

## Bylaw Committee

October 27, 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		Y
Daniela Carbajal Velez		N
Simran Dhillon		Y
David Lee		Y
Abner Monteiro		Y
Adrian Wattamaniuk		Υ
Non-Vo	ting Members & Guests	
Courtney Graham	N/A	
Tanisha Sahu	N/A	

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### Agenda (Bylaw-2022-10)

**2022-10/1 INTRODUCTION** 

2022-10/1a Call to Order

FLAMAN: CALLED the meeting to order at 5:48 PM.

2022-10/1b Approval of Agenda

LEE • / DHILLON • move to approve the agenda

**CARRIED** 

2022-10/1c Approval of Minutes

LEE - / BROOKS - move to approve the <u>BC-2022-09</u> minutes

**CARRIED** 

2022-10/1d Chair's Business

Chair's Committee

- Standing Committee Standing Orders
  - Bylaw Committee Standing Orders Review

FLAMAN: States that each committee had its own standing orders and would like everyone to read them and come up with what can be pulled out from it, that all the committees can use and what orders could be kept to a specific committee.

#### 2022-10/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

### 2022-10/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-10/3a

- FLAMAN / MONTEIRO move to approve Bill 1: Simplifying and Clarifying Governance Documents in second reading based on the following principles: CARRIED 6/0/0
  - o Bill 1 First Principles
  - Section 1: Governance
    - Bylaw 100: Governance
      - Regulation 110: Students Council
      - 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
    - Regulation 220: Strategic Plan

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- 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
  - Bylaw 310: Chief Returning Officer and Elections Staff
    - Regulation 310A Elections Staff Hiring
    - Regulation 310B Elections Staff Duties
    - Regulation 310C Elections Staff Reporting and Dismissal
    - Regulation 310D Elections Advertisement
  - Bylaw 320: Executive Committee and Board of Governors Representative Elections
    - Regulation 320A Election Dates
    - Regulation 320B Plebiscite and Referenda Procedure
    - Regulation 320C Nomination Procedure
    - Regulation 320D Candidate's Meeting
    - Regulation 320E Campaign Expenses
    - Regulation 320F Complaint Procedure
  - Bylaw 350: Balloting and Counting
    - Regulation B330.05 Voting
    - Regulation B330.07 Elections Preferential Balloting
- 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

FLAMAN: Questions what significant changes have been made after the last edit.

DHILLON: Informs that for Section 4, there will be a change of names - Sub regulations will become regulations and the regulations will change to bylaws.



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MONTIERO: Suggests that if all members like the format for the Election Bylaws, the Committee can certainly follow that.

Questions FLAMAN if the committee is approving the structure and the committee will later be doing the consultations. Which means the committee just changes the formatting of those but not the actual content.

FLAMAN: Confirms.

MONTEIRO: States that it will cause a confusion to council, as there is no common format of all the sections.

BROOKS: Suggest to define the terms "Bylaw" and "Regulations".

MONTEIRO: Questions FLAMAN if the Committee should leave it as it is now or explain to all the Councillors at the Council meeting that these are essentially bylaws.

FLAMAN: States that it comes down to whether or not people understand. We can essentially move things ahead if we decide to change Finance (Section 4) and Operations (Section 2) to bylaws.

MONTEIRO: Suggest to take out the Standing Orders from Bylaw 100.

FLAMAN: Agrees.

LEE: Questions that for Appendix 400A, can it be named as Bylaw, splitting it into two different documents.

MONTEIRO: States that the documents' content will be amended after the discussion. Hence if the edits are just to change the naming/format, the Committee can approve it.

COMMITTEE: Decides to take out the mention of regulative process, and rename Regulations to Bylaws.

#### 2022-10/4 ADJOURNMENT

FLAMAN: ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:13 PM.