

Bylaw Committee

March 2nd, 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	e Proxy or Written Submission	
	Voting Members		
Levi Flaman	LOA		
Jayden Brooks	N		
Daniela Carbajal Velez	Y		
Simran Dhillon	N		
David Lee	Y		
Abner Monteiro (Interim Chair)	Y		
Adrian Wattamaniuk	Y		
Non-V	oting Members & Gue	sts	
Name		Position or Affiliation	
Courtney Graham	Governance St	Governance Support Specialist	



<u>Minutes (Bylaw-2022-15-M)</u>

2022-15/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-15/1a Call to Order

• Land Acknowledgement

Attendance

MONTEIRO: CALLED the meeting to order at 5:20 P.M

2022-15/1b Approval of Agenda

WATTAMANIUK + / LEE + move to approve the agenda

CARRIED

2022-15/1c Approval of Minutes

• MOVER - / SECONDER - move to approve the BC-2022-14-M minutes

TABLED

2022-15/1d Chair's Business

• On mandates leave of absence due to executive elections

2022-15/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-15/3 OLD BUSINESS

2022-15/3a • None

2022-15/4 NEW BUSINESS

2022-15/4a

• Bill 3: Second Reading of Council Size

MONTEIRO: Presents Bill 3: Second Principles to the committee. The formula has been slightly shifted since it was presented from the First Principles.

WATTAMANIUK: Recommends a word change.

MONTEIRO: Questions if the enrollment percentage should be kept in the Second Principles.

WATTAMANIUK: Believes that this should be removed from the Second Principles.

LEE: Believes that percentages should be kept within the documents' tables. Further suggests adding a fourth column to explain the final outcome/calculated numbers. Would like to give readers a direct representation of how the percentages/seat numbers were calculated.

WATTAMANIUK: Suggests including a sample calculation at the bottom of the graph to provide more clarity without including a fourth column.

MONTEIRO: Suggests implementing both the fourth column and the sample calculation, as suggested by LEE and WATTAMANIUK.

COMMITTEE: Agrees to this change.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Questions whether it makes sense to round up a whole percent to give the Science faculty a third seat. The Faculty of Arts only has two seats while the Faculty of Science is getting three seats. This represents a difference of less than 1000 students between the faculties.

MONTEIRO: It's a matter of rounding up or down consistently across the board, based entirely on percentages.

WATTAMANIUK: Believes that there is no perfect solution. However, believes that consistently rounding up is the better answer to this problem.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Believes that Arts and Science should have the same number of seats.

MONTEIRO: States that there would be minor variances between each year as faculty numbers increase and decrease.

WATTAMANIUK/CARBAJAL VELEZ MOVE TO approve BILL 3: Council Size Second Principles.

CARRIED 4/o/o/

MONTEIRO: Wonders if this agenda item should be presented on the consent agenda.

COMMITTEE: Agrees to put it on the main agenda.





2022-15/4a Action Items / To-Do List

2022-15/4b Next Scheduled Meeting

• March 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM

2022-15/5 Adjournment

• Closing Attendance

MONTEIRO: adjourns the meeting at 5:44 P.M.