
**Tuesday, July 31, 2018
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory.

We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2018-06)

2018-06/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2018-06/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, August 21, 2018** at 6:00PM in the Council Chambers.

2018-06/2 PRESENTATIONS

2018-06/2a *Presentation Title:* UASU 2018/19 Executive Committee Goals and Mandate

Abstract: UASU 2018/19 Executive Committee goals and mandate.

Presenter(s):

- Reed Larsen - President, Students' Union
- Akanksha Bhatnagar - Vice-President (Academic), Students' Union
- Emma Ripka - Vice-President (Operations & Finance), Students' Union
- Andre Bourgeois - Vice-President (Student Life), Students' Union
- Adam Brown - Vice-President (External), Students' Union

LARSEN MOVES to allow the "2018/19: Executive Goals" Presentation.

See SC-2018.06.11.

2018-06/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.
Akanksha BHATNAGAR, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Andre BOURGEOIS, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Emma RIPKA, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Reed LARSEN, President - Report.

2018-06/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report

Audit Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Council Administration Committee - Report.
Nominating Committee - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.
Finance Committee - Report.
Executive Committee - Report.

2018-06/5 **OPEN FORUM**

2018-06/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2018-06/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2018-06/7a **RAITZ MOVED** to nominate one (1) member of Students' Council to the Policy Committee.

RAITZ: Established that Policy Committee is working on the renewal of twelve remaining policies. Emphasised passion and accountability as key traits of successful members. Identified the meeting schedule as bi-weekly. Noted that the members are expected to oversee at least one policy, engage with stakeholders, and review and write policy.

BHATNAGAR nominated THIBAudeau: accepted.
SUNDAY nominated SUNDAY: accepted.
THIBAudeau nominated LEY: accepted.
BILAK nominated STATT: accepted.
RAITZ nominated BELCOURT: declined.
BHATNAGAR nominated CUTARM: accepted
KIM nominated BRIDAROLLI: withdrew.
RAITZ nominated HADDOUCHE: declined.
RAITZ nominated KIM: declined.

LARSEN/BOURGEOIS MOVED to recess for fifteen minutes.
CARRIED.

THIBAudeau is declared appointed to Policy Committee via secret ballot.

2018-06/7b **BILAK/PALMER MOVED**, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the First Reading of the Non-Partisan Political Policy.

BILAK: Established that Policy Committee authored the Non-Partisan Political Policy to set out rules and practices to govern the impartial conduct of the Students' Union.

BROWN: Noted that he received the draft Policy last year. Identified that he added Fact 4 and consulted Policy Committee on amending Resolution 3. Emphasised

that the Policy formalises an existing convention of organisational independence and impartiality.

SUNDAY: Inquired into the manner in which the Policy will affect individual councillors' partisan activity.

LARSEN: Responded that the Policy applies only in circumstances in which a councillor is acting in an official, representative role.

FLAMAN: Noted that the term "primarily" in Resolution 3 allows the Students' Union to advocate on issues not related to political policies. Considered amending "primarily" to "solely".

BROWN: Identified that the term "primarily" provides flexibility for the Students' Union to advocate in relation to issues that emerge unexpectedly and require immediate attention.

LEY: Noted that a future bylaw could fill in any gaps later discovered within the Policy.

CARRIED.

See SC-2018.06.10.

2018-06/7c SUNDAY/THIBAudeau MOVED, on behalf of the Bylaw Committee, to approve Bill #3: Bylaw 100 Students' Council committee regulations as follows:

1. Bylaw 100 is the premier piece of legislation of Students' Council, housing much of the administrative and operational regulation of the body.
2. In January 2018, Students' Council approved amendments to Bylaw 100 that created four types of committees: legislative committees, oversight committees, ad hoc committees, and operational committees.
 - a. Prior to these amendments, Bylaw 100 stipulated only one type of committee: Standing Committees
3. As a result of these amendments, legislative committees were housed in Bylaw 100, while oversight, ad hoc, and operational committees were placed in Bylaw 100: Schedule B.
4. The differentiation between legislative committees and oversight committees received wide criticism from students; specifically, Aboriginal students.
5. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to replace legislative committees and oversight committees with Standing Committees.

6. In light of the criticism surrounding the current Students' Council committee structure, as a well as discussions surrounding committee structure at the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee, three categories of committees and their creation procedures will be defined:
 - a. "Standing" committees;
 - b. "Ad Hoc" committees; and
 - c. "Operational" committees.
7. Bylaw committee will outline a process for any student at large (SAL) positions on standing committees to be ultimately ratified through Council.

SUNDAY: Established that Bill 3 addresses the controversy surrounding the differentiation of operational, legislative, oversight, and ad-hoc committees in Bylaw 100. Noted that Bill 3 reclassifies the committees as standing, ad-hoc, and operational.

LARSEN: Supported an open and transparent dialogue in advocacy and consultation.

FLAMAN: Identified that §4 and §6 reference criticism over the original change. Inquired into the character of the criticisms and the manner in which Bill 3 addresses them.

SUNDAY: Responded that the differentiation between oversight and legislative committees, in which ARRC was the oversight committee, was made on the basis of possessing delegated authority from Students' Council. Suggested that the differentiation is arbitrary as all committees, including ARRC, have delegated authority. Noted that at least ten Aboriginal students attended the vote of the original change in opposition.

FLAMAN: Expressed concern over repealing the legislation of last year's Council, which followed the democratic process, to accommodate a small subset of students.

KIM: Identified two justifications for the plan to differentiate committees: (1) permitting for students at large to sit on committees and (2) allowing for an easier creation of new committees. Suggested that these justifications require revision as there are other ways to involve students at large and a difficult process of committee creation ensures a high-standard of standing orders.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern over referring to of Aboriginal students as a small subset of students. Suggested that there was neither compromise nor consultation in the latest amendment of Bylaw 100.

BILAK: Inquired into how §7 would affect the selection of students at large.

BELCOURT: Suggested that Bill 5, of last year, created an unnecessary power imbalance between oversight and legislative committees. Suggested that Indigenous voices were excluded from the legislative process leading up to the passage of Bill 5.

SUNDAY: Responded that Nominating Committee could serve to select students at large throughout the year. Encouraged councillors to attend ARRC meetings.

PALMER: Inquired into whether Bill 3 affects all students at large or only Aboriginal students.

LARSEN: Responded that items 1-7 are first-principles for an amendment to Bylaw 100.

SUNDAY: Reaffirmed that, notwithstanding this legislation, committees have discretion as to whether they include students at large.

CARRIED

2018-06/8 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2018-06/8a **BILAK/BOURGEOIS RATIFIED** the appointment of Karamveer Lalh to Chief Tribune of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.

SUNDAY/PALMER MOVED to enter *in camera*.
CARRIED.

RAITZ/BOURGEOIS MOVED to exit *in camera*.
CARRIED

LALH: Noted that DIE Board has a procedure which ensures the independence and impartiality of its tribunals. Noted that tribunals will recuse themselves in when conflicts arise.

CARRIED

2018-06/8b **LARSEN/CUTARM MOVED** to ratify the hiring of Nadia Halabi (2017/18 Chief Returning Officer) to a remunerated position in accordance with Bylaw 100.18.7.

LARSEN: Established that Council was delayed in ratifying Halabi's appointment as Chief Returning Officer.

SUNDAY: Suggested that officially appointing Halabi prior to the ratification contravened bylaw.

LARSEN: Noted that the ratification was delayed because the obligation to do so was discovered late. Emphasised that no bylaw has been contravened.

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:39PM.

2018-06/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2018-06/9a President - Report.

See SC-2018.06.01.

2018-06/9b Vice-President, Academic - Report(s).

See SC-2018.06.02 and SC-2018.06.02 (1).

2018-06/9c Vice-President, External - Report.

See SC-2018.06.03.

2018-06/9d Vice-President, Operations and Finance - Report(s).

See SC-2018.06.04 and See SC-2018.06.04 (1).

2018-06/9e Vice-President, Student-Life - Report.

See SC-2018.06.05.

2018-06/9f Students' Council - Attendance.

See SC-2018.06.06

2018-06/9e Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2018.06.07.

2018-06/9f Executive Committee Motion Tracker

See SC-2018.06.08.

2018-06/9g Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2018-05).

See SC-2018.06.09.

2018-06/9h Non-Partisan Political Policy - First Reading

See SC-2018.06.10.

2018-06/9i "2018/19: Executive Goals" Presentation

See SC-2018.06.11.