



University of Alberta Students' Union

## **BYLAW COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

**5:30 PM**

**SUB 6-06**

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### **AGENDA (BC 2019-02)**

- 2019-02/1      INTRODUCTION**
- 2019-02/1a     Call to Order**
- 2019-02/1b     Approval of Agenda**
- 2019-02/1c     Approval of Minutes**
- 2019-02/1d     Chair's Business**
- 2019-02/2      QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**
- 2019-02/2a     Strategy Plan**
- 2019-02/2b     Annual Strategic Plan/Goals**
- 2019-02/2c     Schedule For Bylaw Updates And Proposed New Bylaws**
- 2019-02/3      COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2019-02/4      INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2019-02/4a     Bylaw Committee Minutes (BC-2019-01-M) - Wednesday, May 15, 2019.**  
  
See BC-2019-02.01.
- 2019-02/5      ADJOURNMENT**
- 2019-02/5a     Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 @5:30PM in SUB 6-06.**



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### ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
David Draper (Chair)		Y	
Amlan Bose		N	
Luke Statt		Y	
Stephanie McKenzie		Y	
Phoebe Marinakis	Yiming Chen	Y	
Ayman Adwan		Y	
Talia Dixon		Y	

### MINUTES (BC 2019-01)

2019-01/1

#### INTRODUCTION

2019-01/1a

#### **Call to Order**

DRAPER: Called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

2019-01/1b

#### **Approval of Agenda**

STATT/MCKENZIE **MOVED** to approve the agenda.

6/0/0 - CARRIED

2019-01/1c

#### **Approval of Minutes**

CHEN/MCKENZIE **MOVED** to approve the minutes of BC-2019-01-M.

6/0/0 - CARRIED

2019-01/1d

#### **Chair's Business**

**2019-01/2**

**QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-01/2a**

Strategy Plan

DRAPER: Inquired into whether members have ideas as to the bylaw changes the Committee will complete in the current session.

STATT: Proposed that the Committee should work, in consultation with interested parties, to change the mandates of the Audit and Finance Committees as they relate to the distribution of Faculty Association Membership Fees and Dedicated Fee Units. Noted that Residence Associations and Faculty Associations should be consulted in this process.

DIXON: Inquired into the process for making committees permanent. Expressed concern that CIRC is not a permanent committee.

STATT: Responded that CIRC has difficulty existing as it has no defined mandate and goal. Proposed, in future, more fully integrating CIRC into Students' Union structure to maximise their ability to advocate staff.

MCKENZIE: Proposed that the Committee should improve councillor knowledge of bylaw by creating a reference or FAQ.

DRAPER: Clarified that he sent two Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board cases, the matters of CRO v DFU and Cutarm v Students' Council, as the Committee needs to implement the recommendations contained in the judgements.

DRAPER: Proposed assigning certain timelines for the auditing and approval of FAMF and DFU fees. Expressed concern that there is no certainty as to when a Faculty or Residence Association will receive its fee money.

STATT: Proposed, in order to address this issue, auditing these groups annually and the approving audits semi-annually.

DRAPER: Determined to discuss this session's work plan with the chair of last session. Determined to begin work on creating a fee delivery timeline.

MCKENZIE: Inquired into what the Committee must do in relation to DIE

DRAPER: Responded that there are specific suggestions in relation to the DIE Board which, if implemented, would improve the state of the bylaw.

**2019-01/2b**

Review

DRAPER: Noted that the Committee needs to do a general review of bylaw.

CHEN: Inquired into the current number of bylaws.

DRAPER: Responded that there are 23 or 24 bylaws. Determined to send out the list of the bylaws. Emphasised that members should select a few from this list and be prepared to present on their content. Requested that members flag both quick/grammatical and substantive changes in reviewing their bylaws. Determined to develop the strategic plan for the next meeting.

MCKENZIE: Expressed concern that there would not be enough time in the next meeting to review all the bylaws.

DRAPER: Responded that the reviews would be brief and take around one minute.

MCKENZIE: Inquired into whether members should also review the schedules of bylaw.

STATT: Responded that it is not necessary, but advisable. Determined to review the schedules in order to ensure that their numbers are correct.

**2019-01/2c**

Bylaw 2200 and Bylaw 6100 - DIE Board Hearing

*Refer to the Bylaw, by clicking on the following links: [Bylaw 2200](#), [Bylaw 6100](#).*

MCKENZIE: Determined to lead the implementation of DIE's recommendations. Inquired into the issue to which these recommendations related.

CLERK: Recalled that the former chair of the Committee, said the following in *BC-2018-16-M*:

"KIM: Recommended that, next term, the Committee review Bylaws 2200 and 6100. Noted, in particular, the Committee should follow the advice of DIE Board and clarify the process for creating fee units with a bylaw-petition-Council procedure. Identified that this change can occur in Bylaw 2200 which, at present, gives all the authority to Council. Identified that the Committee should also reconsider Bylaw 6100 Section 4.2 to resolve a contradiction. Outlined that 4.2 holds that plebiscite questions should be drafted in the same manner as the original petition question but another section, 3.5, requires the presence of certain information in a proposed question. Noted that older petition questions now either fail to include the relevant facts as per 3.5 or violate 4.2 as including those facts would make the question dissimilar to the original question. Cited Student Legal Services as an example. Proposed that the Committee in future clarify who is responsible for notifying fee receipts of their renewals. Expressed concern that it is difficult to meet the 3.5 requirements without having any information at the Committee level. Noted that sometimes recipients do not cooperate in the renewal process. Noted that the Committee should also review Bylaw 2200 Section 5.6 in this regard."

**2019-01/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-01/4**      **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-01/4a**      Bylaw Committee Minutes (BC-2019-00-M) - Friday, May 3, 2019.

See BC-2019-01.01.

**2019-01/5**      **ADJOURNMENT**

DRAPER: Adjourned the meeting at 6:01pm.

**2019-01/5a**      **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 29, 2019 @5:30PM in SUB 6-06.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<b>STATT/MCKENZIE MOVED</b> to approve the agenda.	6/0/0 - CARRIED
<b>CHEN/MCKENZIE MOVED</b> to approve the minutes of BC-2019-01-M.	6/0/0 - CARRIED