

**January 10th, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers/Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacišwaskahikan (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 Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dènesų́łíné (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?

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2022-19)

2022-19/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

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Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

WATTAMANIUK/DHILLON MOVE TO amend agenda item 8c to ask for two nominations rather than one.
CARRIED

ALI has resigned from Council.

2022-19/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2022-19/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-18) Tuesday, December 13th, 2022

See SC-2022-19.01

APPROVED

2022-19/2b **MONTEIRO/VILLOSO MOVETO** approve the French translations of Bylaw 100, Bylaw 100 Schedule A, and the following Political Policies: Academic Materials, Assessment and Grading, Campus Saint-Jean, Capital Projects, Climate Action, Deferred Maintenance, Experiential Learning, Food Security, Mental Health, International Students, Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees, Nonpartisan, Scholarships and Bursaries, Student Employment, Student Engagement, Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and Open Education.

See SC-2022.19.02

APPROVED

2022-19/2c **CARBAJAL VELEZ / FLAMAN MOVETO** upon the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee to approve the following plebiscite and referendum questions to appear on the 2023 General Election ballot.

See SC-2022-19.03

APPROVED

2022-19/2d **DHILLON/ARSLAN MOVE TO REFER** the NUA FAMF proposal to the Bylaw committee to draft a ballot question.

See SC-2022-19.04

APPROVED

2022-19/2e **DHILLON/ARSLAN MOVE TO REFER** the ESA FAMF proposal to the Bylaw committee to draft a ballot question.

See SC-2022-19.05

APPROVED

2022-19/2f **DHILLON/ARSLAN MOVE TO REFER** the HCA FAMF proposal to the Bylaw committee to draft a ballot question.

See SC-2022-19.06

APPROVED

2022-19/3 PRESENTATION

2022-19/3a **MONTEIRO/FOTANG MOVETO** present an update on the 2022-2023 Executive Goals.

See SC-2022-19.11

CARRIED 25/00/00

2022-19/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2022-19/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

DHILLON - Audit Committee - Report

FLAMAN - Bylaw Committee - Report

WATTAMANIUK - Council Administration Committee - Report

MONTEIRO - Executive Committee - Report

VILLOSO - Finance Committee - Report

STEINBUSCH - Nominating Committee - Report

FOTANG - Policy Committee - Report

DORSCHIED - Board of Governors Representative - Report

AKINNEAH - ARRC - Report

VILLOSO - SCFC - Report

BROOKS - Student Group Committee - Report

STEINBUSCH - Sustainability Committee - Report

SOTO - Translation Committee - No Report

LIU - Member Statement - Comments on HCA's FAMF proposal, voicing opposition to it.

2022-19/6 OPEN FORUM

Haruun ALI (former Councilor): How much did the UASU spend on securing a legal opinion on enforcing a non-disclosure agreement against a former Councilor?

MONTEIRO: The securing of the NDA was triggered by a request that a Councilor made — in this case, ALI — so we wanted to ensure the integrity of our process to protect confidential information that had been shared with people. The legal opinion cost \$966.

ALI (former Councilor): Has a Councilor ever disclosed to you that they experienced racial abuse at a committee level, and if so, what did you do to make sure they feel safe?

MONTEIRO: No. If any Councilor was to come to me and tell me what issue they're facing, I'm happy to have a conversation with them and figure out how we can do the best we can to address the concerns they have, and make sure they feel comfortable.

ALI (former Councilor): That is false. I came to you to disclose racial abuse that occurred to me. I disclosed it to the General Manager as well. It happened in a Finance Committee meeting back in October. I walked by you in the office and I talked to you directly; we had a five-minute conversation about it. You took no tangible steps to make Black students feel safe in that space at all, so once again, that

is false.

SPEAKER confirms the limit of three comments or questions during open forum for members (either members of Council or members of the UASU).

2022-19/7

QUESTION PERIOD

LIU: Asked about FOTANG's meetings with government officials and whether the Minister for Tourism is involved in the plan to turn the river valley into a national urban park.

FOTANG: Would be happy to connect LIU with the Minister's office to discuss further.

REGMI: I put out a Reddit thread and other social media efforts recently, and heard very strongly that the Campus Food Bank is having difficulty keeping up with major increases in demand. Students want to see action taken to ensure they get the food they need. Asks VILLOSO whether she will commit to including tangible support for the CFB in the next budget.

VILLOSO: Council is in charge of approving the budget; I only provide a draft. We are happy to discuss this priority during the budget creation process.

FOGUE: We have been working closely with the Campus Food Bank and University administration to focus on student food insecurity. I am starting bi-weekly meetings with the CFB, and whatever I hear from them and from student stakeholders, I'll be sure to bring back to Council.

ABBASI: Has the Speaker received any complaints about Council coming to Augustana at the end of the month?

SPEAKER: Will be checking in with governance staff to confirm operational details.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Has the basic amount for student group funding been decided yet?

MONTEIRO: That will be a conversation for Council alongside the budget principles. One priority is ensuring that sufficient money is available for student groups to apply for events funding.

LIU: Does the UASU provide free rent for Elev, a student for-profit company that connects landlords and tenants?

MONTEIRO: In our current agreement with Elev, they don't pay any rent, but the agreement will be reviewed at the end of the semester and they are not for profit right now. Part of the agreement is that, when they are a for-profit company, the

UASU will be getting a portion of those profits because of the way we've been supporting them as they start up.

VILLOSO: Elev came to Council last semester to answer Councilors' questions, and if you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Marc.

REGMI: Question for the Bylaw Committee Chair: I spoke to you and the President about proposals to increase the number of signatures for a given candidate to be 20. The rationale was about the growth of the student body, but some faculties have grown less than others, and not everyone knows 20 people. It seems that we are making it harder for people to run, not easier, so why not keep it at 10?

FLAMAN: This change had been in the works for a couple of years. Yes, some faculties have grown quicker than others, some have shrunk, and the total number of students has increased. The focus here is that a common theme from various Councilors has been that they didn't know what they were getting into, the amount of work involved. If we add a little bit of a hurdle to the nomination process, while students are investigating the role, it may give them pause to step back and say 'is that really something I want to do?' If they don't specifically know 20 people to sign their nomination package, then get out and meet people: you don't go to 20 of your friends, you need to go to 20 of your potential constituents. This isn't supposed to be a popularity contest where you just go to your closest buddies and say 'sign this because I want to run,' you need to make a pitch and go out and tell people 'I want to run because X, Y, Z, and do you feel I would be a suitable candidate?' By introducing that little bit of an extra hurdle, that might make it more difficult to run, but what we want in our potential candidate pools, especially as we're shrinking Council, is quality over quantity. We want better candidates who are more informed. If that's going to shy away some people, I don't think we're going to be any worse off for it.

LIU: A comment on candidate nominations: in faculties like mine, this new 20-signature threshold might be a significant hurdle. Maybe in the very small faculties, we could even say that if someone gets 40-50 signatures, they should get the position, because that's half the people who would vote. I'm not in favour of increasing the signature threshold to 20.

2022-19/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-19/8a **STEINBUSCH/REGMI MOVE TO** nominate (1) member of council to the Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee.

CARRIED 20/00/00

Steinbusch nominates Carbajal Velez (accepted)

Carbajal Velez is appointed to the Sustainability Committee via acclamation.

2022-19/8b **STEINBUSCH/ARSLAN MOVE TO** nominate (1) member of council to the Nominating Committee

See SC-2022-19.12

CARRIED 20/00/00

VILLOSO: Does Nominating Committee have plans to get students at large for next year's committees?

STEINBUSCH: There has been some discussion and I'll need to talk further with the committee.

Arslan nominates Ussebayereva (accepted)

Ussebayereva is appointed to the Nominating Committee via acclamation.

2022-19/8c **WATTAMANIUK/DHILLON MOVE TO** nominate (2) members of council to the Council Administration Committee as a Permanent Member.

See SC-2022-19.13

CARRIED 20/00/00

Villoso nominates Flaman (accepted)

Wattamaniuk nominates Regmi (accepted)

Flaman and Regmi are appointed to CAC via acclamation.

2022-19/8d **VILLOSO/FOGUE MOVE TO** nominate one member of Council to the Finance Committee

See SC-2022-19.14

CARRIED 20/00/00

Fogue nominates Reisbig (declined)
Villoso nominates Steinbusch (declined)
Fogue nominates Brooks (declined)
Wattamaniuk nominates Arslan (declined)

VILLOSO/DORSCHIED MOVE TO TABLE the above motion.
CARRIED 20/00/00

2022-19/8e **MONTEIRO / FLAMAN MOVE TO** approve Bill 2: Electoral Reform in second reading

See SC-2022-19.15

WATTAMANIUK: Notes that the new approach consolidates and eliminates redundant elements and should make elections more accessible.

LIU: The preferential balloting process works well in situations with many candidates, but may not be necessary for smaller constituencies with only one or two candidates, and may be confusing.

WATTAMANIUK: Explains the UASU's voting system; any proportional runoff ballot system like this is going to take some degree of output documentation, and it's not a barrier to participation.

MONTEIRO: Asks for a friendly amendment clarifying that the 20 signature requirement is specific to GFC and Council elections.

LIU: Thanks WATTAMANIUK for his explanation. Voices his opposition to the 20 nomination threshold; it should be fixed at a percentage of students in the faculty due to the difficulty of getting 20 signatures in a small faculty.

FLAMAN: Wouldn't necessarily be opposed to a percentage approach. Right now 10 signatures is 5% of Native Studies and 0.14% of Arts. If we find the 20 threshold is overly stifling, next year's Council can adjust.

FOTANG: We've added deadlines with times; can we clarify time zones, as some students may not be in the same geographical region as Edmonton?

MONTEIRO: We can work that into definitions around standard working hours.

CARRIED 19/01/00 Liu Abstains

MONTEIRO/FLAMAN MOVE TO approve the following friendly amendment in Bylaw 320: Regulation 320: Nomination Procedure:

At least (20) and no more than fifty (50) members acting as nominators for Students'

Council and General Faculties Council Elections who at the time of the nomination deadline are currently registered in the same faculty as the nominee.

CARRIED 19/00/00

MONTEIRO/VILLOSO MOVE TO amend the proposed bylaw by clarifying local Edmonton time where time is referenced.

CARRIED 20/00/00

2022-19/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2022-19/9a **ABBASI/CARBAJAL VELEZ MOVE TO** discuss low engagement in the elections and how to increase engagement in future elections.

WITHDRAWN

2022-19/9b **REGMI/LIU MOVE TO** discuss recent student concerns regarding transit safety.

REGMI: The pandemic has led to an increase in homelessness and drug abuse. We need to ensure that people in trouble can get the support they need and ensure students are safe.

LIU: Lack of safety on transit is still persistent. I have been following this since 2021, when a Chinese student was stabbed in the transit station near HUB Mall. It's important to get better cell signal in the stations to contact emergency services, and increase the presence of peace officers and social workers so they can intervene.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: Is this separate from the Campus Safety and Security Policy and its consultation?

REGMI: Policies are being developed related to safety and transit; this discussion will feed into our transit safety asks.

FOTANG: The Campus Safety and Security Policy does include transit safety. Hopefully Council's discussion will be able to inform the advocacy asks for both policies. Are there rising concerns leading to this discussion?

REGMI: Part of my motivation in bringing this up was to learn if others have heard the same concerns from their faculties. We are seeing the problem get worse instead of better and we need to keep talking about it.

CARBAJAL VELEZ: This is a current consultation and conversation that's going on with Policy Committee and we're trying to avoid duplication of similar bylaws, consultation, and effort; there's risk that this will replicate what the Campus Safety and Security Policy is trying to do, and may be outside the scope of the Transit Policy.

REGMI: The intent is to see what we can do better about transit safety, not to talk about any specific policy. I don't want these transit problems to continue coming up.

DHILLON: I hope this is helpful. There have been issues with streetlights burning out and large dark areas making people feel unsafe; there have also been concerns that the pedways do not have cameras, and people have been approached there in ways that made them feel unsafe. There was a point where ECHA was locked at night to protect the students who stay late there; that may be a useful approach.

OJO: If we're feeling unsafe, others probably are too. There are many places I feel unsafe, so I'm hypervigilant on transit, but because these are systemic issues, I'm not sure these are issues for the University to solve.

LIU: Agrees with DHILLON's comments about lack of cameras and lighting, and also points out issues where people have had their belongings stolen from lockers. Nobody is actually monitoring many cameras.

DHILLON: This will continue to be a bigger conversation in Policy Committee, and if anyone is interested in participating they are welcome to talk to FOTANG.

LIU/DHILLON MOVE TO table the motion to the next meeting.
CARRIED 19/00/00

2022-19/9c **REGMI/STEINBUSCH MOVE TO** discuss the Alberta Sovereignty Act Within a United Alberta

TABLED

STEINBUSCH/USSERBAYEVA MOVE TO table the motion until the next meeting.
CARRIED 19/00/00

2022-19/9d **MONTEIRO/FOGUE MOVE TO** discuss the implementation of the Students' Council and Standing Committee Restructuring as identified in the Governance Restructuring Task Force Recommendations.

See SC-2022-19.16

CARRIED 19/00/00

WATTAMANIUK: Speaks in favor of the new model's ability to create synergies between committees and reduce operational demand; Councilors' job is to be deliberative, and Councilors should not be relied upon for the day-to-day operations of the UASU. The new model strikes a good balance. This model will be discussed at next week's Chairs' meeting to ensure all Committee Chairs are on the same page and ready to implement it.

LIU: As long as smaller faculties are still represented, a smaller Council is fine. Intends to bring forward a discussion about further governance restructuring possibilities.

MONTEIRO: Happy to look at any proposals in advance of them coming to Council.

FLAMAN: Speaks in favor of the new model and the governance restructuring report that Abner and staff prepared.

MONTEIRO: Would like to get a sense from Council of their preferences between the two proposed scenarios. The next motion that comes to Council will likely be a motion for approval. Requests a soft poll of Councilors on their preferences and would be happy to speak with Councilors who are undecided or have other alternatives in mind.

Councilors take a non-binding poll with placards.

LIU: Aims to bring forward a proposal in the current governance cycle if possible.

2022-19/10 CLOSED SESSIONS

2022-19/10a **ALI/LIU MOVE TO** direct the Executive Committee to organize watch parties for the 2022 World Cup.

WITHDRAWN by unanimous consent of Council.

LIU/WATTAMANIUK MOVE TO withdraw the above motion.
CARRIED 19/00/00

REGMI/LIU MOVE TO rescind the TABLING of agenda item 9b.
CARRIED 20/00/01

2022-19/11 INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-19/11a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-18) December 13th, 2022

See SC-2022-19.01

2022-19/11b Executive Reports

See SC-2022-19.07-19.09

2022-19/11c Board of Governors Report

See SC-2022-19.10

2022-19/11d Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-19.11-19.17

2022-19/11e Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2022-19.18

SPEAKER adjourned the meeting at 8:29 P.M.