



University of Alberta Students' Union

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

4:00 PM

SUB 6-06

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AGENDA (BC 2019-11)

- 2019-11/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2019-11/1a Call to Order**
- 2019-11/1b Approval of Agenda**
- 2019-11/1c Approval of Minutes**
- 2019-11/1d Chair's Business**
- 2019-11/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**
- 2019-11/2a Election Bylaw Update(s), Bill 3.**
- 2019-11/2b Changes to Bylaw 1100, Fundraising Powers for the VPX.**
- 2019-11/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2019-11/4 INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2019-11/4a Bylaw Committee Minutes (BC-2019-10-M) - Wednesday, September 18, 2019.**

See BC-2019-11.01.
- 2019-11/5 ADJOURNMENT**
- 2019-11/5a Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 @ 4:00PM in SUB 6-06.**



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ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
David Draper (Chair)		Y	
Amlan Bose		Y	
Luke Statt		N	
Stephanie McKenzie		Y	
Adarsh Badesha		Y	
Samir Esmail		Y	
Talia Dixon	Chris Beasley	Y	

MINUTES (BC 2019-10)

2019-10/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-10/1a Call to Order

DRAPER: Called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

2019-10/1b Approval of Agenda

DRAPER/STATT MOVED to approve the agenda with the addition of 2019-10/2a and 2019-10/3a.

CARRIED

2019-10/1c Approval of Minutes

BOSE/BADESHA MOVED to approve the minutes of BC-2019-9-M.

CARRIED

2019-10/1d **Chair's Business**

2019-10/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2019-10/2a Bylaw 100 Attendance Regulations

BADESHA: Expressed concern that Vice President Statt has not attended Committee meetings recently.

BOSE: Inquired into who controls the attendance regulations for committees of Students' Council.

BEASLEY: Responded that committees establish their regulations internally.

DRAPER: Responded that Bylaw 100 Section 21(6) deals with the removal of members of Council due to unsatisfactory attendance and states "Where a Councillor has unsatisfactory attendance at the end of the trimester, they shall be declared in contravention to this Bylaw and be automatically removed as a member of the Students' Council."

BADESHA: Expressed concern that individuals, having been removed from Council due to unsatisfactory attendance, can immediately run in byelections and, if successful, return to Council. Proposed establishing a cooldown period within which individuals, having been removed from Council due to unsatisfactory attendance, cannot attempt re-election.

BOSE: Expressed concern, on another issue, that councillors can receive attendance credit during Council sessions without having to indicate that they are present by remaining logged into the livestream platform. Proposed requiring that, during attendance roll-call, councillors on the live stream must indicate they are present in the public chat. Expressed concern, on another issue, that councillors are not removed due to insufficient attendance in the Winter Semester as Bylaw 100 Section 21(6)a states only that "[Bylaw 100 Section 21(6)] shall only apply at the end of the Spring/Summer and Fall trimesters." does not cover the Winter semester.

MCKENZIE: Proposed discussing the introduction of a cooldown period at Council. Suggested that, rather than introducing a cooldown period, Council can rely on student constituents to keep their councillors accountable.

BADESHA: Suggested that student constituents cannot effectively ensure their councillors are engaged and attending meetings as many students do not have interest, time, or an easy way to access the information required to make this judgment.

BEASLEY: Expressed concern that Bylaw 100 21(7)'s allowable grounds for appealing one's removal from councillor are too narrow as they only allow for "(a) Personal circumstances including medical, emotional, mental, or family emergencies; or (b)

academic program requirements, where evidence of mandatory evening or overnight commitments is provided confirming conflict with meeting these attendance requirements; or (c) other circumstances deemed reasonable, at the discretion of D.I.E. Board.”

DRAPER: Suggested that Bylaw 100 21(7)c provides the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board with sufficient discretion. Considered that an added discouragement for councillors, even assuming they would be re-elected after being removed due to insufficient attendance, is that they would lose their committee placements.

BOSE: Proposed presenting Council with first principles to create a cooldown period.

BEASLEY: Opposed pursuing this regulation. Expressed concern that this regulation would take responsibility away from student constituents who are responsible for electing or reelecting their representatives, even if they had unsatisfactory attendance.

DRAPER: Concurred with Beasley. Expressed concern at prohibiting any councillors from running in an election given that there currently a significant number of vacancies on Council.

ESMAIL: Concurred with Draper.

2019-10/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2019-10/3a Second Principles for Bill 3: An Update To The Election Bylaws

DRAPER: Identified that Bylaw 2300 4(1)b reads “Notwithstanding, the election of representatives from Augustana Faculty to General Faculties Council and Students’ Union Council shall be conducted concurrently with the General Election of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors Representative as set out in Bylaw 2200.” Identified that, as per First Principles, the Committee needs to consider how this election period can be amended to better accommodate the unique academic schedule of the Augustana Campus. Expressed concern that, despite having sent an enquiry, Augustana Students’ Association has not provided commentary on whether they wish to see the dates of their election changed.

DRAPER/BOSE MOVED to approve the Second Principles of Bill 3: An Update To The Election Bylaws.

CARRIED

For First Principles see SC-2019-09.01.

2019-10/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-10/4a Bylaw Committee Minutes (BC-2019-09-M) - Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

See BC-2019-10.01.

2019-10/5

ADJOURNMENT

DRAPER: Adjourned the meeting at 4:38pm

2019-10/5a

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 @ 4:00PM in SUB 6-06.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
DRAPER/STATT MOVED to approve the agenda with the addition of 2019-10/2a and 2019-10/3a.	CARRIED
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DRAPER/BOSE MOVED to approve the Second Principles of Bill 3: An Update To The Election Bylaws.	CARRIED