

Bylaw Committee

September 29, 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 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		Υ
Simran Dhillon		Y
David Lee		Y
Abner Monteiro		Y
Adrian Wattamaniuk		N
Non-Vo	ting Members & Guests	•
Courtney Graham		
Tanisha Sahu		

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Agenda (Bylaw-2022-08)

2022-08/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-08/1a Call to Order

2022-08/1b Approval of Agenda

CARBAJAL VELEZ * / LEE * move to approve the agenda

2022-08/1c Approval of Minutes

MOVER - / SECONDER - move to approve the BC 2022 04 minutes

DHILLON ▼ / CARBAJAL VELEZ ▼ move to approve the <u>BC-2022-06</u> minutes

MONTEIRO ▼ / DHILLON ▼ move to approve the <u>BC-2022-07</u> minutes

2022-08/1d Chair's Business

 Undying gratitude to Governance staff for somehow scraping together minutes from BC-2022-06

- Does Thursday evenings still work for everyone? Was the 15th an anomaly or do we need to revisit Fall term availability and reschedule?
- For Speaker's report back to D.I.E. Board:
 - How will Bylaw (both 100 and 2300) be amended to resolve the issues identified by the Board? (Does this approach follow one recommended by the Board in 2022-05-R or is Bylaw Committee recommending a different solution?)
 - Bylaw 100 is fine
 - Bylaw 2300.6.3.b will be clarified by adding that the "signed letter from the proposed nominee's faculty confirming that they are in good academic standing under University regulations" is their faculty at time of nomination, not a faculty you may be part of in the fall
 - Bylaw 2300.6.3.d will be clarified to read "papers soliciting the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least ten (10) members registered in the same faculty as the nominee as nominators" at the time of nomination.
 - What will be the process and timeline for carrying out this amendment?
 - No later than December 13th, 2022

2022-08/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-08/2a

- Bylaw/Regulation Review & Amendments
 - Will follow same format as 2022/23 Standing Order Reviews
 - Bylaws/Regulations will be copy/pasted into docs in which Council has commenter access; interested parties may comment/suggest changes to be made
 - Leave docs open until about a month before deadline to give Bylaw Committee time to go through and debate/discuss suggestions

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- Similar to the restructuring, will work backwards in a way; bulk of the work done before First Principles so Second Reading should come easily
- Section III: Elections should be complete (ready to pass First Principles in committee) no later than **November 22, 2022**
- Section I: Governance should be complete before Christmas break
- Section IV: Finances should be complete January or February
- Section II: Operations should be complete February or March

2022-08/2b

- DFU Renewal Plebiscites in 2023
 - o Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund
 - SUB Renovation Fund

2022-08/2c

- DFU Renewal Referendum
 - Make sure APIRG understands if they fail this, they're done
 - Explore feedback from APIRG presentation
 - DFU's too crowded and can sometimes have 2-3 on the same ballot
 - Rearrange the renewals to spread them out a bit more?
 - Also frustrated with how much work is involved to go to plebiscite every
 5 years (Have heard this from CJSR and Gateway in the past as well)
 - Increase the 5-year renewal period by a year or two?
 - Rescind 5-year automatic renewal period but allow for any member (of the SU) to challenge an existing DFU with an immunity period if they're successful (5-6 years?)

2022-08/2d

- FAMF's
 - o Is Bylaw 8200 out of date?
 - Business Students' Association expired August 31, 2022?
 - Nursing Undergraduate Association expired August 31st, 2022?
 - Education Students' Association expired August 31, 2021?
 - Engineering Students' Society expired August 31, 2022?
 - AUFSJ expired June 31, 2022?
 - Augustana Students' Association expired August 31, 2022?
 - Lister Hall Students' Association expired August 31, 2022?
 - HUB Community Association expiring August 31, 2023
 - ARFSJ expiring August 31, 2023

2022-08/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-08/3a

2022-08/4 ADJOURNMENT



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