

Date: Wednesday, July 26, 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, Dënesųliné (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	
Courtney Graham		
Tanisha Sahu		
Aseel Atia		

Minutes (Bylaw-2023-04)

2023-02/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-02/1a Call to Order

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

AISENSTAT: Called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

2023-02/1b Approval of Agenda

ATWOOD/MAJEKODUNMI MOVE TO approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2023-02/1c Approval of Minutes

RAITZ/ATWOOD MOVE TO approve the [BC-2023-03-M.docx](#) minutes.
CARRIED

2023-02/1d Chair's Business

- Discussing [Bylaw Committee Work Plan \(tentative\)](#)

AISENSTAT: Reviews the Goal Planning document of the Committee. In the following year, Article 2 needs to be restructured, as members have to group the existing Bylaws into relevant sections. The Committee will also have to draft plebiscites and referendums and create Article 4 (for Finance) and approve the restructuring and edits made by the previous Committee. The Committee's proposed goal this year is to create a framework for renewing the Bylaws in order to ensure consistent review in future years.

2023-02/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-02/2a Stephen: Bylaw 500 updates

- [Bylaw 500: Access to information](#)

RAITZ: Created a definition section, and potentially could define “documents” too if needed. One major change was addressing levels of confidentiality.

2023-02/2b Jill: Bylaw 600 updates

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

AISENSTAT: Explains why there's a need for the update and sums up the changes that the Committee would propose. Aims to also amend the Bylaw to include mentions of Bilingual Faculty Associations like AUFJSJ to ensure proper consultation on how to provide UASU governing documents and services in French.

2023-02/2c Damon: Bylaw 9000 updates

- [First Principles](#)

ATWOOD: States that this Bylaw doesn't serve a purpose anymore and can potentially get rid of it since it was relevant during the pandemic. It essentially adds no new powers to the existing powers that Council has and adds procedural delays without enhancing the efficacy of any emergency response.

2023-02/3 **OLD BUSINESS**

- 2023-02/3a**
- None

2023-02/3 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2023-02/3a**
- (Tentative) - Voting on First Principles of Bylaw 600 and/or 9000

RAITZ/AISENSTAT MOVE TO approve sending the first principles of Bylaw 600 to the Students' Council for approval.

CARRIED

ATWOOD/RAITZ MOVE TO approve sending the first principles of Bylaw 9000 to the Students' Council for approval.

CARRIED

- (Tentative) - Voting on First Principles of [Bylaw 110/120/140 Amendment](#)
RAITZ/ATWOOD MOVE TO approve sending the first principles of the Bylaw 110/120/140 Amendments to Students' Council.
CARRIED

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

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

- Preparing First Principles to bring to Council

2023-02/4b Next Scheduled Meeting

- Wednesday, August 9th, 2023, at 5:30 pm

2023-02/5 Adjournment

- Closing Attendance
- AISENSTAT: Adjourned the meeting at 6:08 PM