

Date: Wednesday, June 28th, 2023

Time: 5:30

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

Name	Attendance	Proxy or Written Submission
Voting Members		
Jillian Aisenstat (Chair)	Y	
Damon Atwood	Y	
Levi Flaman	Y	
Precious Majekodunmi	Y	
Stephen Raitz	Y	
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Marc Dumouchel	GM	
Courtney Graham	Assistant Manager, Governance Support	
Tanisha Sahu	Administrative Clerk	

MINUTES (Bylaw-2023-02)

2023-02/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-02/1a Call to Order

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

AISENSTAT: Called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

2023-02/1b Approval of Agenda

RAITZ ▸ / MAJEKODUNMI ▸ move to approve the agenda
CARRIED

2023-02/1c Approval of Minutes

ATWOOD ▸ / RAITZ ▸ move to approve the [BC-2023-01-M.docx](#) minutes
CARRIED

2023-02/1d Chair's Business

- Update on who I have met with
- Here are the [Standing Orders](#) and the [Bylaw Committee Supplemental Standing Orders](#) to be reviewed

COMMITTEE: Decides on having online meetings over the summer.

2023-02/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-02/2a • Discussing our work plan for this term

AISENSTAT: Checks with everyone on how comfortable members are with the UASU Bylaws. Adds that more restructuring would be needed on the Bylaws since only Articles 1 and 3 are currently restructured. Suggests grouping a few bylaws into Article 2 for Operations and Article 4 into the Finances.

DUMOUCHEL: Points that most of the Operational Bylaws are good to be reviewed but can be moved over (to Article 2) with minimal changes. Bylaws dealing with finance and fees would be the major chunk of the workload since the Finance Committee made few decisions last year that could impact the writing and regulations.

AISENSTAT: Suggests starting with creating Article 2 (for Operations) and reformatting them over the summer.

FLAMAN: Adds that Articles 1 and 3 underwent extensive review.

RAITZ: Suggests creating Article 2, followed by Article 4 over the summer, and then going back to edit the minor errors that might have arisen.

AISENSTAT: Questions on the best way to work on Article 2. And if the Committee is looking to read the Bylaws together and flag the changes needed or assign certain Bylaws to members and then share the changes that need to be made.

RAITZ: Thinks it will be beneficial to hand over Bylaws to members to work on, but all the members need to be on the same page on what the Committee is looking to review and edit.

AISENSTAT: States that Bylaws 200, 500, 600, 5100, 4000, and 9000 will be grouped under Article 2 for Operations.

Adds that Bylaw 5100 (Student Group Conduct) is a bit complicated as it needs many more changes and reformatting to be made. Hence advises that the Committee proceeds with working on the other Bylaws that would make up the proposed Article 2.

Points that it will be more of reviewing the content, making grammatical and editorial changes, and structuring the document.

RAITZ: Questions if members are presenting a draft template at the next meeting on the Bylaws they are assigned or to review these Bylaws assigned to get a better understanding of what the Committee plans on doing.

AISENSTAT: Confirms that there will be a draft template for these Bylaws, which will be discussed at the next meeting. Advises members to review the content initially and then move the content to the template (to be shared) along with appropriate structuring.

- 2023-02/2b**
- Discussing and reviewing the structure of the Bylaws - reviewing last year's decisions
 - [Bylaw Article I: Governance](#) (an example of the new format)
 - [Bylaws that need restructuring and reviewing](#)

2023-02/3 **OLD BUSINESS**

- 2023-02/3a**
- None

2023-02/4 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2023-02/4a**
- None

2023-02/5 **WRAP-UP**

2023-02/5a **Action Items / To-Do List**

- Reading assigned Bylaws (assigned at the end of the meeting)
 - RAITZ - Bylaw 500
 - AISENSTAT - Bylaw 600
 - FLAMAN - Bylaw 4000
 - ATWOOD - Bylaw 9000
 - MAJEKODUNMI - Bylaw 200

2023-02/5b **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 5:30 pm

2023-02/6 **Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance

AISENSTAT: Adjourned the meeting at 6:08 PM.