

Date: Friday October 27th, 2023.

Time: 2:00pm

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	
Noor Abdelwahab	Y	
Stephen Raitz	Y	
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Marc Dumouchel	N/A	
Courtney Graham	N/A	
Aseel Atia	N/A	

Minutes (Bylaw-2023-11)

2023-11/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-11/1a Call to Order

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

AISENSTAT calls the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

2023-11/1b Approval of Agenda

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve the agenda.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2023-11/1c Approval of Minutes

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve [BC-2023-09-M](#).
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2023-11/1d Chair's Business

- New member!

AISENSTAT: Informs the committee that MAJEKODUNMI has resigned from Bylaw Committee and introduces newly appointed Bylaw Committee member, Noor Abdelwahab.

2023-11/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-1/2a Discussing our findings: regulations or bylaws?

- Levi

FLAMAN: Notes that Strategic Plan should be kept as bylaw due to the size and structure.

2023-11/2b - Stephen

- [Article 2 - FNMI Consultation](#)

RAITZ: Asks COMMITTEE if definitions are to have a designated area in an Article.

GRAHAM: Clarifies that Article 1 definitions are in regulation under Bylaw 100: Governance. Notes that definitions are placed in a separate section in Article 3.

RAITZ: Notes that removing definitions out of FNMI bylaws could have negative impacts to the concern of the power of terms. Consultations to ISU and ARRC are to be conducted in order to take into consideration their viewpoints on the matter. Suggests organizing definitions similar to Article 3.

Believes FNMI Consultation should remain a bylaw.

ATWOOD: Notes that moving all definitions into a definition specific bylaw could be an efficient way of organizing definitions.

GRAHAM: Informs the COMMITTEE on the ways Standing Orders organize committee specific standing orders into appendixes. Suggests that bylaw definitions could be potentially organized in a similar way to Standing Order appendixes.

RAITZ: States that the COMMITTEE can follow the ways in which Standing Orders organize definitions if issues arise, however setting the definitions in the beginning of the Bylaw is a sufficient first step.

- Jill
- [Article 2 - First Principles Draft](#)

AISENSTAT: Believes Bylaw 600 should remain a bylaw due to its relation to fees and the DIE Board.

Introduces First Principles of Article 2 to the COMMITTEE. Notes that the first and third sections of the draft are to be removed.

RAITZ: Suggests adding a section noting that this restructuring is a continuing process following the work of last year's Bylaw Committee.

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve the First Principles of Article 2.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATWOOD: Notes that the COMMITTEE is to draft a high level statement explaining the restructuring rationale as their next step.

GRAHAM: Informs the COMMITTEE that there is a document worked on by the Governance Staff where errors or contradictions of restructured bylaws approved last year are noted. Shares this document with the committee.

2023-11/3 **OLD BUSINESS**

- 2023-11/3a** •

2023-11/3 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2023-11/3a** •

2023-11/4 **WRAP-UP**

2023-11/4a **Action Items / To-Do List**

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2023-11/4b **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- Friday, November 10, 2-3pm.
- AISENSTAT adjourned the meeting at 2:37pm.

2023-11/5 **Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance