

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Time: 5:30

Online: [Zoom](#)

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciswaskahikan (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, Dènesųliné (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	Attendance	Proxy or Written Submission
Voting Members		
Jillian Aisenstat (Chair)	Y	
Damon Atwood	Y	
Levi Flaman	Y	
Precious Majekodunmi	Y	
Stephen Raitz	Y	
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Marc Dumouchel		
Courtney Graham		
Tanisha Sahu		
Aseel Atia		
Pedro Almeida		

MINUTES (Bylaw-2023-03)

2023-02/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-02/1a Call to Order

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

AISENSTAT: Called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM

2023-02/1b Approval of Agenda

FLAMAN/RAITZ MOVE TO approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2023-02/1c Approval of Minutes

FLAMAN/ATWOOD MOVE TO approve the [BC-2023-02-M](#) minutes.

CARRIED

2023-02/1d Chair's Business

2023-02/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-02/2a • Discussing the Bylaws we have each reviewed

- Bylaw 200 - Precious

AISENSTAT: States that nothing major to be changed but something could be done with the Land Acknowledgement, as it currently exists in Bylaw 100.

- Bylaw 500: Access to Information Draft - Stephen

- [Link to draft](#)

- Proposed edits

- Adding compliance clause
- Re-ordering certain components; starting with "access to information" section, minor re-ordering within some sections for greater clarity
- Removed "Right to Attend Meetings"

RAITZ: Informs that one major change that's proposed is the Right to Access Meeting point. Adds that access to information has nothing to do with being present in the meeting. This could be more suitable in any other Bylaw where the main focus is on Access to Information. Added a point to tie the information and confidentiality with the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal laws.

LEVI: States that the Municipal Law prevailing point has been captured in Bylaw 100, section 5,1.

- Bylaw 600 - Jill

- [BYLAW 600: Students' Union Bilingualism](#)

- Proposed edits

- Adding Principles for Translation instead of Translation
- Removing the Process for Translation entirely.

AISENSTAT: Points that one addition could be involving a consultation process with AUFSJ in the Bylaws, to improve having the UASU documents and services available in French.

- Strategic Plan - Levi

- Before: [Bylaw 4000: Students' Union Strategic Plan](#)

- After: [Bylaw 220: Students' Union Strategic Plan](#)

FLAMAN: States that there were no substantial changes but did some reorganizations to reduce the number of sections to make it easier to read and understand.

AISENSTAT/RAITZ MOVE TO extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

CARRIED

- Bylaw 9000 - Damon

ATWOOD: Thinks that this particular Bylaw can be scrapped as there's no such value added to the existing powers of the Council. And if needed, some points from the Bylaw 9000 can be added to other existing Bylaws, where applicable.

- 2023-02/2b**
- Marc to speak on writing the new format

DUMOUCHEL: States that this document explains how the process was done and what changes could be brought to the table. The main issue to tackle is that the Bylaws are long and difficult to comprehend, and tend to become contradictory if the linked Bylaws aren't updated.

- 2023-02/2c**
- Levi - Vacancy Petition Amendment
 - Current: Councillors appointed by vacancy petition during Spring/Summer leave office before the by-election ([110.06 01.6](#))
 - If they choose not to run in the by-election, they are prohibited from submitting another vacancy petition in the fall or winter term ([110.06 03.7.d](#))
 - Proposal: Declare Councillors appointed by vacancy petition during Spring/Summer as candidates in fall by-election automatically with no further action on their part?

ALMEIDA: Adds that the reason this was brought was that the vacancy petitioners were comparably at a disadvantage as compared to the other groups.

2023-02/3 **OLD BUSINESS**

- 2023-02/3a**
- None

2023-02/3 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2023-02/3a**
- None

2023-02/4 **WRAP-UP**

2023-02/4a **Action Items / To-Do List**

- Assign draftspeople to write the proposal to Students' Council based on the restructuring proposals from last year (refer to Article II: Operations)
 - [DRAFT - GRTF Discussion P - Governing Document Structure v1aper 1](#) (refer to Article II: Operations)
 - [Bill 6: Operations Reform First Principles](#) (from last year)
 - [\[Final Draft\] Bylaw Article I: Governance](#)

COMMITTEE: Tables this to the next meeting.

2023-02/4b **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 5:30 pm

2023-02/5 **Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance

AIENSTAT: Adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM.