

Bylaw Committee

October 13, 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, Dënesųliné (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		Υ
David Lee		Υ
Abner Monteiro		N
Adrian Wattamaniuk		Υ
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Tanisha Sahu	N/A	
Courtney Graham	N/A	
Lionel Liu	N/A	
Leo Huang	N/A	

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MINUTES (Bylaw-2022-09)

2022-09/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-09/1a Call to Order

FLAMAN: CALLED the meeting to order at 5:13 PM

2022-09/1b Approval of Agenda

WATTAMANIUK • / DHILLON • move to approve the agenda

CARRIED

2022-09/1c Approval of Minutes

CARBAJAL VELEZ • / BROOKS • move to approve the <u>BC-2022-08</u> minutes

CARRIED

2022-09/1d Chair's Business

None - Get straight to business

2022-09/2 OUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-09/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-09/3a

- FLAMAN / NO SECONDER moves to approve Bill 1: Simplifying and Clarifying Governance Documents in second reading based on the following principles:
 - o Bill 1 First Principles
 - Section 1: Governance
 - Bylaw 100: Governance

No changes as such.

• Regulation 110: Students Council

FLAMAN: Questions if the Minute Taker and the Governance Support Specialist need to leave during in-camera sessions.

GRAHAM: Confirms that that is not an issue because of a signed NDA agreement.

FLAMAN: When the CRO is in charge of updating information for the councilors they often forget, and the Speaker doesn't check on eligibility. Questions if we can move these responsibilities from the CRO to the governance team.

GRAHAM: The CRO is limited to the speaker as they are not very closely involved with governance.

FLAMAN: States that the deadline for nomination packages for elections was previously February 15th, but the publication deadline for the nomination package is January. And from the



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headcounts, the deadline could be moved to Late December or January, in order to update the package with the most recent numbers.

BROOKS: Agrees.

COMMITTEE: Decided to change the deadline to January 1st.

FLAMAN: States that Section 6.1 was moved up to section 2.2.

For Section 6.3, questions if there is certain opposition to changing it back to the speaker because it was worded as "outgoing speaker" previously. States that it doesn't add up to have the outgoing speaker as they are elected starting from May 1st to April 30th. And if our introductory meeting 0 happens in April, there will still be a speaker immediately.

DHILLON: Points that this wording could be also because historically, the speaker has ran again for the position but it could also be due to bad transition.

COMMITTEE: Agrees to change it back to the speaker. And change to introductory meeting timeline to the first or second week of April so that exams aren't around the corner.

Unanimously agrees to change the wording to voting members, in Section 6.4.

FLAMAN: For section 7.4, questions if dismissing the Speaker by the majority is too low of a bar considering the recent motions.

BROOKS: Suggests to make it 2/3rd of majority unanimous consent to dismiss.

COMMITTEE: Agrees to change it to dismissing the Speaker, upon 2/3rds of the vote of the Students' Council.

FLAMAN: Opens the floor for discussing the amendments to Section 8.2 for proxies.

LEE: Suggests combining the different types of proxies (long-term and short-term proxies) and just refer to them as proxies.

FLAMAN: Explains the difference between the two and states that short term proxy will be only for one particular meeting, while that is not the case with long-term proxies,

WATTAMANIUK: Thinks that it is best not to let the chair's proxy mandate the meeting.

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COMMITTEE: Agrees and decides to not let the proxies serve as the Chair.

FLAMAN: For Section 11, suggests moving it to CRO Regulation, as the CRO handles the Vacancy Petition process from beginning to end and passes along the successful petition to Council to receive the petitioner.

BROOKS: Agrees, as this is not an election process but a sideline of elections.

FLAMAN: Thinks that in Section 12, 50% for attendance is too low and should raise the bar.

BROOKS: Agrees.

- 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
 - 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
- Section II: Operations
 - Regulation 210: Operating Policy

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- 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 Section III: 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
- o Section IV: Finances
 - 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

2022-09/4 ADJOURNMENT

FLAMAN: ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:34 PM.