

Discover Governance



What is Discover Governance (DG)?

- ▶ A unique service of the UASU that exists to support all student representatives at the U of A
- ▶ Four staff, two of whom are almost entirely dedicated to Students' Council

Mission

To facilitate improvements to the quality and effectiveness of all levels of student governance at the University of Alberta through impartial professional development, advisory, and support services to student representatives and representative groups.

Key Operations

- ▶ Governance Education
- ▶ Administrative Support
- ▶ Impartial Advising
- ▶ Governance Research

Question, concern,
or idea?
Ask DG!

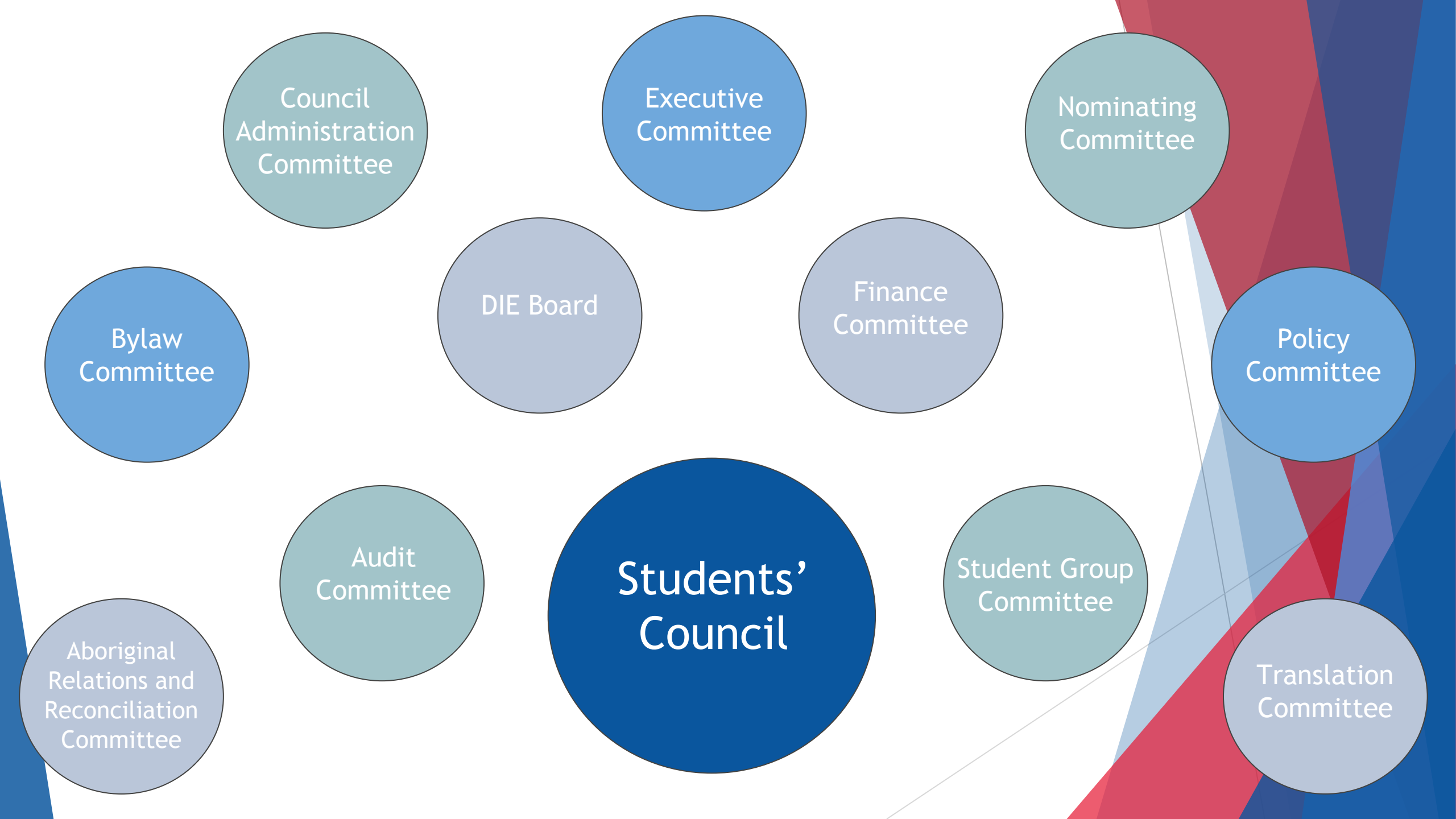
Roles and Responsibilities

For Students' Council



What is the SU?

- ▶ official body that represents ALL undergraduate students
- ▶ advocates for students at the University of Alberta (to both the institution and to all levels of government)
- ▶ *run by students for students*
- ▶ sensitive to the needs of the individual and student body as a whole



Roles Within Council

The Speaker

The Speaker is the presiding officer of all meetings of the Council.

- ▶ moderates, guides and leads Council meetings
- ▶ facilitates discussions and debate
- ▶ makes and enforces rules on parliamentary procedure
- ▶ supports Council in fulfilling its legislative mandate
 - ▶ ensures that the decisions which are made by Council fall under the broader vision of the Student's Union
- ▶ is a non-voting member

The SU Executive Team



The President

The President is the primary spokesperson of the SU.

- ▶ oversees SU Affairs
 - ▶ supports all of the other executives
 - ▶ oversees SU's strategy, operations, employees, advocacy, etc.
 - ▶ pretty much does everything you can think of
- ▶ responsible for heading major projects, working with various leadership institutions and councils
 - ▶ sits on the Board of Governors and the General Faculties Council
- ▶ advocates on behalf of university students to all levels of government
 - ▶ talks to the media and attends events

The Vice Presidents

VP Academic

- ▶ responsible for advocacy relating to academic affairs
- ▶ works with and supports all student faculty and department associations
- ▶ oversees the Academic Relations Group
 - ▶ delegates of the VPA
 - ▶ provide student input on advocacy activities
- ▶ extremely involved in committees, subcommittees, various councils and associations

VP External

- ▶ external advocacy
- ▶ working with municipal, provincial and federal governments on issues that impact students
- ▶ works closely with MLAs and MPs
- ▶ works with post-secondary lobbying groups
- ▶ Sits on CAUS and CASA
 - ▶ represents University of Alberta students at a provincial level

The Vice Presidents

VP Operations and Finance

- ▶ oversees the SU's budget
- ▶ responsible for strategy and operations at SU's businesses
 - ▶ oversees the operation of SUB
- ▶ sits on committees and boards related to the dispersal of Dedicated Fee Units (such as the Health and Dental Plan)

VP Student Life

- ▶ non-academic advocacy on issues that impact students
 - ▶ can range from issues relating to residence to issues regarding mental health on campus
- ▶ responsible for developing the programming and large events put on by the Student's Union
- ▶ responsible for Student's Union services such as the Peer Support Centre

Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

- ▶ The Board of Governors is the ultimate governing and decision making body on campus
- ▶ The Undergraduate Board of Governors representative serves as a voice for undergraduate students on the Board of Governors
- ▶ a voting member of the Board of Governors, the Students' Council and the General Faculties Council

Councillors

- ▶ represent their respective faculties at Council meetings
- ▶ communicate with and consult students within their faculty, as well as collaborate with other Councillors to advocate for students
- ▶ represent undergraduate students in one of the two most important forums in which student voices are heard on campus

Submitting Items

Board and Committee Business

- ▶ Recommendations or motions coming from a committee
- ▶ Bylaws and policies usually go here
- ▶ Will usually be recommended by the chair of the committee

General Orders

- ▶ All other major motions go in this section
- ▶ Motions can come from any voting member of Council
- ▶ Motions may be first principles of bylaws, a decision Council wishes to make or position Council wants to put on the record
- ▶ Usually only stay in effect for that year of Council
- ▶ Example: Motions to impeach or censure
- ▶ Example: Motion to accept the ARRC Recommendations

Deadlines

- ▶ Items for the Order Paper are due before 8:00 AM on the Friday before the meeting
- ▶ Items for the Late Additions are due before 2:00 PM on the day of the meeting
- ▶ Late Additions must be special ordered onto the main agenda

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Committee Participation



Adding to the Agenda

- ▶ Any member of a committee may add an item to the committee's agenda
- ▶ Each committee has a different submission deadline - check the Standing Orders
- ▶ Submit items to council.submissions@su.ualberta.ca

Can't make it?

- ▶ Appoint a proxy
- ▶ Notify the Chair and the Admin Assistant within 24 hours that you will not be present