



University of Alberta Students' Union

**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

May 17, 2023
Time
SUB 6-06/[Zoom](#)

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (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

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Jillian Aisenstat		Y
Damon Atwood		Y
Marc Dumouchel (GM)		Y
Levi Flaman		N
Precious Majekodunmi		N
Stephen Raitz		Y
Michael Griffiths		N/A
Christian Zukowski		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A
Tanisha Sahu		N/A

MINUTES (BC-2023-00-M)

2023-00/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-00/1a Call to Order

GRAHAM: Called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM

2023-00/1b Approval of Agenda

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2023-00/1c Approval of Minutes

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2023-001d Chair's Business

2023-00/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-00/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-00/3a Chair Selection

Raitz nominates Aisenstat - declined

GRAHAM: Suggests having a temporary chair so that the Committee can get started on business items.

ATWOOD/RAITZ MOVE TO appoint ATWOOD as the interim chair for the next meeting.

CARRIED

2023-00/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-00/5 ADJOURNMENT

GRAHAM adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM