



**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

4:00 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		Y	
Stephanie McKenzie		Y	
Adarsh Badesha		N	
Samir Esmail		N	
Talia Dixon		Y	
Nathan Sunday		Y	
Katie Kidd		Y	

MINUTES (BC 2019-14)

2019-14/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-14/1a Call to Order

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

2019-14/1b Approval of Agenda

DRAPER/STATT MOVED to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2019-14/1c Approval of Minutes

N/A

2019-14/1d Chair's Business

2019-14/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

First Principles Aboriginal Consultation Bylaw

SUNDAY: Outlined that he engaged Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee on the topic of a consultation bylaw as per ARRC-2019-12-M. Inquired into whether Bylaw Committee will pursue creating this Bylaw. Noted that he and President Bhatnagar agree that the Bylaw should be a balance of principle and prescription.

DIXON: Inquired into whether the Sunday proposes that the Committee identify an existing external consultation framework and establish it in Students' Union bylaw.

SUNDAY: Responded that integrating an external framework is one possible approach to creating the Bylaw the Committee could adopt.

DIXON: Inquired into when Sunday proposes the Committee bring the Bylaw First Principles to Council.

SUNDAY: Responded that the Committee should bring First Principles forward as soon as possible, preferably within the next month or two.

DRAPER: Identified that the last meeting of Council is scheduled for December 3. Noted that Sunday has provided the Committee with draft First Principles.

MCKENZIE: Inquired into whether a consultation framework would better be developed by Policy Committee.

KIDD: Responded in the negative. Noted that Policy Committee focuses on creating policy related to political advocacy. Considered that establishing the consultation framework within bylaw would give it greater force and effect than if it existed in policy.

STATT: Concurred with Kidd. Suggested that Policy Committee could develop a policy parallel to the Consultation Bylaw.

STATT/DRAPER MOVED to vote on First Principles on or before the December 11 meeting.

MCKENZIE: Inquired into which member of the Committee is responsible for drafting the First Principles.

DRAPER: Responded that the effort will be collaborative.

DIXON: Suggested that draft First Principles are near complete and only will require review by the Committee.

2019-14/2a Sustainability and Capital Fund

STATT: Outlined that the Students' Union served students on the raw question for creating and component parts of the Sustainability and Capital Fund. Noted that 48% of about 4000 respondents are in favour. Noted that respondents from Engineering and Business were least favourable to the proposal but that respondents from Nursing, Arts, and Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation were most favourable. Determined to lower the cost of the fee to 25 dollars per term (from 27) on the basis of consultation. Confirmed that this reduction will not change the scope of the plan. Determined to present on the results of the SU survey at the next meeting of Council.

STATT/DIXON MOVED to approve and submit the following question to Council:

'The Students' Union Building (SUB) is a key asset for students at the University of Alberta. Beyond being a place on campus to meet with your friends, study, grab lunch, or catch a movie, SUB revenues provide more than \$3 million in funding each year to support student services and initiatives, in addition to creating hundreds of job opportunities on campus.

As a non-academic space on campus, SUB is not eligible for direct government capital grants—yet still requires more than \$25 million to address accumulating deferred maintenance costs. This maintenance needs to be addressed in order to ensure its sustainability and value to students—as both a social space and an important revenue source.

The University of Alberta Students' Union (UASU) proposes to create a permanent Sustainability and Capital Fund to help provide funding that allows for the renovation and improvement of Students' Union-controlled spaces on campus like SUB. The Capital and Sustainability Fund would:

- Provide funding for projects that improve the environmental, economic, and/or social sustainability of Students' Union spaces;
- Provide up to \$10,000 of funding for each approved student sustainability project that will positively impact the campus community.

Students' Council would be responsible for approving all expenditures from the Fund. All Fund projects must demonstrate a clear contribution to environmental, economic, and/or social sustainability.

The Fund would be financed by a fee subject to the following rules:

- The fee will be initially set at \$25/term;
- Students' Council may reduce the fee if financial circumstances allow;
- The fee will be reviewed after five years; and
- The fee will be applied to students enrolled in Fall, Winter, and Intersession (Spring/Summer) terms;

- The fee can only increase according to the Alberta inflation rate;
- Augustana will be exempt from the fee.

Do you support the creation of a Sustainability and Capital Fund to be implemented in the Fall 2020 academic year?’

CARRIED

2019-14/2b

DFU Reporting

STATT: Determined to propose a set of amendments to the timelines for approving and distributing dedicated fee unit funds. Expressed concern that, at present, the Students' Union can breach these timelines through no fault of their own given that the University can be delayed in releasing the funds it collects from DFU fees. Expressed concern that there have been technical bylaw breaches in the release of Gateway and FACRA funds due to variations in their financial reporting structures. Proposed that dedicated fee units be enabled to work on their own timelines and approach the Committee to receive funds and have their reports approved when needed.

DIXON: Inquired into whether these changes will detract from the ability of the Committee to oversee dedicated fee units.

STATT: Responded in the negative.

DIXON: Inquired into whether Statt consulted dedicated fee units on these proposed changes.

STATT: Responded that the Gateway and FACRA approve of these changes. Noted that he has not consulted other dedicated fee units because his changes will only provide them with greater flexibility and in no way impinge on their operations.

DIXON: Proposed setting timelines for auditing dedicated fee units.

KIDD: Supported these amendments as they will result in more staggered submissions of dedicated fee unit financial reports.

STATT: Confirmed that he is working to sign memoranda of understanding with dedicated fee units. Determined to bring First Principles to effect these amendments at a later meeting.

2019-14/2c

Bill 6: Second Principles

STATT: Outlined that these changes add Aboriginal Student Council to the Bylaw 600 Schedule. Noted that he used the Aboriginal Student Council constitution to fill out the mandate section. Noted that he has not yet reviewed the Schedule to ensure the

information concerning other pre-existing dedicated fee units is accurate and updated. Determined to propose approving the Second Principles in an e-vote after he reviews the Schedule for completeness and accuracy.

2019-14/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2019-14/4 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2019-14/4a Bylaw Committee Minutes (BC-2019-13-M) - Wednesday, November 13, 2019.
Minutes are not currently available.

2019-14/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

DRAPER: Adjourned the meeting at 4:48pm

2019-14/5a **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 11, 2019 @ 4:00PM in SUB 6-06.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

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