

**April 13, 2023**  
**17:00 MDT**  
**Online: [Zoom](#)**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciswaskahikan (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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Proxy or Written Submission</b>
<b>Voting Members</b>		
Levi Flaman (Chair)	Y	
Jayden Brooks	N	
Daniela Carbajal Velez	N	
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		
Tanisha Sahu		

**Minutes (Bylaw-2022-18)**

**2022-18/1    INTRODUCTION**

**2022-18/1a    Call to Order**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

FLAMAN called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM.

**2022-18/1b    Approval of Agenda**

WATTAMANIUK ▾ / LEE ▾ move to approve the agenda  
CARRIED

**2022-18/1c    Approval of Minutes**

DHILLON ▾ / LEE ▾ move to approve the [BC-2022-16](#) and [BC-2022-17](#) minutes  
CARRIED

**2022-18/1d    Chair's Business**

- Will type up semester report and transition report over the weekend and submit it for the late additions on Tuesday
  - Want to get everyone's feedback on both
- Pleasure to work with everyone this year
  - Got a lot done this year
  - Easily the most comprehensive overhaul of legislation I've seen in my time here
  - Good luck in your post-Council endeavours

**2022-18/2    QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

- 2022-18/2a**
- None

**2022-18/3    OLD BUSINESS**

- 2022-18/3a**
- MONTEIRO - / LEE - move to approve Bill 5: Governance Reform in second reading
    - [\[Final Draft\] Bylaw Article I: Governance](#)
- CARRIED

MONTEIRO: States that the Bylaw 100 Section is good to be approved. After talking with the Speaker, there were minor changes in the Governance Code of Conduct. The Council has approved the seat distribution. The introductory meeting was included, which will have the Committees nominations along with group photos and headshots.

FLAMAN: Points that for the Council scholarship (Regulation 110.13), \$30000 has been allocated in the budget for the next year, and there are currently 3 awards given per semester.

WATTAMANIUK: Thinks that the overall idea is good, but considering perfect attendance leads to having a filter of just perfect attendance but not being involved in the discussions. Adds that the selection process can be a holistic discussion and needs improvement. This change should be left to the next Council for a proper discussion.

DHILLON: Agrees. States that one idea could be to have recommendations laid out and not change anything since multiple things need to be changed.

LEE: Thinks that each counselor can give 1 nomination to make it fair and to get more holistic views on people's performances. Agrees, leaving it to the next Council for more discussion.

FLAMAN: Questions if the amount is increased and add a certification if we are leaving things unchanged since a tangible recognition would be nice.

Suggests the monetary award value as the fee index value multiplied by 9 as denoted by the calendar academic year.

MONTEIRO: Asks why the factor is 9 specifically.

FLAMAN: Answers that currently, it is \$500. It was increased to \$750 and then \$500 back again. Using an inflation calculator and fee index times 9 was about \$977.58, which was close to that amount with the amount that was in the previous years.

MONTEIRO: Suggests talking to Marc about more accessible options to stay consistent so that we don't have to change the factor each year.

Bylaw 120:

MONTEIRO: States that the Committee membership section was added, which is the member classification.

FLAMAN: Points out that smaller council size means that Execs make up a larger percentage of the Council, and it is easier to get a majority vote for an item to pass. And in the whole Council, only about 6-7 members need to agree to an item to be passed.

MONTEIRO: For the standing committee attendance regulation, questions the members if they want to implement the two-tier attendance system. If there's no outcome, then nothing needs to be changed and can be kept as it is.

FLAMAN: Points that this was because of the "less than 50% of meetings" criteria. The main question is if we want to wait until the end of the trimester before removing someone. Let's speed up things by removing someone halfway and filling the seat. Say there are 8 scheduled meetings, and if they miss 4 meetings.

MONTEIRO: Points that it could be that they turn up for the remaining meetings.

LEE: Agrees with FLAMAN, as having someone is better than having an empty seat regarding the quorum.

DHILLON: Prefers 50% criteria rather than 3 meetings in a trimester for the member to be removed.

FLAMAN: Points that Committee attendance is easier than in Council. Since people can come in the beginning or ending attendance and be marked and leave after about five minutes. And if anyone can't do this for at least 3 meetings, it will be beneficial not to have them on the committee.

COMMITTEE: Changes that if a member missed 4 meetings, then they're removed from the Standing Committee.

**2022-18/4**    **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2022-18/4a**    • None

**2022-18/5**    **WRAP-UP**

**2022-18/5a**   **Action Items / To-Do List**

- Levi
  - Type up semester report and transition report
  - Get committee to review both before submitting to late additions

**2022-18/5b**   **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- None

**2022-18/6**    **Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance
- Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM