

July 19, 2022
17:00 MDT
In Person: SUB 6-06
Online: [Zoom](#)

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaċiwāskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nēhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dēnesųliné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

Attendance

Name	Proxy or Written Submission	Present
Voting Members		
Levi Flaman (Chair)		Y
Jayden Brooks		Y
Daniela Carbajal Velez		Y
Simran Dhillon		Y
David Lee		Y
Abner Monteiro		Y
Adrian Wattamaniuk		Y
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Marc Dumochel	N/A	
Matin Koohkan	N/A	
Julia Villioso	N/A	
Navjot Kaur	N/A	

Minutes (Bylaw-2022-04-M)

2022-04/1 Introduction

2022-04/1a Call to Order

FLAMAN called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M.

2022-04/1b Approval of Agenda

DHILLON ▾ / WATTAMANIUK ▾ move to approve the agenda with amendments.

CARRIED

2022-04/1c Approval of Minutes

WATTAMANIUK ▾ / DHILLON ▾ move to approve the [BC-2022-03](#) minutes

CARRIED

2022-04/1d Chair's Business

- **New Member**
 - Councillor Jayden Brooks - Engineering
- **Attendance¹**
 - 0 Absences: Levi, Jayden, David, Adrian
 - 1 Absence: Daniela, Abner
 - 2 Absences: Simran

FLAMAN: Reminds all members of attendance regulations, which state that when a councillor misses three regularly scheduled meetings, they will automatically be removed from a committee. Meetings can be attended in person, online or by proxy.

2022-04/2 Question/Discussion Period

- 2022-04/2a**
- UASU Elections Legislation - CRO Matin Koohkan
 - [Bylaw 100.3](#): Conflict of Interest
 - Joke Candidates²

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¹ [Standing Committee Attendance Regulations](#)

² [Proposed SU bill would stop joke candidates from winning the most first-place votes](#)

- Referred from CAC: Discussion of Potential Bylaw Changes
 - Process of Faculty Validation

FLAMAN: Assumes that the faculty validation occurred during the previous election period.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: States that unofficial transcripts or official transcripts are usually accepted as proof of faculty enrollment but, during the previous election, because of COVID, unofficial or official transcripts were not required for faculty validation.

WATTAMANIUK: States that the previous CRO made a judgement call about whether a Fall acceptance to the Arts Faculty was both legitimate and valid enough representation to run in the election. This was because an unofficial transcript only displays current faculty and not a future enrolled faculty.

FLAMAN: States that faculty validation should be confirmed by an unofficial transcript and a proof of enrollment which confirms enrollment in at least one class for each of the Fall and Winter semesters.

KOOHKAN: States that, whatever faculty a councillor is in during the time of the election, is the faculty that they should run for a position in and remain in during their time as a councillor.

DHILLON: Raises concern about councillors running in faculties that they are not currently in and representing the interest of students that they are not in the same faculty as.

VILLOSO: Suggests that councillors, who might want to switch programs from the one they are currently in, cannot do so under the current system. Questions if being unable to switch faculties, whilst maintaining a councillor position, makes Council an unaccommodating space.

DHILLON: Raises further concern that constituents were not aware that a councillor on Students' Council this year was not in the faculty that they ran for and, therefore, cannot accurately represent their interests.

MONTEIRO: States that students need to be aware of who they are voting for and must be informed if a councillor representing their faculty is not actually within said faculty.

WATTAMANIUK: Notes that whatever option of faculty verification is chosen, it will create conflict.

FLAMAN: Most academic programs start their academic years in September. Therefore, if a councillor needs to switch faculties, they most likely will switch in September. Therefore, suggests having the Council by-election in the Fall to match this.

COMMITTEE: Raises concern about this and fears that it will mess with Executive and SRA elections, financials, timelines and potentially other bylaws.

DUMOUCHEL: Raises the same concerns.

FLAMAN: Talks about Vacancy Petitions. Would like a new interpretation from the DIE Board. Because Vacancy Petitions are not elected, it might be convening the PCLA.

MONTEIRO: States that it does not contravene the PCLA because Vacancy Petitions are only temporary positions on Council.

FLAMAN: Disagrees. Worries that the process needs to be revamped.

DUMOUCHEL: Will look into the specifics of this process.

FLAMAN: Asks how the committee feels about providing a decision on the current circumcission of election bylaws where a councillor is representing a faculty that they are not currently in.

COMMITTEE: Feels that a DIE Board and/or a Speaker ruling on this situation is needed.

- Verification of Councillor Eligibility
- How do we get around the issue of faculty changes between the spring election and the fall term?
- People in combined degrees

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Because Combined Degrees are embedded within the program, potential councillors will know when they will have to switch faculties and can adjust faculty runnings to accommodate this.

WATTAMANIUK: Suggests that people who run in a faculty, which they will be in during the spring/summer, can run for that faculty. Then, they can resign and re-run in the by-election in September and run in the faculty that they transferred to. States that a councillor should always be in the faculty that they represent.

DHILLON: Agrees.

- Bylaw 100 Restructuring
 - [Bylaw 100: Governance](#) Second Draft
 - [Regulation 110: Students' Council](#) Second Draft
 - [Regulation 110A: Students' Council Standing Orders](#) Second Draft
 - [Regulation 120: Committees of Students' Council](#) Second Draft
 - 120A through 120L remaining
 - [Regulation 130: Student Governance Code of Conduct](#) First Draft
 - [Regulation 140: Student Judiciary](#) First Draft
 - [Regulation 150: Student Representative Associations](#) First Draft
 - 150A remaining

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2022-04/3 **Committee Business**

- 2022-04/3a** • None

2022-04/4 **Action Items**

- 2022-04/4a** • Restructuring Remaining Bylaws³
- Bylaw 200: Operations - Daniela & Jayden
 - Bylaw 300: Elections - Adrian & Abner
 - Bylaw 400: Finances - Simran & David

2022-04/5 **Adjournment**

FLAMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

³ [Simplifying and Clarifying Governance Documents](#)