

**March 16, 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 Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesǫ́liné (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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Proxy or Written Submission</b>
<b>Voting Members</b>		
Levi Flaman (Chair)	Y	
Jayden Brooks	Y	
Daniela Carbajal Velez	Y	
Simran Dhillon	Y	
David Lee	Y	
Abner Monteiro	Y	
Adrian Wattamaniuk	Y	
<b>Non-Voting Members &amp; Guests</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position or Affiliation</b>	
Courtney Graham	Governance Support Specialist	
Tanisha Sahu	Admin Clerk	
Christian Zukowski	Speaker	

## **Minutes (Bylaw-2022-16)**

### **2022-16/1    INTRODUCTION**

#### **2022-16/1a    Call to Order**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

FLAMAN called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM

#### **2022-16/1b    Approval of Agenda**

CARBAJAL VELEZ ▾ / DHILLON ▾ move to approve the agenda  
CARRIED

#### **2022-16/1c    Approval of Minutes**

LEE ▾ / MONTEIRO ▾ move to approve the [BC-2022-15](#) minutes  
CARRIED

#### **2022-16/1d    Chair's Business**

- Exec Elections
  - Will begin transitioning with Julia when she returns from overseas
  - Also trying to catch up on quizzes/assignments missed in that time
  - Will be much more reliant on committee members for the remainder of the term
- Home Stretch
  - Only three more council meetings left
  - Try and have everything wrapped up by March 30th meeting
  - Maybe we can make a term-end dinner on April 13th if our work is done

### **2022-16/2    QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Questions if everything needs to be done by the last Council Meeting (18th April 2023).

FLAMAN: Yes, 18th April would be the absolute last but wants to get everything done before that.

### **2022-16/3    OLD BUSINESS**

- #### **2022-16/3a**
- None

### **2022-16/4    NEW BUSINESS**

2022-16/4a

- DHILLON · / CARBAJAL VELEZ · move to approve Bill 5: Governance Reform based on the following first principles:
  - [Article I - Governance](#)
  - [Bill 5: Governance Reform First Principles](#)

CARRIED

MONTIERO: Asks opinions on the specific wording of the legislation in Article 1 (page 6 on the document) and if the Committee wants to keep it worded in a general way or draft it up in a specific language.

Adds that for regulations, we can suspend them, but can't simply add/remove things.

FLAMAN: States that they find no issue with the current state, with the first reading consisting of only the values. Adds that we're doing the work unconventionally; even before the first principles are drafted, we're doing the work required for the Second Reading. Hence, we already have the specific wording written down.

MONTEIRO: Moving on, questions opinions on the Legislative Process for Regulation section (on Page 7). Wants to include a process that's the same as creating/removing the Bylaws, which includes two readings. But for suspending the regulations, would there still be two readings, or does the Committee wants to make it into a new section altogether?

FLAMAN: Anyone can propose a first reading at the Council level and then send the second reading to Bylaw Committee. If it goes through the Committee, it almost moves in an express lane, but with 3 readings would make it much more challenging (and slower) if it goes to Council first.

MONTEIRO: States that for the Legislative Process for Standing Orders in section 5, we could outline the process for changing Standing Orders

WATTAMANIUK: Points that the process for Bylaw is straightforward with having the first and second readings. But for Standing Orders, ideally, it needs to be brought up to CAC, discussed in Council and approved for the changes to be made.

MONTEIRO: That works for the process to be written down in that section. Adds that we'll be getting rid of Standing Orders for each Committee, and only the Conduct for Standing Orders process would be present to avoid duplication with the Mandate of Committees. This means there will be one Standing Order for the Committees and one for Council.

WATTAMANIUK: Questions if this is similar to creating appendices for Committees. And it can be discussed in CAC.

MONTEIRO: This essentially means that Committees can change those appendices. Or it could be made as regulations too for the Committees.

**2022-16/4b**

- CARBAJAL VELEZ ▸ / FLAMAN ▸ move to approve Bill 6: Operations Reform based on the following first principles:

- [First Principles](#)

CARRIED

FLAMAN: States that the Committee needs to decide on the confusion regarding department and program associations.

MONTEIRO: Points that the wording needs to be carefully drafted regarding the scope and how much support the S.U. can provide to groups.

If all these groups are recognized under the legislation, they'd have to submit their Audit to become an S.R.A., and would be put on probation, and we'll have to provide extra support for them to get out of the probation period. This will make things harder for us to provide everyone with the same support.

FLAMAN: Informs that we already recognize these groups as department associations. We're essentially just fixing it according to a D.I.E. Board ruling that was filed earlier. Adds that most of the departments on campus are singular, but in some cases, we do have program associations.

MONTEIRO: Questions if the Faculty Associations do the Audits for these department associations.

FLAMAN: Answers no.

Points that currently, as per Bylaw 8100, we have some department associations represented by 2 associations, while the Bylaw states that each department shall only be represented by 1 department association. So this contradicts the Bylaws.

MONTEIRO: Questions whether a short-term proxy should be defined or just a general proxy category, and not having it as long-term or short.

BROOKS: States that having a legitimate reason for proxy should be acceptable, but it shouldn't be the case where the proxies show up for almost every meeting.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Points that the proxy and the Councillor shouldn't be present together so that we don't have two representations.

MONTEIRO states it shouldn't be a huge issue since the proxies sign the N.D.A.

**2022-16/5**    **WRAP-UP**

**2022-16/5a**    **Action Items / To-Do List**

- Finish Bill 5 First Principles.
- Type up the Bill 6 First Principles.

**2022-16/5b**    **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- March 30, 2023, at 5pm for 3 hours.

**2022-16/6**    **Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance
- FLAMAN adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM.