

Bylaw Committee

December 8, 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	Attendance	Proxy or Written Submission	
	Voting Members		
Levi Flaman (Chair)	Y		
Jayden Brooks	Y		
Daniela Carbajal Velez	N		
Simran Dhillon	Y	Pien Steinbusch	
David Lee	Y		
Abner Monteiro	N		
Adrian Wattamaniuk	Y	Fateh Arslan	
Non-Vo	oting Members & Guests	5	
Name	Po	Position or Affiliation	
courtney.graham@su.ualberta.ca	Governance Sup	Governance Support Specialist	
tanisha.sahu@su.ualberta.ca	Minute Taker	Minute Taker	



Minutes (Bylaw-2022-12)

2022-12/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-12/1a Call to Order

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

FLAMAN: CALLED the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

2022-12/1b Approval of Agenda

BROOKS · / ARSLAN · move to approve the agenda. CARRIED

2022-12/1c Approval of Minutes

BROOKS - / LEE - move to approve the <u>BC-2022-11</u> minutes. CARRIED

2022-12/1d Chair's Business

- Second Reading of Bill 2 postponed to January since Adrian and Abner are absent
 - o Council must approve it at January 10th meeting to be in time for elections
 - Minimum 30-days between nomination package publishing deadline and nomination deadline
 - Means Bylaw will have to meet on or before January 5th to approve changes

FLAMAN: Informs that a lettucemeet will be sent out to determine the timing of the first meeting of the winter term to wrap up outstanding committee items.

Suggests that for the nomination deadlines, it would be better to have the date specified (for example, the Thursday prior to reading week) rather than having a range of dates

2022-12/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-12/2a

- Bill 2: Electoral Reform
 - o Joke Candidates
 - Fixed dates

2022-12/3 OLD BUSINESS

Bylaw Committee

2022-12/3a

FLAMAN / BROOKS move to amend Bylaw Committee Standing Orders as attached
Bylaw Committee Standing Orders Amendments 11/24/2022

CARRIED

FLAMAN: States that these member responsibilities and duties are essentially outlined in VILLOSO's presentation in the SCFC meeting.

BROOKS: Wants to reword the point about attendance as it sounds like everyone has to attend "all" the meetings. Instead it should be written as the members should let the Chair know if they can't make it to a meeting.

FLAMAN: States that it is worded that way to set up an expectation for a high level of attendance amongst committee members. This ensures Quorum and, therefore, committee responsibilities are achieved during each scheduled meeting.

Decides to split up the committee business into Old Business and New Business so that any item that was tabled from the previous meeting, can be dealt with first, as it gets precedence over new items in the agenda.

Changes the deadline for agenda submission from two business days before a given meeting to noon on the day prior to a given meeting. Suggests that the agenda only be emailed to voting members, the Governance Support Specialist and the assigned minute taker, instead of also having paper copies created of the agenda.

COMMITTEE: Agrees that these are reasonable changes.

2022-12/3b

 FLAMAN/ ARSLAN move to approve the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) renewal referendum question as <u>attached</u>

CARRIED

BROOKS: Suggests putting the full name rather than just APIRG in the referendum question.

FLAMAN: States that there happens to be some minor discrepancies from their Bylaws and the UASU Bylaws.

BROOKS: Thinks that it is worth clarifying from APIRG and letting them know that the Committee assumed this piece of information from last year's proposal.

COMMITTEE: Agrees to the changes to the APIRG Fee referendum question.

2022-12/4 NEW BUSINESS

2022-12/4a

• FLAMAN/ ARSLAN move to approve the Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation Student Society (KSRSS) Student Representative Association (SRA) Fee referendum question <u>as attached</u>

CARRIED

COMMITTEE: Agrees to the suggested formatting and editorial changes.

FLAMAN: Plans to send out an e-vote, in case the Committee missed something when discussing this item.

2022-12/5 WRAP-UP

2022-12/5a Action Items / To-Do List

- Prepare written committee report for Council as required by <u>Bylaw 100.16.1</u>
- Send out a LettuceMeet to determine the time and date for the first Bylaw Committee meting of the winter semester, and another one for regular winter semester meeting schedule.

2022-12/5b Next Scheduled Meeting

• To Be Determined – First week of January

2022-12/6 Adjournment

• Closing Attendance

FLAMAN: ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:10 PM.