

# BYLAW COMMITTEE

#### Wednesday, February 5, 2020 6:00 PM SUB 0-48

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		Y	
Samir Esmail		N	
Talia Dixon		Y	

#### MINUTES (BC 2019-16)

2019-16/1 INTRODUCTION

#### 2019-16/1a Call to Order

DRAPER: Called the meeting to order at 6:03.

- 2019-16/1b Approval of Agenda STATT/BADESHA MOVED to approve the agenda. CARRIED
- 2019-16/1C Approval of Minutes STATT/DRAPER MOVED to approve the minutes as per BC-2019-16.01. CARRIED Badesha, Bose, Dixon abstain.

#### 2019-16/1d Chair's Business

DRAPER: Noted that he will take a leave of absence starting February 14 and ending March 6. Determined to bring the Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement Bylaw for approval at the next meeting.

**BADESHA/STATT MOVED** to nominate Adarsh Badesha as interim chair of Bylaw Committee between February 14 and March 6, 2020. CARRIED

#### 2019-16/2 <u>QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD</u>

#### 2019-16/3 <u>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>

#### 2019-16/3a Bylaw 6200 Definitions Update

DRAPER: Outlined that this Bill adds Aboriginal Student Council to Bylaw 6200 as a student representative association. Confirmed that he consulted Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee on the Bill. Noted that ARRC asked that a new category of student representative association be added, titled representative association, for ASC and other groups like them. Noted that ARRC felt that creating a special student representative association category for ASC within Bylaw 6200 would be tokenistic. Outlined that, as of now, groups within the representative association category would have membership in both Council of Residence Associations (CORA) and Council of Faculty Associations (COFA).

STATT: Suggested that, as groups falling within the proposed Bylaw 6200 representative association category are charged with a general mandate for representing and serving students, it would be inappropriate from them to serve as members of CORA.

DRAPER: Suggested that ASC has legitimate grounds for representing Aboriginal students living in University residences as a member of CORA.

BOSE: Concurred with Statt. Suggested that Aboriginal students living in University residences are already represented by their residents associations on CORA. Supported having groups falling within the proposed Bylaw 6200 representative association category as members of COFA. Considered, also, forming a single consultative body composed of all student representative associations.

DRAPER: Determined to further consult ARRC on this issue. Determined to discuss the Bylaw 6200 Definitions Update again at a future meeting.

#### **2019-16/3b** Bill 4 - Second Principles Update

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. Determined to write the Second Principles over Reading Week and thereafter present them to the Committee for approval.

BOSE: Inquired into whether there are bylaws concerning how faculty associations can purchase and use alcohol or cannabis.

DRAPER: Responded in the negative. Outlined that faculty associations, on this issue, are bound by University policies and provincial law and not Students' Union bylaw or policy.

#### **2019-16/3c** End of Term Work Schedule

DRAPER: Outlined that, before the session ends, the Committee has meetings slated to occur February 19, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15, and April 29.

STATT: Proposed striking a sub-committee for reviewing bylaws for errors and inconsistencies and proposing basic solutions. Noted that the sub-committee will operate starting at the last week of March and working through April.

**STATT/DRAPER MOVED** to strike the Bylaw Subcommittee on Bylaws. CARRIED

STATT: Outlined that any and all members of the Committee who are interested can serve on the Subcommittee. Noted that Students' Union staff will also serve on the Subcommittee.

DRAPER: Expressed concern that the Committee has not yet amended bylaw to change the deadlines by which dedicated fee units must submit documentation to Finance Committee to their reporting requirements.

STATT: Proposed adding this goal to the Committee transition plan and allowing the Council of next term to complete it.

DRAPER: Noted that the Committee has passed 20 Bills to date. Outlined that the Committee's achievements include updating bylaws, fulfilling an ARRC recommendation, enduring the Gateway could have a dedicated fee unit, allowing for easier vacancy petition, and making bylaws more readable.

#### 2019-16/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

**2019-16/4a** Bylaw Committee Minutes (BC-2019-15-M) - Wednesday, December 11, 2019. BC-2019-16.01.

#### 2019-16/5 ADJOURNMENT

DRAPER: Adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm.

## **2019-16/5a** Next Meeting: TBD.

### SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

ΜΟΤΙΟΝ	VOTES
<b>STATT/BADESHA MOVED</b> to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
<b>STATT/DRAPER MOVED</b> to approve the minutes of BC-2019-16.01.	CARRIED
<b>BADESHA/STATT MOVED</b> to nominate Adarsh Badesha as interim chair of Bylaw Committee between February 14 and March 6, 2020.	CARRIED
<b>STATT/DRAPER MOVED</b> to strike the Bylaw Subcommittee on Bylaws.	CARRIED