



**BYLAW  
COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

**4:00 PM**

**Google Hangout**

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, Sauleaux, 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		N	
Luke Statt		Y	
Katie Kidd		Y	
Adarsh Badesha		N	
Samir Esmail		Y	
Talia Dixon		Y	

**MINUTES (BC 2019-19)**

**2019-19/1      INTRODUCTION**

**2019-19/1a    Call to Order**

DRAPER: Called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

**2019-19/1b    Approval of Agenda**

**KIDD/STATT MOVED** to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

**2019-19/1c    Approval of Minutes**

**2019-19/1d    Chair's Business**

**2019-19/2      QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2019-19/3**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2019-19/3a**

Bill 8: Second Principles

DRAPER: Outlined that Bill 8 is the Aboriginal Consultation Bylaw created by Councillor Nathan Sunday, Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee, and Aboriginal Student Council.

KIDD: Expressed concern that the Bylaw is unclear in reference to directing the Students' Union to consult Aboriginal students in relation to its 'political activity'.

DRAPER: Considered that the Bylaw is intending to reference political advocacy. Inquired into what Students' Union operations would require Aboriginal consultation.

STATT: Responded that example issues may include re-naming rooms or adding an Aboriginal mural.

DRAPER: Expressed concern that Section 4(2) reading 'The Students' Union will assess, through the chair of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee, how proposed activities may impact Aboriginal students, student groups, and their related interests.' may be overbroad as it is not clear as to whether the item applies to each and every activity in which the Students' Union is involved.

STATT: Agreed that this provision is unclear.

DRAPER: Determined to request further clarification regarding Section 4(2) from Councillor Sunday.

DRAPER: Expressed concern that the meaning of Section 4(3) reading 'Early consultations will assist the Students' Union in seeking to identify and address Aboriginal student and student group concerns, avoid or minimize any adverse impacts, and assess and implement mechanisms that seek to address their related interests.' is unclear.

KIDD: Suggested that Section 4(3) suggests that the Students' Union cannot undertake last minute consultation.

DRAPER: Determined to submit Bill 8: Second Principles as part of the Council agenda or late additions.

**2019-19/3b**

Bill 4: Second Principles

DRAPER: Outlined that the Bill 4 splits Bylaw 2200 into two separate bylaws for ease of reading and clarity.

**DRAPER/BADESHA MOVED** to approve Bill 4: Second Principles.

CARRIED

**2019-19/3c** Bill 10: Second Principles

DRAPER: Noted that Bill 10 changes Executive Committee and Board of Governors Representative Elections regulations as per recommendations from the Chief Returning Officer. Inquired into whether the Committee intends to make any further changes to the Bylaw to advance sustainability beyond Section 34 which reads 'Where a candidate chooses to print campaign materials on paper deemed to be sustainable by the CRO and where that candidate demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the C.R.O., that this choice resulted in an increased cost being incurred to it, then the amount of this increased cost shall not count against the limits set out in Sections 37.'

STATT: Proposed that Students' Union elections cease using printed materials.

DIXON: Expressed concern that voter turnout rates significantly declined in University of British Columbia Students' Union elections after it stopped using printed materials.

KIDD: Proposed tabling the Bill. Suggested that the issue of electoral reform is sufficiently complex to warrant greater discussion and reflection next term.

DRAPER: Noted that he can support the item being discussed next term. Expressed concern that, when he was elected as chair of the Committee, there were tasks left for him of which he was not aware.

KIDD: Considered that the Task Force on Structural Representation will also have suggestions concerning electoral reform.

**KIDD/BADESHA MOVED** to table 2019-19/3c until the first meeting Bylaw Committee in the 2020-2021 Session of Students' Council.

CARRIED

**2019-19/3d** Bill 11: Second Principles

**STATT/DIXON MOVED** to approve Bill 11: Second Principles.

CARRIED

**2019-19/3e** Subcommittee on Bylaws

DRAPER: Outlined that the Subcommittee aimed to review the whole of current Students' Union bylaws and develop recommendations for legislative harmonisation and revision.

STATT: Expressed concern that subcommittee cannot complete its mission in the current term due to the limited time remaining and the lack of staff available due to reductions in staff time and lay-offs occurring as a result of the COVID-19 Crisis.

DRAPER: Determined to postpone the work of the Subcommittee on Bylaws until the 2020-2021 Session of Students' Council.

**2019-19/3f** Final Notes and Transition Document

DRAPER: Noted that members of the Committee may send him any specific information they want included as part of the Committee transition report.

**2019-19/4** **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2019-19/5** **ADJOURNMENT**

DRAPER: Adjourned the meeting at 5:35pm.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

MOTION	VOTES
<b>KIDD/STATT MOVED</b> to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
<b>DRAPER/BADESHA MOVED</b> to approve Bill 4: Second Principles. CARRIED	CARRIED
<b>KIDD/BADESHA MOVED</b> to table 2019-19/3c until the first meeting Bylaw Committee in the 2020-2021 Session of Students' Council.	CARRIED
<b>STATT/DIXON MOVED</b> to approve Bill 11: Second Principles.	CARRIED