

March 30, 2023

17:00 MDT

In Person: 0-48

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, Dènesùliné (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	N	
Daniela Carbajal Velez	Y	
Simran Dhillon	Y	
David Lee	Y	
Abner Monteiro	Y	
Adrian Wattamaniuk	Y	
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Courtney Graham	Governance Support Specialist	
Tanisha Sahu	Minute Taker	
Lionel Liu		

Minutes (Bylaw-2022-17)

2022-17/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-17/1a Call to Order

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

FLAMAN called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM

2022-17/1b Approval of Agenda

LEE ▸ / CARBAJAL VELEZ ▸ move to approve the agenda
CARRIED

2022-17/1c Approval of Minutes

2022-17/1d Chair's Business

- None

2022-17/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

- 2022-17/2a**
- None

2022-17/3 OLD BUSINESS

- 2022-17/3a**
- None

2022-17/4 NEW BUSINESS

- 2022-17/4a**
- MONTEIRO - / LEE - move to approve Bill 5: Governance Reform in second reading
 - [\[Final Draft\] Bylaw Article I: Governance](#)

CARRIED

MONTEIRO: Suggests to put this as a review as an agenda item in the next council meeting for councillors' review so that we don't have them reviewing a 85 page document all at once.

In the final draft document, the definitions have been added all into one section to keep things condensed and all at one place. States that some terms are yet to be defined, that the committee needs to work on.

Bylaw 110:

MONTEIRO: To rectify errors, it would be done by the Governance team so that the legislative body can approve the changes (editorial, formatting errors, or any incorrect information). CRO has been added as a non-voting member in the Council.

For the resignation section, the resignation takes effect only after it has gone through Council, and doesn't take effect immediately after submission. This means that resignations can't be dated, and all dates included in it would be null and void.

LEE: For the eligibility to be on Council, questions why spring summer terms are not included for the students to be a member of the Students' Union.

MONTEIRO: States that majority of the students don't take courses during the terms and

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Why not make it as "any term" rather than having it as only fall winter terms. It could be that a student takes courses in the Spring Summer terms and the fall term. But don't take any courses in

MONTEIRO: Will follow up on this item later on.

If students are not a member of Students' Union, that means they're only a part of the Faculty and not taking any courses.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: If the committee wants to keep it this way, then advertise this eligibility in a proper way to communicate it to the candidates.

MONTEIRO: Question is if we want the councillor to be paying the SU fees for the terms except spring summer terms, or maybe have a certain amount of fees paid by the student (say fees for 2 terms)

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Questions if students have the option to opt-in to the SU fees, even if they are not taking any courses, but are still enrolled in the faculty.

MONTEIRO: Doesn't think this is common

FLAMAN: Suggests coming back to this topic later on.

MONTEIRO: For the start-up section, can we cut these and place them into appropriate sections rather than having a lot of terms thrown all into one section.

For the proxies section, the Committee needs to decide on what “extenuating circumstances” are.

Classes or experiential learning would be an extenuating circumstance.

FLAMAN: The question would be was it foreseen and could be mitigated.

We don't want to come up with every example, but it could be as extenuating circumstances approved by the speaker.

MONTEIRO: This year's introductory meeting would be 2 halves – one on council, their roles and committees and the other one to approve the meeting schedule, to elect the speaker and nominate the committees so that councillors have an idea of what the committee is about.

We could also add a Students' Council group photo on the introductory meeting, and individual headshots could also be a potential idea.

Bylaw 120:

MONTEIRO: Included the Executive Committee as a standing committee of Students' Council. As well, all members of Students' Council are now permitted to attend all standing committees as non-voting members.

DHILLON: Adds that an SGS staff member should have a non-voting seat on the Audit Committee.

FLAMAN: Notes that Bylaw 500 states that any councillor can attend any in-camera session of any committee. Would like in-camera sessions to be more open and transparent.

MONTEIRO: Agrees but states that that specific section of Bylaw 500 needs to be moved to another place in bylaws which is more relevant to Council and its committees.

FLAMAN: States that information on committees should be more widely shared and that Drive reorganization would help facilitate information sharing.

WATTAMANIUK: Discussed different categories of voting and non-voting members on committees.

FLAMAN: Demonstrates a Class A, Class B and Class C voting member organization, alongside non-voting members. Further suggests that there should be a fixed number of missed meetings allowed to satisfy attendance requirements as opposed to the proposed percentage method.

MONTEIRO: Will consider and consult to make a final decision.

Bylaw 140

FLAMAN: Raises concern about adding a broader authority for council members to appeal a Die Board Ruling.

MONTEIRO: Will work on cleaning up the document and submitting the draft version to Students' Council for approval.

- ~~MOVER~~ / ~~SECONDER~~ ~~move to approve Bill 6: Operations Reform in second reading:~~
 - ~~Bill 6 Doc?~~
- ~~FLAMAN~~ / ~~SECONDER~~ ~~move to recommend the creation of a Elections Review Subcommittee~~
 - [ERC Terms of Reference](#)

2022-17/5 **WRAP-UP**

2022-17/5a **Action Items / To-Do List**

- TBD

2022-17/5b **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- April 13th at 17:00 (1 hour?)

2022-17/6 **Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M. by FLAMAN