

May 31, 2023
17:30 MDT
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 Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dênesų́liné (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
Voting Members		
Damon Atwood (Interim Chair)		Y
Jillian Aisenstat		Y
Levi Flaman		Y
Precious Majekodunmi		Y
Stephen Raitz		Y
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Marc Dumouchel (GM)		
Courtney Graham		
Tanisha Sahu		

MINUTES (BC-2023-01)

2023-01/1

INTRODUCTION

2023-01/1a

Call to Order

ATWOOD: Called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM

2023-01/1b

Approval of Agenda

FLAMAN/AISENSTAT MOVE TO approve the agenda of the meeting.

CARRIED

2023-01/1c

Approval of Minutes

RAITZ/AISENSTAT MOVE TO approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

CARRIED; Flaman abstains

2023-01/1d

Chair's Business

- **Committee member introductions**
- **Agenda for summer months**

ATWOOD: Informs that nothing has been referred to the Committee by the Council so far and thinks that getting to know the Bylaws over the summer would be a good plan.

Suggests adjusting the meeting schedule until the Committee has some business item referred by the Council.

FLAMAN: Points that it would be unlikely since the Bylaw Committee got a lot of work done during the meeting times last year. However, the meeting schedule can be altered if the Committee is better at using the group chat for online collaboration.

RAITZ: Suggests delegating one member to review where the Committee stands at present and making an action plan accordingly.

ATWOOD: Thinks that meeting on a bi-weekly basis might be too far at present since the Committee is just setting up.

AISENSTAT: Suggests meeting in the Summer term to wrap up the pending items from the previous year.

Adds that there will be a need to familiarise with the Bylaws so the meeting

schedule can be changed into meeting once in 3 weeks or once a month.

ATWOOD: Suggests cancelling the next meeting to meet monthly. Further details can be discussed on the group chat if needed, and members can use this time to learn more about the Bylaws.

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QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-01/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-01/3a

Chair Selection

ATWOOD nominates AISENSTAT - accepted

AISENSTAT is nominated as the Bylaw Committee chair, via acclamation

2023-01/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-01/5

ADJOURNMENT

AISENSTAT: Adjourned the meeting at 5:59PM.