

Date: Wednesday, August 9th, 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, 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	N	
Precious Majekodunmi	N	
Stephen Raitz	Y	
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Marc Dumouchel		
Courtney Graham		
Aseel Atia		
Tanisha Sahu		

Minutes (Bylaw-2023-05)

2023-05/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-05/1a Call to Order

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

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

2023-05/1b Approval of Agenda

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve the agenda.

CARRIED, Unanimous consent

2023-05/1c Approval of Minutes

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve the [BC-2023-04-M.docx](#) minutes.

CARRIED, Unanimous consent

2023-05/1d Chair's Business

- First Principles: Yay!

2023-05/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-02/2a Discussing how to move forward with drafting Second Principles:

- Stephen: [Bylaw 110/120/130/140 amendment](#)
 - Discuss; remote/in-person attendance

RAITZ: States that one proposed change was the addition of the ability to attend the Council/Committee meetings and the DIE Board hearings, either in-person or remotely.

COMMITTEE: Decides not to include the delivery format of the meetings and hearings for simplicity and for the Bylaws to be future-proof.

- Executive Committee attendance

RAITZ: States that another proposed amendment was the right to attend Executive Committee meetings (Bylaw 130). There could be an added requirement to provide notice to the Executive Committee to accommodate attendance since Executive Committee meetings are smaller in scale and informal in nature.

Adds that in Bylaw 140 (Student Judiciary), the right to attend the DIE Board meetings should be ideally limited to DIE Board hearings since it's the only component open to the public.

- Jill: Bylaw 600

AISENSTAT: Flags the wording of "associated organizations" that needs to be changed since it would be nice to have services like Campus Food Bank and The Landing accessed in French.

DUMOUCHEL: Points that if the Committee looks at translating services, much work would be involved since hundreds of services are available.

AISENSTAT: States that the idea of including these was that CSJ works closely with the Campus Food Bank, and it would be nice to have services available in French or have the organizations make a reasonable effort to access their services if needed.

DUMOUCHEL: It can be worded something along the lines that the UASU and its affiliated DFUs shall make efforts to have services in French. This way, the Bylaw must ensure students have access to services and documents in French when needed.

Adds that the existing translation requirements in the Bylaw seem good.

- Damon: Bylaw 9000

GRAHAM: States that for the second reading, the actual language that the Committee uses for the Bylaw and gets approved at the Council will be reflected on the website. If the Committee decides to use the template, the original Bylaw 9000 would be in one column, and there would be nothing in the other.

- 2023-02/2b** Discussing how to move forward with drafting Second Principles
- Stephen: Bylaw 500 - no major updates - awaiting updates from UASU staff

2023-02/3 **OLD BUSINESS**

- 2023-02/3a**
- None

2023-02/3 **NEW BUSINESS**

2023-02/4 **WRAP-UP**

2023-02/4a **Action Items / To-Do List**

- Draftspersons to work on their Second Principles to bring to the Students' Council
 - Hopefully bringing it to the Council meeting on August 29, 2023.

2023-02/4b **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 5:30 pm

2023-02/5 **Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance
- AISENSTAT: Adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM