



**BYLAW  
COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

**5:30 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.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**MINUTES (BC 2019-02)**

**2019-02/1 INTRODUCTION**

**2019-02/1a Call to Order**

DRAPER: Called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

**2019-02/1b Approval of Agenda**

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

CARRIED

**2019-02/1c Approval of Minutes**

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

CARRIED

Bose abstains.

**2019-02/1d**      **Chair's Business**

**2019-02/2**      **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-02/2a**      Strategy Plan

CHEN: Outlined that Bylaw 100(b) deals with the composition, structure, and governance of oversight, ad-hoc, and operational committees. Outlined that Bylaw 8200 deals with student representative association fees with a focus on their renewal via referendum. Noted that 8200 will require change if and when the Audit and Finance committee mandates change.

MCKENZIE: Outlined that Bylaw 2300 deals with council elections. Expressed concern that 2300 Sections (5.2) and (6.1) give conflicting information as how many days election packages may be released in advance, Sections (8.1) and (8.2) are repetitive, and Section 13.4 is strange as it references itself. Suggested that bylaws have a number of errors and require a more thorough review. Outlined that Bylaw 500 deals with Students' Union documentation that sets out confidentiality rules.

DIXON: Noted that she is interested in reviewing this bylaw. Expressed concern that the elections were not well advertised and not well run. Outlined that Bylaw 1500 deals with how student groups conduct their activities and explains a complaint procedure. Suggested consulting club executives if the Committee changes the bylaw. Expressed concern that the purpose of Bylaw 6300 is unclear and it has no description. Outlined that Bylaw 1500 deals with judicial procedure and the violation of bylaw. Suggested consulting with members of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board to determine whether there are necessary changes. Outlined that Bylaw 600 deals with French translations of bylaws and policies. Considered that the translations may not be sufficiently comprehensive.

MCKENZIE: Proposed writing a simple handbook that summarizes and reviews bylaws.

DRAPER: Expressed concern that Bylaw 2400 and 2200 define joke candidates as all people who do not run on their legal name or a reasonable derivative of that name. Proposed changing the bylaw to allow for candidates to use preferred names. Expressed concern that 8100 Section 6.4(6)(j) deals with faculty associations and involves a large section of restraints for associations who are not following UASU political policy that allows Council to reject the result of a plebiscite. Expressed concern that (h)(ii) requires 15% voter turnout. Proposed changing the provision that the minimum turnout could meet a five year average. Proposed prohibiting executives from endorsing plebiscites for consistency. Determined to continue the review these bylaws at the next meeting.

STATT: Expressed concern that certain fees are processed through the executive and require executive support.

BOSE: Proposed increasing the number of seats in Committees as Council is growing.

STATT: Expressed concern that the Committees are having difficulty being filled as it is.

DRAPER: Supported a change that increases membership of Committees proportionally to the membership of Council.

MCKENIZE: Proposed dividing committees into more specialised topics as large groups are ineffective.

STATT: Noted that the total number of committees is increasing.

BOSE: Proposed that clarifying Section 18.4 as to councillors who are executive members of student associations councillors members that are students within a faculty.

**2019-02/2b** Annual Strategic Plan/Goals

TSE: Proposed mandating finance module training for faculty associations.

STATT: Noted that bylaw requires changes to accommodate the Aboriginal Student Council Dedicated Fee Unit, Bylaw 100(b)(g) has grammar error, and Bylaw 8200 has to be changed to reflect the new auditing timelines for student representative associations.

MCKENIZE: Expressed concern that FAUNA is not following Bylaw.

STATT: Proposed contacting Agarwal to discuss this item further.

DRAPER: Proposed adding a bylaw to set out a set period that faculty association membership fees and campus association transfer payments proceeds have to be disbursed to groups.

DIXON: Proposed mandating the timeline within which these groups have to disburse their fee funds to their members.

DRAPER: Noted, however, that not all groups disburse funds to their members in granting.

STATT: Proposed including these requirements under the 8200 reporting section.

DRAPER: Proposed mandating a set amount of annual town halls or engagement activities for councillors.

TSE: Expressed concern that some councillors would not have the skills to do the outreach.

MCKENIZE: Expressed concern that some faculties are very disengaged.

DIXON: Proposed, instead, that councillors coordinate their engagement activities.

STATT: Proposed improving the Council of Faculty Associations.

**2019-02/2c** Schedule For Bylaw Updates And Proposed New Bylaws

DRAPER: Established that he wanted to set a theme for each month. Noted that he intends for January to be the election month.

DIXON: Proposed setting August for rephrasing and grammatical corrections.  
Proposed including points on environmental and social sustainability

STATT: Suggested that these points would be better included in political policy.

MCKENIZE: Proposed writing a handbook during January.

STATT: Noted that the changes to the reporting schedule for audits should occur before May. Proposed November.

**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**

DRAPER: Adjourned the meeting at 6:34pm.

**2019-02/5a** **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019 @5:30PM in SUB 6-06.