



University of Alberta Students' Union

**Bylaw
COMMITTEE**

**October 12, 2021
3:00 pm
[Google Meet](#)**

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Emily Kimani		Y
Abner Monteiro		Y
Samar Barazesh		Y
Chris Beasley		Y
Vaughn Beaulieu-Mercredi		N
Nathan Brandwein		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Thomas Banks		N/A

MINUTES (BC-2021-10)

- 2021-10/1** **INTRODUCTION**
- 2021-10/1a** **Call to Order**
BARAZESH: Called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.
- 2021-10/1b** **Approval of Agenda**
- 2021-10/1c** **Approval of Minutes**
- 2021-10/1d** **Chair's Business**
- 2021-10/2** **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**
- 2021-10/3** **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2021-10/3a** **Bylaw 100 Vacancy Petition Signature Requirements**

BARAZESH: Proposed reducing the signature requirement and fixing the missing section in Section 20 reading “In order for the petition to be declared valid, the candidate must collect a greater number of signatures from supporters than either 3(a) or 3(b), whichever is lower: 10% of the total student population of their faculty with a maximum of 60 signatures; or”

BRANDWEIN: Expressed concern that the purpose of the signature requirement is unclear given that it does not fulfil the function of separating out bad candidates for good ones.

MONTERIO: Agreed that collecting signatures does not necessarily make a candidate better informed about Council. Suggested that the purpose of the requirement is to, in collecting signatures, force a candidate to make students aware that they are representing them.

BARAZESH: Suggested that a reason for reducing the requirement is that vacant seats are always better filled than left empty.

MONTERIO: Proposed reducing the requirement to 25 signatures.

BEASLEY: Cautioned that it is not always a net good to have more students on Council.

BRANDWEIN: Proposed replacing the requirement to collect student signatures with the requirement to collect one or two signatures from departmental associations.

BARAZESH: Proposed replacing the requirement to collect student signatures with some form of written submission.

MONTERIO: Cautioned against involving faculty associations in the selection of candidates given that they need to be consulted first and that they could be biased in selecting internal candidate.

BARAZESH: Proposed reducing the requirement to 20 signatures.

2021-10/3b

Attendance Regulation

BARAZESH: Inquired as to whether the Committee is interested in amending the Council attendance regulation defined in Section “21. Attendance Regulations 1 “Satisfactory attendance” is defined as being present for at least 50% of roll calls per trimester. 2 “Unsatisfactory attendance” is defined as being present for less than 50% of roll calls per trimester.

BRANDWEIN: Proposed amending the regulation to count attendance once per meeting.

BEASLEY: Opposed amending the regulation on the basis that councillors currently have the option to address low attendance via the selection of proxies or appealing a removal to the DIE Board.

MONTERIO: Agreed. Proposed amending the proxy regulation to allow councillors to appoint proxies coming from any faculty.

BEASLEY: Proposed amending the attendance regulation to permit a new defence against removal from Council in cases where proxies are unreliable and where the councillors demonstrates reasonable effort to get the proxy.

BARAZESH: Determined to prepare a draft implementation of these changes.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-10/4a

[Bylaw 200: FNMI Consultation and Engagement](#)

2021-10/5

ADJOURNMENT

BARAZESH: Adjourned the meeting at 4:04 P.M.