

# Bylaw Committee

**Date:** Friday February 9th, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Online:** [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, Dènesùliné (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
<b>Voting Members</b>		
Jillian Aisenstat (Chair)	Y	
Damon Atwood	N	
Levi Flaman	N	
Ellen Tam	Y	
Stephen Raitz	Y	
<b>Non-Voting Members &amp; Guests</b>		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Marc Dumouchel	General Manager	
Courtney Graham	Assistant Manager Governance Support	
Aseel Atia	Governance Support Specialist	
Tanisha Sahu	Admin Clerk Assistant	

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**MINUTES (Bylaw-2023-18)**

**2023-18/1    INTRODUCTION**

**2023-18/1a    Call to Order**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

AISENSTAT: Called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

**2023-18/1b    Approval of Agenda**

**COMMITTEE MOVES TO** approve the agenda  
CARRIED Unanimously.

**2023-18/1c    Approval of Minutes**

**COMMITTEE MOVES TO** approve the [BC-2023-15-M](#)  
CARRIED Unanimously.

**2023-18/1d    Chair's Business**

- Discussion about the next meeting date (reading week)

**2023-18/2    QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2023-18/3    OLD BUSINESS**

**2023-18/3a    Bylaw 500: Access to Information Amendment - [Link](#) Stephen (15mins)**

DUMOUCHEL: Suggests keeping a strictly confidential category to cover private personal information (personnel records for staff and volunteers) that would restrict further access or adding a point stating the above goes by default.

**2023-18/3b    [Article II Reorganization](#) Damon (25mins)**

ATWOOD: Thinks that the practices of Bylaw 5100 (Student Group Conduct) could be moved into regulations.

DUMOUCHEL: About groups filing complaints about individuals, there's a possibility of SGS doing an informal mediation. But can add the clause stating if the mediation process is refused by both parties, they can be referred to the Dean of Students.

**2023-18/4    NEW BUSINESS**

## **Bylaw Committee**

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**2023-18/4a** Discussion on allowing staff to make editorial changes to legislation - Levi (10mins)

FLAMAN: There's a list with editorial changes that the staff has found out from the previous Bylaw updates but they need approval from the Committee for making the changes. This will save time and organize things precisely without changing the content. This could be included as a regulation.

ATWOOD: Spelling changes and website improvements can be done by the staff, but grammatical mistakes can be considered during restructuring. Citations and references would need a vote.

**2023-18/4b** Voting on Bylaw 500  
TABLED

**2023-18/4c** Voting on Article II Reorganization  
TABLED

**2023-18/5** **WRAP-UP**

**2023-18/5a** **Action Items / To-Do List**

**2023-18/5b** **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- Friday, February 23rd, 1:00 PM online.

**2023-18/6** **Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance

AISENSTAT: Adjourned the meeting at 1:52 PM.