

Date: Thursday November 30th, 2023.

Time: 5:00pm

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, 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	Proxy or Written Submission
Voting Members		
Jillian Aisenstat (Chair)	Y	
Damon Atwood	Y	
Levi Flaman	Y	
Noor Abdelwahab	Y	
Stephen Raitz	Y	
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Marc Dumouchel	N/A	
Courtney Graham	N/A	
Aseel Atia	N/A	

Minutes (Bylaw-2023-14)

2023-14/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-14/1a Call to Order

AISENSTAT called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

2023-14/1b Approval of Agenda

COMMITTEE MOVED TO approve the agenda
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-14/1c Approval of Minutes

TABLED

2023-14/1d Chair's Business

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2023-14/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-14/2a [DFU Questions 2024](#)

AISENSTAT: Reminds the COMMITTEE on what to look for while curating and reviewing DFU questions. Notes that they had rearranged the board requirements into the purpose section in order to have flexibility.

RAITZ: Asks if they had a standardized format for completing the DFU questions.

AISENSTAT: Notes that they do not specifically have a standardized format, but they should generally look similar.

Reviews the DFU questions for The Landing. Asks the COMMITTEE if they have any comments, questions or concerns regarding The Landing's DFU questions. Highlights that DUMOUCHEL noted that the term "renewal" in a plebiscite question is problematic.

RAITZ: Removes the term renewal in The Landing's plebiscite question.

AISENSTAT: Notes that they referred to "at least one Students' Council member" in the conditions and asks COMMITTEE if they should remove "at least."

RAITZ: Believes that they should keep that condition similar to the other DFU questions.

AISENSTAT: Asks COMMITTEE if they have any comments, questions or concerns regarding the CJSR DFU questions.

ATWOOD: Asks why CJSR did not add an opt-out condition.

FLAMAN: Responds that since The CJSR has been grandfathered into this DFU renewal, it is not required.

AISENSTAT: Notes that they had added a condition regarding matching CPI. Asks the COMMITTEE if this was necessary.

FLAMAN: It is not necessary because it has been outlined in the bylaws.

AISENSTAT: Asks COMMITTEE if they should remove that provision regarding matching the CPI.

COMMITTEE: Agrees.

AISENSTAT: Unsure if the removal of the term "renewal" should be specific to The Landing or all the DFU questions.

FLAMAN: Is unsure on the reasoning for removal of the term “renewal” in regards to the plebiscite questions if that has been previous practices.

RAITZ: Highlights that DUMOUCHEL noted that even if the DFU is renewed, it is not identical to previous proposals due to slight changes. Noted that neutral language would be preferred.

FLAMAN: In their opinion, this seems unfair to apply this sentiment to the rest of the DFU's.

AISENSTAT: DUMOUCHEL may have suggested this in regards to The Landing and The Gateway because there are notable changes. However, the term renewal for identical DFU would not be problematic.

Was given the missing information by the ISU and had implemented changes. Notes that the ISU outlined the members of the Executive team, however AISENSTAT asks COMMITTEE if they agree to simplify the language to 8 Executive members instead.

COMMITTEE: Agrees.

AISENSTAT: Notes that the ISU has clarified that it is a DFU renewal.

Ask the COMMITTEE if there is a differentiation between Spring and Summer full and part time students.

ABDELWAHAB: Notes that the COMMITTEE should put “...all Student Union members shall pay 1.10 in Spring and Summer.”

COMMITTEE: Agrees.

AISENSTAT: Asks COMMITTEE if they should replace “Board” with “ISU Executive Committee” as that is what the ISU sent over in response to board composition.

ATWOOD: Outlines the differences between a Board and an Executive Committee.

RAITZ: Notes that bylaw considers a committee or board to be whoever oversees an Administration Fee. Believes that is what they should put instead and suggests keeping that consistent for all the DFU questions.

AISENSTAT: Decides to put the “Executive Committee” of the ISU. Notes a change in all the DFU questions highlighting the oversight of an Administration Fee in regards to board composition.

FLAMAN: Notes that ISU is presenting at the next Students' Council. Acknowledges that December 1st is the Bylaw deadline and that there may be a discrepancy of DFU questions being approved at the same Council meeting that associations present their DFU at.

RAITZ: There is not much the Bylaw Committee can do due to strict deadlines.

GRAHAM: Notes that Bylaw deadline will supersede as they are not required to present since they are a DFU.

FLAMAN: Asks COMMITTEE if they were looking to have an omnibus approval and recognizes that there could be a misconstrual due to a lack of a 7 day gap between the ISU presentation and the ISU's DFU question approval.

AISENSTAT: Notes that is what the COMMITTEE was looking to do, however the Bylaw Committee can have a separate approval of ISU and submit it for the Students' Council on December 12th.

GRAHAM: Reaffirms AISENSTAT.

AISENSTAT: Asks the COMMITTEE if that is the course of action they want to take.

COMMITTEE: Agrees.

2023-14/2b FAMF proposals

TABLED

2023-14/3 **OLD BUSINESS**

2023-14/3 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2023-14/3a**
- Voting on all of the DFU questions
 - CJSR
 - Landing
 - Gateway

AISENSTAT/RAITZ MOVE TO omnibus approve the CJSR, The Landing and The Gateway 2024 DFU questions.

CARRIED

- Voting on ISU DFU questions 2024.

AISENSTAT/ABDELWAHAB MOVE TO approve the ISU 2024 DFU question.

CARRIED

2023-14/4 **WRAP-UP**

2023-14/4a Action Items / To-Do List

- Jill, with help from Courtney, to submit the DFU questions to Order Papers by Friday, Dec 1st, 11:59 pm.

2023-14/4b Next Scheduled Meeting

- Friday, December 8th, 2023

2023-14/5 Adjournment

- AISENSTAT adjourned the meeting at 5:44pm.
- Closing Attendance