adjourned the meeting for 5:56pm.
- 2018-15/5a**      **Next Meeting:** TBD.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<b>BILAK/BOSE MOVED</b> to approve the agenda.	4/0/0 - CARRIED
<b>STATT/RIPKA MOVED</b> to approve the minutes of <i>BC-2018-14-M.</i>	4/0/0 - CARRIED.
<b>KIM/RIPKA MOVED</b> to approve the Second Principles of Bill #6: Changes to SU SG Oversight as amended.	5/0/0 - CARRIED.
<b>BILAK MOVED</b> to add Bylaw 100 Section 12.10 reading that "The chair of the Student Group Committee shall be a member of the Students' Council."	Carried as friendly.
<b>BILAK MOVED</b> to amend Bylaw 5100 4.6(c) to read "Requests for reconsideration must be received within four months in which the approval or denial took place"	Carried as friendly.
<b>BILAK/BOSE MOVED</b> to approve the Second Principles of Bill #7.	5/0/0 - CARRIED.