

Bylaw Committee

January 19, 2023 17:00 MDT In Person: 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		
David Lee	Y		
Abner Monteiro	Y		
Adrian Wattamaniuk	Y	Fateh Arslan	
Non-	Voting Members & Guests	3	
Name	Po	Position or Affiliation	
Courtney Graham			
Tanisha Sahu			



Minutes (Bylaw-2022-14)

2022-14/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-14/1a Call to Order

• Land Acknowledgement

Attendance

FLAMAN: CALLED the meeting to order at 5:09 PM

2022-14/1b Approval of Agenda

<code>DHILLON $\, \cdot \,$ / LEE $\, \cdot \,$ move to approve the agenda CARRIED</code>

2022-14/1c Approval of Minutes

 BROOKS - / LEE - move to approve the <u>BC-2022-04</u> minutes CARRIED

 MONTEIRO - / FLAMAN - move to approve the <u>BC-2022-13</u> minutes CARRIED

2022-14/1d Chair's Business

• Trip Reports

• Thank You's

2022-14/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-14/2a

• Bill 3: Governance Reform

FLAMAN; Thinks these times won't work; previously, the nomination deadline would be the Wednesday before the Winter Term reading week, and the elections would start later after the reading week. The decision was made to rewrite it as the third or second Wednesday of February to avoid having a "number," but looking ahead to the following years, it will need to be modified so that the third Wednesday of February doesn't fall within the reading week.

Adds that, theoretically, modifying and updating the regulations would be simple. Suggest creating a uniform language to write everything in and including all article definitions to prevent duplication.

MONTEIRO: Questions if it is included under Operations.

BROOKS: Thinks it would be easier for students to access if the information were all in one section.

MONTEIRO: What would be the strategy for implementing the modifications discussed? All of these specifics go under the package and position description, which will eventually be updated. The Board, Exec, and GFC packages are all relatively similar, with the only difference being the number of open seats.

• Bill 4: Finance Reform

FLAMAN: Says that most of the reform will deal with renaming and reclassifying. Given that the First Principles are ambiguous, the material's structure has much to do with it.

DHILLON: Plans to meet with VILLOSO to discuss the FAB Chairs to obtain a better idea of what to work on. We are looking for the transitions for FAMF, but our primary issue is that they are on probation, and we have no idea how to approach that.

FLAMAN: Proposes creating a map that contains all the details about these FAMFs.

• Bill 5: Operations Reform

COMMITTEE: Decides to rearrange the document's flow.

2022-14/3 OLD BUSINESS

2022-14/3a • None

2022-14/3 NEW BUSINESS

2022-14/4 WRAP-UP



2022-14/4a Action Items / To-Do List

- Work on setting up the Operations Reform
- Set up FAB chairs meeting with VILLOSO
- Make a running document on governance changes

2022-14/4b Next Scheduled Meeting

• February 2, 2023 at 5:00 PM

2022-14/5 Adjournment

- Closing Attendance
- FLAMAN: Adjourned the meeting at 5:58 PM