



University of Alberta Students' Union

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

4:00 PM

SUB 6-06

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AGENDA (BC 2019-13)

- 2019-13/1 INTRODUCTION**
- 2019-13/1a Call to Order**
- 2019-13/1b Approval of Agenda**
- 2019-13/1c Approval of Minutes**
- 2019-13/1d Chair's Business**
- 2019-13/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**
- 2019-13/2a Gateway Plebiscite Discussion**
- 2019-13/2b Council Membership Petitions Discussion**
- 2019-13/2c Bill 6 Second Principles**
- 2019-13/2d Bill 3 Second Principles**
- 2019-13/2e Discussion on Bylaw 8100 Definitions**
- 2019-13/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2019-13/3a **BHATNAGAR MOVES** to discuss a draft question for the Sustainability and Capital Plan Fund referendum.**
- 2019-13/4 INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2019-13/4a Bylaw Committee Minutes (BC-2019-12-M) - Wednesday, October 29, 2019.**

See BC-2019-13.01.
- 2019-13/5 ADJOURNMENT**

2019-13/5a **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 27, 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		Y	
Stephanie McKenzie		Y	
Adarsh Badesha		N	
Samir Esmail		Y	
Talia Dixon	Chris Beasley	Y	

MINUTES (BC 2019-12)

2019-12/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-12/1a Call to Order

DRAPER: Called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

2019-12/1b Approval of Agenda

STATT/DRAPER MOVED to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

Mckenzie abstains.

2019-12/1c Approval of Minutes

STATT/DRAPER MOVED to approve the minutes of BC-2019-11-M.

CARRIED

Mckenzie abstains.

2019-12/1d **Chair's Business**

2019-12/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2019-12/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2019-12/3a Bill 4 - Second Principles

DRAPER: Outlined that Bill 4 concerns splitting Bylaw 2200 into two separate sections governing executive committee and board of governors representative elections and plebiscites and referenda of the Students' Union, respectively. Emphasised that he is proposing no substantive changes to these bylaws. Determined to send the Committee the Second Principles for approval via email.

2019-12/3b Bill 5 Second Principles

DRAPER: Outlined that Bill 5 assigns the Vice President (External) responsibility in Bylaw 1100 for leading and coordinating Students' Union efforts on soliciting sponsorship and donations.

STATT/MCKENZIE MOVED to approve the Bill 5 Second Principles.

CARRIED

2019-12/3c Bylaw 3000 Schedule Updates

STATT: Outlined that Bylaw 3000 needs to be updated to include new dedicated fee units from the Aboriginal Student Council, Student Legal Services, Engineering Students' Society and CJSR. Recommended that Bylaw Committee reviews Bylaw 3000 annually as to whether it references all groups receiving dedicated fee unit funds. Determined to bring Second Principles for these updates at the next meeting of Bylaw Committee.

BEASLEY/MCKENZIE MOVED to approve Bylaw 3000 First Principles.

CARRIED

2019-12/3d Bylaw 8100 Schedule updates

DRAPER: Outlined that the Committee needs to amend Bylaw 8100 to recognise Aboriginal Student Council as a new form of student representative association as. Noted that, currently, SRA's exist only as faculty or residence associations, neither of which describes the ASC.

STATT: Proposed, in addition, amending Bylaw 8100 to re-list the Michener Park Resident Association as a residence association.

MCKENZIE: Considered that it may be unnecessary to amend the Bylaw to specifically include Aboriginal Student Council as Section 5(1)e provides for their inclusion.

STATT: Noted that, in addition, the Bylaw does not specifically recognise (differentiate between) faculty and resident associations.

DRAPER: Suggested that the Bylaw must address whether Aboriginal Student Council is a member of the Council of Residence Associations, Council of Faculty Associations, both, or neither.

STATT: Proposed including the Aboriginal Student Council in a few select locations within the Bylaw and providing definition of their organisation. Noted that all student representative organisations the same authority within the Post-Secondary Learning Act. Noted that the Act does not allow for a given constituency to be served by multiple representative associations.

DRAPER: Clarified that Aboriginal Student Council and the Aboriginal Students' Association are serving distinct constituencies as the former serves all Indigenous students where the latter only the students studying as part of a certain faculty.

STATT: Proposed adding Aboriginal Student Council as a new form of student representative association defined under Section 3.

DRAPER: Considered that adding another defined association form may be unnecessary as Aboriginal Student Council would fall within the definition of Student Representative Association as per Section 3(e) which includes any association of undergraduate students that represents a definable and enumerable constituency, to which Students' Council exclusively delegates its representative authority;

STATT: Suggested that Aboriginal Student Council would prefer its own association definition.

MCKENZIE: Proposed defining ASC as an ethnic or cultural association. Suggested setting the association's membership to those students who declared the Aboriginal status via First People's House.

BEASLEY: Considered establishing a new Section 3 association category for underrepresented groups.

MCKENZIE: Expressed concern that this categorisation would be overbroad.

BEASLEY: Suggested that this is unproblematic as Council can review and define associations on a case-by-case basis. Considered establishing a new Section 3 association category for political communities.

MCKENZIE: Proposed soliciting ideas from Council as a whole for how best to establish a new Section 3 association category for Aboriginal Student Council.

STATT: Expressed concern that the term 'ethnic' has negative connotations.

BEASLEY: Proposed requesting Aboriginal Student Council propose their own Section 3 association category.

DRAPER: Expressed concern at creating an association category particular to Aboriginal Student Council as it should apply to more than one group. Noted, however, that ASC should be consulted.

BEASLEY: Suggested that the 'political community' association category better applies because 'ethnic' would not apply to international or queer students.

MCKENZIE: Proposed defining the 'political community' association category as 'an association of students based on involvement in a political community that is recognised as such under this bylaw.'

BEASLEY: Emphasised that the Bylaw should make clear that this association category does not cover partisan groups.

DRAPER: Expressed concern that this association category may homogenise different political communities.

STATT: Proposed creating a 'demographic community' or 'demographic peoples' association category.

DRAPER/MCKENZIE MOVED to table 2019-12/3d and 2019-12/3e to the next meeting.
CARRIED

2019-12/3e Bylaw 8100 Updates

2019-12/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-12/4a Bylaw Committee Minutes (BC-2019-11-M) - Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

See BC-2019-12.01.

2019-12/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

DRAPER: Adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.

2019-12/5a **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 12, 2019 @ 4:00PM in SUB 6-06.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
STATT/DRAPER MOVED to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
STATT/DRAPER MOVED to approve the minutes of	CARRIED

BC-2019-11-M.	
STATT/MCKENZIE MOVED to approve the Bill 5 Second Principles.	CARRIED
BEASLEY/MCKENZIE MOVED to approve Bylaw 3000 First Principles.	CARRIED
DRAPER/MCKENZIE MOVED to table 2019-12/3d and 2019-12/3e to the next meeting.	CARRIED