

## Bylaw Committee

August 18, 2022 5:00 PM MDT In Person: SUB 6-06

Online: <u>Zoom</u>

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (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 nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłiné (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)		Υ
Jayden Brooks		Υ
Daniela Carbajal Velez		Y
Simran Dhillon		N
David Lee		Y
Abner Monteiro		N
Adrian Wattamaniuk		Υ
Non-	-Voting Members & Guests	
Courtney Graham	N/A	
Jetro Dano	N/A	

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### Minutes (Bylaw-2022-06)

**2022-06/1 INTRODUCTION** 

2022-06/1a Call to Order

FLAMAN: Called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.

2022-06/1b Approval of Agenda

WATTAMANIUK - / BROOKS - MOVE TO approve the agenda

CARRIED.

2022-06/1c Approval of Minutes

MOVER - / SECONDER - MOVE TO approve the minutes for BC-2022-04

TABLED.

MOVER ▼ / SECONDER ▼ MOVE TO approve the minutes for <u>BC-2022-05</u>

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2022-06/1d Chair's Business

2022-06/2 OUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

**2022-06/2a** • Fall Semester Meeting Schedule

o Doodle Poll / Lettucemeet Poll

### 2022-06/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-06/3a

- FLAMAN moves to approve Bill 1: Simplifying and Clarifying Governance Documents in second reading based on the following principles:
  - o Bill 1 First Principles
  - Bylaw 100: Governance
    - Regulation 110: Students Council
      - Regulation 110A: Students' Council Standing Orders
    - Regulation 120: Committees of Students' Council
      - Regulation 120A: Committee Standing Orders
      - Regulation 120B: Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee
      - Regulation 120C: Audit Committee
      - Regulation 120D: Bylaw Committee
      - Regulation 120E: Council Administration Committee
      - Regulation 120F: Executive Committee
      - Regulation 120G: Finance Committee

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- Regulation 120H: Nominating Committee
- Regulation 120I: Policy Committee
- Regulation 120J: Student Group Committee
- Regulation 120K: Sustainability Committee
- Regulation 120L: Translation Committee
- Regulation 130: Student Governance Code of Conduct
- Regulation 140: Student Judiciary
- Regulation 150: Student Representative Associations
  - Regulation 150A: List of SRAs
- o Bylaw 200: Operations
  - Regulation 210: Operating Policy
  - Regulation 220: Strategic Plan
  - Regulation 230: Access to Students' Union Information
  - Regulation 240: Students' Union Bilingualism
  - Regulation 250: Student Group Conduct
  - Regulation 260: Emergency Measures
  - Regulation 270: FNMI Consultation & Engagement
- o Bylaw 300: Elections
  - Regulation 310: Chief Returning Officer and Elections Staff
  - Regulation 320: Executive Committee and Board of Governors Representative Elections
  - Regulation 330: Students' Council and General Faculties Council Elections
  - Regulation 340: Plebiscites and Referenda

### Regulation 350: Balloting and Counting

- Bylaw 400: Finances
  - Regulation 410: Students' Union Finances
  - Regulation 420: Student Representative Association Finances
  - Regulation 430: Dedicated Fee Units
  - Regulation 440: Faculty Membership Fees
  - Appendix 400A: Collected Fees

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WATTAMANIUK: Discusses inclusions and consolidations on the election procedures under Bylaw 300.

FLAMAN: Asks if the committee is on the wrong track with reorganizing the Bylaws based on the initial regulations.

WATTAMANIUK: States that the concern about reorganizing the Bylaws is how readable and understandable the formats are and how easily it is to be amended.

FLAMAN: Asks the committee if it is better to review and redo the Bylaw revisions from the

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beginning.

More discussion on this topic occurred.

BROOKS: States that Bylaw 200 has no issues and is relatively straightforward.

Suggests adding hyperlinks to Bylaw documents. on SU Docs, that will redirect to a definitions page with an appendix. This will eliminate the need to have definitions on each individual Bylaw page.

LEE: Presents his reorganized section of Bylaw. (Audio continues but is unclear)

More discussion on this topic occurred.

FLAMAN: Suggests combining Bylaw 400 & 410; to delete Bylaw 400 and rename Bylaw 410. Instead of 4 regulations, there will be 3 now.

WATTAMANIUK: States that Bylaw 100 does not need to be worked on much because it has largely done before.

More discussion occurred, particily about DAs, Student Groups and Departments and how they fit into the Bylaw restructuring.

FLAMAN: Suggests for everyone in the committee to create a separate definitions page on the sections that they are assigned and will work to have all of them put into one single page for the next meeting

Hopes to have regular meetings scheduled for the Fall Term by the beginning of the next Bylaw Meeting.

### 2022-06/4 ADJOURNMENT

FLAMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:00 P.M.