

Bylaw Committee

Date: Friday April 5th, 2024

Time: 1:00pm

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, 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 |
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| Voting Members | | |
| Jillian Aisenstat (Chair) | Y | |
| Damon Atwood | N | |
| Levi Flaman | Y | |
| Ellen Tam | Y | |
| Stephen Raitz | Y | |
| Non-Voting Members & Guests | | |
| Name | Position or Affiliation | |
| Marc Dumouchel | General Manager | |
| Courtney Graham | Assistant Manager Governance Support | |
| Aseel Atia | Governance Support Specialist | |
| Tanisha Sahu | Admin Clerk Assistant | |
| Michael Griffiths | VP Student Life | |
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MINUTES (Bylaw-2023-21)

2023-21/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-21/1a Call to Order

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

AISENSTAT: Called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

2023-21/1b Approval of Agenda

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve the agenda
CARRIED

2023-21/1c Approval of Minutes

TABLED

2023-21/1d Chair's Business

- Transition report discussion
- April 12th meeting?

COMMITTEE: Decides to cancel the next scheduled meeting on April 12th, due to lack of action items.

2023-21/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-21/3 OLD BUSINESS

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2023-21/3a Elections-related bylaw amendments - Stephen (30mins)

- [FIRST PRINCIPLES: Bylaw 140 and 320 Amendment](#)

RAITZ: Election review and fee governance would be the major projects for next year's Bylaw Committee. Flags that there are many changes within the election bylaw and it depends on how the position is advertised or hired for (e.g. CRO/DRO).

RAITZ: States that these changes are more towards the process of DIE Board appeals. The addition of point 7 allows appeals to be processed stating that no appeal of a DIE Board decision on a CRO ruling shall be considered by the DIE Board unless received by one business day of the DIE Board decision being posted. Changed 12 working hours to one business day for the timeline of the DIE Board Appeal to be considered, for consistency with Regulation 320.

GRIFFITHS: Suggests adding a clause stating when someone has been qualified as a volunteer, they will exist in that capacity throughout the elections.

FLAMAN: Suggests adding a clause stating that upon request of the CRO, the candidate shall be provided a list of volunteers.

RAITZ: Addition of a point about the candidates and the CRO following a duty of utmost honesty throughout the election process. Addition of a point stating that only members of the UASU shall be allowed to volunteer for a candidate or a side. Non-members who are involved with the operation of an organization funded by a University Mandate Non-Instructional Fee shall be able to volunteer for a side, but not for a candidate.

DUMOUCHEL: States that one business day leaves a bit of ambiguity.

COMMITTEE: Changes the wording to the end of the following business day for the timeline for receiving appeals and hearing the appeals.

2023-21/4 **NEW BUSINESS**

RAITZ/AISENSTAT MOVE TO bring forward the Second Principles of Bylaw 140 and 320 amendments to the Students' Council.

CARRIED

2023-21/5 **WRAP-UP**

2023-21/5a **Action Items / To-Do List**

2023-21/6 **Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance

AISENSTAT: Adjourned the meeting at 2:00PM.