

Bylaw Committee

Date: Friday, January 12th, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm 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 Niitsítapi (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	Attendar	nce Proxy or Written Submission
	Voting Members	
Jillian Aisenstat (Chair)	N	
Damon Atwood	Y	
Levi Flaman	Y	
Noor Abdelwahab	N	
Stephen Raitz	Y	
Non-	Voting Members & Gu	buests
Name		Position or Affiliation
Marc Dumouchel		
Courtney Graham		
Aseel Atia		
Tanisha Sahu		
Michael Griffiths		
Pedro Almeida		
Craig Turner		



Minutes (Bylaw-2024-16)

2024-16/1 INTRODUCTION

2024-16/1a Call to Order

• Land Acknowledgement

• Attendance

RAITZ: Called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

2024-16/1b Approval of Agenda

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve the agenda

CARRIED, Unanimously

2024-16/1c Approval of Minutes

TABLED

2024-16/1d Chair's Business

2024-16/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2024-16/3 OLD BUSINESS



2024-16/3a FAMF Proposals (25 minutes)

COMMITTEE: Decides to approve the FAMF Questions via an e-vote.

• ISA (Stephen) - <u>Link</u>

RAITZ: Flags that the Executive board piece is unlike the DFUs. Hence that portion can be omitted to avoid complexity as well. Confirms if they need to clarify that they are independent from the UASU.

GRAHAM: Clarifies positively.

ATWOOD: Confirms that for the SRA questions, the questions need to reflect the purpose and that it doesn't violate any Bylaws.

• OASIS (Jill) - Link

TURNER: Suggests writing "Student Representative Association" rather than the abbreviation SRA on the questions.

FLAMAN: Suggests that the point about Augustana students being exempt from the fee can be removed since this is a faculty association and no student can be an Augustana student and an Arts student.

• IHCC (Noor) - Link

RAITZ: Confirms if the renewal is set after five years.

GRAHAM: Confirms.

- HCA (Damon) <u>Link</u>
- ESS (Levi) <u>Link</u>

2024-16/3b Augustana Residence Association Amendment (10 minutes) - Link

GRIFFITHS: States that each residence association would have a seat, including Augustana Residence. The ASA's residence representative position will serve as its voting representative unless a designate is appointed

RAITZ/ATWOOD MOVE TO send the amended regulation to Council for approval. CARRIED

2024-16/3c Fee Governance (15 minutes) - <u>Link</u>

FLAMAN: Added the ability to waive the current DFUs and SRA membership fees that have recently expired in the last three academic years.

2024-16/3d Election Timelines (10 minutes) - Link (Levi's Version)

COMMITTEE: Decides that for the Winter Elections, Family Day would be recognized as the third Monday in February, and Labour Day would be recognized as the first Monday of September for the Fall Elections.

2024-16/4 NEW BUSINESS

2024-16/4a Bylaw 500: Access to Information Amendment (Time permitting) - Link

2024-16/5 WRAP-UP

2024-16/5a Action Items / To-Do List

Potential amendment for amending regulations within bylaws

2024-16/5b Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, January 28th, 2024 (12:30 – 1:30pm)

2024-16/6 Adjournment

• Closing Attendance

RAITZ: Adjourned the meeting at 3:03 PM.