

University of Alberta Students' Union
BYLAW COMMITTEE

Date: April 11, 2022

Time: 12:40 pm

Location: on zoom

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (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, Dënesųłiné (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

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AGENDA (Committee-Year-Meeting Number)

2022-01/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-01/1a Call to Order

BARAZESH called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm

2022-01/1b Approval of Agenda

2022-01/1c Approval of Minutes

2022-01/1d Chair's Business

2022-01/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-01/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-01/3a BARAZESH: Asks if there were any issues or concerns that were raised throughout the process with ISA.

MONTEIRO: Shares how he wasn't aware that ISA cancelled all their board meetings for April. Shows concern regarding making changes to two points they raised. Says ISA acknowledges the importance of meeting timelines.

KIMANI: Agrees

MONTEIRO: Says there were two processes while doing replenishment.

Adds that changes were made to onboarding for council.

Asks what everyone thinks about the requirement that council is required to have the meeting between April 1st and 30th?

Suggested council could do a start up in May but it would slow it down.

MONTEIRO: Says it'd give us two extra weeks to hire speakers.

Adds that council will meet in April but doesn't hire speakers in April.

BARAZESH: Agrees

MONTEIRO: Says there were a lot of problems associated with appointing people. Adds that he included a period to separate general elections from bylaw elections and two separate processes can be found under vacancy petition . Asks for opinions regarding including "permanent" with replenishments.

BARAZESH: Agrees and says to add we require an expression of interest to balance lowering the number of signatures required.

MONTEIRO: Agrees and says he mentioned minimum of 10 signatures otherwise becomes complicated

BARAZESH: Says it negates from the fact that we're trying to collect the most signatures.

MONTEIRO: Suggests adding a point to expression of interest.
Says at the end of the seven day period this year will determine who gets the seat based on number of signatures for which we have to figure out an appropriate way to deal with this.

BARAZESH: Says we're trying to figure out who better understands council and the responsibilities.

MONTEIRO: Adds we can't pick someone without voting and use of ballot.

BARAZESH: Feels having more signatures isn't really fair. Suggests to request resumes to find who qualifies.

MONTEIRO: Says requesting resumes and doing interviews would increase the workload of council depending on how many people apply and it's also time consuming.

KIMANI: Agrees with collecting more signatures and acknowledges it to be more fair compared to public vote.

MONTEIRO: Agrees

MONTEIRO: Says changes can't be made in council rather it should be done as a committee.

Adds individuals would be temporary and if they wanted to run they'd hold positions 5 days before the election started.

BARAZESH: Suggests to split between 1 and 2.

MONTEIRO: Says the only issue is that bylaw 100 only refers to student council and doesn't refer to GFC.

BARAZESH: Agrees

MONTEIRO: Says there's gonna be one motion that'd refer to the bylaw.

2022-01/4

ADJOURNMENT

BARAZESH adjourns the meeting