

# COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

## Tuesday, December 3, 2019 5:00pm 3-04 Grand Pavilion, Campus Saint Jean

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## **AGENDA (CAC-2019-15)**

2019-15/5a	Next Meeting: TBA.
2019-15/5	ADJOURNMENT
	See CAC-2019-15.01.
2019-15/4a	CAC Minutes, (CAC-2019-14-M) - Tuesday, November 19, 2019.
2019-15/4	INFORMATION ITEMS
2019-15/3a	<b>BEASLEY MOVES</b> to amend the Council Meeting Schedule.
2019-15/3	COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2019-15/2	QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD
2019-15/1d	Chair's Business
2019-15/1c	Approval of Minutes
2019-15/1b	Approval of Agenda
2019-15/1a	Call to Order
2019-15/1	INTRODUCTION



University of Alberta Students' Union

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#### **ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Chris Beasley (Chair)		Y	
Amlan Bose		Y	
Tahra Haddouche		Y	
Nathan Sunday		Y	
Juan Vargas Alba		Y	
Luke Statt		Y	
Charles Blondin		Y	
Akanksha Bhatnagar		Y	

#### **MINUTES (CAC-2019-14)**

**2019-14/1 INTRODUCTION** 

2019-14/1a Call to Order

BEASLEY: Called the meeting to order to 5:07pm.

2019-14/1b Approval of Agenda

**BHATNAGAR/BOSE MOVED** to approve the agenda.

**CARRIED** 

2019-14/1c Approval of Minutes

**VARGAS ALBA/STATT MOVED** to approve the minutes of CAC-2019-13-M.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 2019-14/1d Chair's Business

BEASLEY: Outlined that the Committee will meet next week at Campus Saint Jean and consider issues such as changing proxy regulation, scheduling Council sessions during GovWeek, and amending the Council treaty acknowledgement. Confirmed that Vice President Agarwal invited the Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean to participate in the meeting.

HADDOUCHE: Proposed that the Committee commute to Saint Jean from North Campus on the University shuttle which departs at 4:35pm before the next meeting.

BEASLEY: Noted that he will soon meet with the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board Chief Tribune to discuss the restructuring of the Elections Office and the hiring of Chief and Deputy Returning Officers. Noted that he submit a reference question to the Board to identify an alternate chair for the CRO and DRO hiring committee which is normally carried by the outgoing CRO or Speaker, both of whom are unavailable.

DRAPER: Inquired into whether the DIE Board can sanction Council for violating bylaw.

BHATNAGAR: Responded in the negative.

HADDOUCHE: Expressed concern that it is inefficient that no DRO will be hired until a CRO is hired.

BEASLEY: Determined to call a meeting of the chairs. Determined to meet with members of the Committee in a separate meeting to amend the treaty acknowledgement to recognize that Students' Union sits on unceded land.

**BOSE/BEASLEY MOVED** to add item 2019-14/2b. CARRIED

## 2019-14/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

**2019-14/2a** Cancellation of Next Meeting.

**2019-14/2b** Winter Term Attendance Regulation

BOSE: Expressed concern that councillors who fall below 50% attendance in the Winter term are not, unlike for the Fall and Spring Summer terms, removed from Council due to insufficient attendance.

BHATNAGAR: Proposed changing the attendance requirements such that councillors are removed due to insufficient attendance if they do not have 50% attendance by the halfway point in their terms.

BOSE: Expressed concern that councillors, even if they are removed due to insufficient attendance, can re-run and win in a following election. Noted that Bylaw Committee debated establishing a probationary period wherein councillors who were removed due to insufficient attendance would not be able to immediately contest their seats.

BEASLEY: Expressed concern that, unlike in the Fall term, there is no mechanism for replacing councillors who would be removed from Council in the middle of the term if Bhatnagar's proposal is accepted. Suggested that it is preferable to keep a disengaged individual as a member of Council as compared to denying a faculty representation.

BHATNAGAR: Proposed offering incentives for exemplary attendance.

DRAPER: Proposed levying fines on councillors with insufficient attendance.

BLONDIN: Expressed concern that it would be improper to levy fines on unpaid volunteers.

HADDOUCHE: Suggested that the Committee need not change the Winter regulation as councillors are not abusing the attendance system.

BOSE: Suggested that, on the contrary, councillors are abusing the Winter Term attendance by intentionally not showing up to meetings as they are confident of getting re-elected.

BEASLEY: Proposed that Bylaw Committee further consider reforming Council attendance regulation at a future meeting.

SUNDAY: Proposed that any change in attendance bylaw attempt to restore councillors' interest in serving on Council rather than attempting to bring harsher punishment as deterrence.

### 2019-14/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**2019-14/3a BEASLEY/DRAPER MOVED** to amend Standing Orders.

See CAC-2019-14.02.

BEASLEY: Outlined that this amendment corrects a copy and paste error in the Standing Orders wherein the section related to reports was overlaid with the section concerning question and discussion.

**CARRIED** 

### 2019-14/4 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

**2019-14/4a** CAC Minutes, (CAC-2019-13-M) - Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

See CAC-2019-14.01.

**2019-14/4d** Standing Order - Amendments.

See CAC-2019-14.02.

**2019-14/5 ADJOURNMENT** 

BEASLEY: Adjourned the meeting at 5:44pm.

**2019-14/5a Next Meeting**: TBA.

# **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

MOTION	VOTES
BHATNAGAR/BOSE MOVED to approve the agenda.	CARRIED
<b>VARGAS ALBA/STATT MOVED</b> to approve the minutes of CAC-2019-13-M.	CARRIED
<b>BOSE/BEASLEY MOVED</b> to add item 2019-14/2b to the agenda.	CARRIED
BEASLEY/DRAPER MOVED to amend Standing Orders.	CARRIED