



University of Alberta Students' Union
**FEE GOVERNANCE REVIEW
 COMMITTEE**

**1 February 2022
 4:00pm
 Google Meet**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT (Y/N)
Emily Kimani, Chair		Y
Samar Barazesh		N
Simran Dhillon		Y
Georgia Korfeh		Y
Samantha Gardner		N
Andrew Batycki		Y
Nathan Brandwein		N
Marc Dumouchel		N/A
Ethan Hunter		N/A
Courtney Graham		N/A

MINUTES (FGRC 2021-06-M)

- 2021-06/1 INTRODUCTION**

- 2021-06/1a **Call to Order****
 KIMANI: Called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

- 2021-06/1b **Approval of Minutes****

- 2021-06/1c **Approval of Agenda****

- 2021-06/1d **Chair's Business****

2021-06/2 **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

2021-06/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2021-06/3a **Bylaw 6000 & 8000 series**

BATYCKI: Priority is fixing bylaws in regards to DFU and SRA fees so next year when going through the process, there will be a clear timeline in regards to consultation and will go smoother if timeline is drawn up. Also wants a guide document for SRA's and DSU's

DHILLON: Agrees. Potential bylaw changes should be done first. Not sure if it is necessary for a guide document but agrees on an outlined proposal. Thinks next step should be a good proposal

KORFEH: Agrees with Simran

KIMANI: In regards to bylaw creations, changes were drafted along with a guide document.

DUMOUCHEL: Expresses the possibility of ideas for bylaws with very little time but with no consultations and only passing the bylaws.

DHILLON: Inquires Marc if it is possible to spend time to make changes going over bylaws and disperse them among VP's and respond by emailing their thoughts

DUMOUCHEL: Says it is possible. Two sets of bylaw changes can be made including the governance piece, and the creation and renewal piece. Governance piece can probably be done in the summer. Creation and renewal piece can be done now because they can talk about responding to the request of feedback from people. Has no political cost for council as they are doing things short-term. If consultations want to be done, the bylaws will not be passed this year.

DHILLON: The creation is currently in bylaw 8000. Has done 8000, reviewed, and brought it up to finance and will bring to audit. Also consulted with KOFA presidents group. In regards to creation, it will get done soon and will do 1 more demographic to consult with. One thing they're going to add is a very clear difference in what happens if they are renewing the fee. The explicit term of renewing got lost in translation throughout bylaw.

DUMOUCHEL: Agrees. Inquires if the committee has talked to the groups regarding the new agreement portion

DHILLON: Have not. In bylaw was included about having an agreement. Committee got access to having an agreement.

BATYCKI: Inquires if the committee needs to take a break during elections since as Batycki is ok drafting some of the documents if help is needed

KIMANI: Expresses it is ok to do so. If the committee wanted to make the entire process as a whole with DFU and FA's, then would still have to talk to DFU's but relationships are not the best between DFU and SU. Consultations will still need to be done with both

DHILLON: Inquired if consultations done on the 8000 series can get going as the DFU process hasn't been great.

KIMANI: Wants to create a new combined process instead of a new system for SRA's and for DFU's. Inquires if it would be separately or together

DUMOUCHEL: Suggests on having a single set of renewal processes. Has been talking about reconfiguring bylaws and administration separately. If SU has written up changes to bylaw 8000, there would not be a major impact in changing it.

DHILLON: Agrees. What is confusing is consultation would look very different for DFU's and SRA's. To outline processes would make the consultation processes easier.

BATYCKI: Never talked about combining the two into one bylaw. Talked about bringing a lot of DFU requirements to SRA's. Thinks it should remain separate instead of one.

DUMOUCHEL: If committee is going to do 6000, they are too short on finances and too late. Thinks these kinds of changes committee want to do will require more consultations and discussions as it cannot be done within just 2 weeks. Issues in maintaining bylaws are duplicating bylaws and are overly prescribed in some areas. Does not have an issue with what the committee is currently on track for.

KIMANI: Idea is to go ahead with the 8000 series and still work on the 6000 series without passing the bylaws yet due to no consultations. Does also need to think about how to make the processes correspond in the same timeline.

BATYCKI: Talked about fee creation this year and the need to have consultations with DFU's. As a member of council, it is the SU's authority to set standards so it would not be hard to work on the 6000 series. Inquires Marc about who would look at policy regulations.

DUMOUCHEL: It is not decided. This particular bylaw can be changed by CAC or Council or VP finance. In all cases, it should be reported to Council and no changes would take effect until reported to Council.

DHILLON: Important to note that DFU's are not satisfied with the current bylaw process

KIMANI: Lack of proper communication between SU and DFU's is key and is why that DFU's are not satisfied with current process. Cites that committee must consult with them.

BATYCKI: Agrees and thinks Marc makes sense. In terms of bylaw 6000, the committee can start consultations. Can start talking to DFU's about MOU's. Inquires if it's possible to start writing bylaw 6000. Also thinks if the workload is reasonable within the election, it can be done but does not know due to election time strains.

KIMANI: Agrees committee needs to get tangible things done this semester. Inquires to Marc whether if it is better to proposals up and ask what DFU's think or incorporate feedback while working on bylaw 6000

DUMOUCHEL: Expresses committees and DFU's should meet twice. In one meeting, have ideas put down before on paper, then have another meeting once drafted up. Will take longer than expected due to minimal meetings from DFU's. Their board will take time to respond as well. The other way is to change the bylaw without consultation but not recommended

DHILLON: Expresses an intermediary stance. Agrees consultation is important. Can get the process done then with the transition. Nothing new will need to be created rather than going over a brand new process.

BATYCKI: Can get as far as the committee wants this year then make it clear to the next committee to not start over. Could possibly have a meeting during elections

DUMOUCHEL: Meeting is possible during election season

KIMANI: Expresses how it would be good if committee came up with a plan and strategy. Also should move forward with 8000 series since it's done and get it passed before the term is over. Also wants to work on bylaw 6000 series and start consultation soon. Hopefully can finish consultation by this term since next year's committee can follow previous consultations made by the current committee.

BATYCKI: Expresses there can be a completed bylaw with consultation by next year and recommend next year passes it but get as much done as possible this year.

KIMANI: Will call a special meeting for next week. Marc and Emily will come up with a plan for next week then work it out after then. If they don't finish this year, then can leave for the committee for next year.

BATYCKI: Wants to make a current game plan

KIMANI: Will create a document outlining a plan

KIMANI: Inquires if the Doc should be broken up into months or SRA's and DFU's

BATYCKI: Months

KIMANI: Inquires if any consultation in regards to the bylaw has been done yet

DHILLON: Consultation has been done with KOFA presidents, finance group, audit committee. Wants to finalize consultation with KOFA financial group.

KIMANI: Wants to wrap up consultations in February. Inquires if it goes to bylaw first or council

DHILLON: Will be brought to bylaw first then council

KIMANI: Inquires if 8000 or 6000 series should be completed first or work on 8000 series as well as consultations due to February being packed

DHILLON: No need to delegate work for 8000 series as Chris, Vaughn, and Gurleen is currently working on it. Does not think it is a priority to allocate work time towards series 8000

BATYCKI: Thinks majority of the committee can focus on 6000

DHILLON: Inquires if there is a schedule for the DFU's expiring

KIMANI: Should be in the 6000 bylaw schedule

KIMANI: Will assign DFU's to individual committee members to go and consult with.

DHILLON: Was inquiring if the schedule was wrong on the bylaw 6000

DUMOUCHEL: Does not think it is different but has not been updated in 11 months

KIMANI: Will assign and reach out to the DFU's in a 2 week time period. In March, all committee members will come back and present a consultation with DFU. After then, all members will come back and incorporate consultations into the bylaws. Inquired if Marc would work on a draft for DFU bylaws or come up with it together.

DUMOUCHEL: Inquires on what has been done so far before creating a draft in 2 weeks once consultations are completed.

BARAZESH: Can help with 8000 series within the next couple of weeks

BATYCKI: Inquired if DFU's would be assigned outside meetings or incorporated within meetings

KIMANI: Can be done within the current meeting. Entire committee is not present but can reach out to those not present to assign DFU's. Andrew has the landing, Simran has CJSR, Georgia has WHSK, Simar has campus food bank, Emily has AFC, Sammy can take SLS, Nathan can take APIRG

DUMOUCHEL: Inquired who the landing was as they do not have anything to do with the bylaw fee. Also inquired to receive an invitation to all further meetings. Also inquired if meetings would be run and set up by himself or committee

KIMANI: Special meeting can be called to make sure each meeting is consistent to have most of February to do the bylaw consultations.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-06/5

ADJOURNMENT

KIMANI: Adjourned the meeting at 5:01 P.M.