

Bylaw Committee

Date: Friday January 26th, 2024

Time: 1:00pm 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	Attendance	Proxy or Written Submission	
	Voting Members		
Jillian Aisenstat (Chair)	Y		
Damon Atwood	Y		
Levi Flaman	Y		
Ellen Tam	Y		
Stephen Raitz	N		
Non-	Voting Members & Gues	sts	
Name	1	Position or Affiliation	
Marc Dumouchel	General Mana	General Manager	
Courtney Graham	Assistant Man	Assistant Manager, Governance Support	
Aseel Atia	Governance St	Governance Support Specialist	

Minutes (Bylaw-2024-17)

2024-17/1 INTRODUCTION

2024-17/1a Call to Order

• Land Acknowledgement

Attendance

AISENSTAT: Called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

2024-17/1b Approval of Agenda

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve the agenda

CARRIED

2024-17/1c Approval of Minutes

TABLED

2024-17/1d Chair's Business

• New member!

Meeting time change?

2024-17/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2024-17/3 OLD BUSINESS

2024-17/3a Article 2 restructuring update - Damon. (15mins)

ATWOOD: States that the major work is to restructure the document.

2024-17/3b Conflict between Bylaw 100 s4 b and Bylaw 100.1 s 02.1 - Damon (15mins)

ATWOOD: Bylaw 100 point 4b states having 2 majority votes or readings of the council held not less than 7 days apart for adopting and amending Regulations. However, Regulation 100.01 - Legislative Process, section 2.1, states that the creation and amendment of Regulation can be done in a single motion at one meeting of the Council which contradicts the previously stated Bylaw.

FLAMAN: Previously the thought process was such that Bylaws are the highest level like the Constitution as there are two readings involved, but the regulations were meant to be just one reading and simpler to amend if needed.

ATWOOD: Suggests bringing this to Council in the form of First Principles to amend the Bylaw 100 point 4.

COMMITTEE: Agrees.

2024-17/3c Regulation 110.19: Students' Council Initiative Fund (20mins)

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AISENSTAT: Summarizes ALMEIDA's suggestion - the CAC chair shall submit a motion to the Council speaker relating to the approval of the proposal. The speaker would notify the Council members and the member can ask for the motion to be added to the agenda of the next Council meeting.

FLAMAN: Not in favor of the suggestion as there is already delegation that happens to certain committees when it comes to finances and funds.

ATWOOD: Suggests deleting points 4 and 5 and rather adding about approving minor and major expense proposals in point 3 under delegation of authority.

2024-17/4 NEW BUSINESS

2024-17/4a Bylaw 500: Access to Information Amendment - Link

- Not discussing this, but please look over this and send your questions to Stephen

2024-17/5 WRAP-UP

2024-17/5a Action Items / To-Do List

Potential amendment for amending regulations within bylaws

2024-17/5b Next Scheduled Meeting

• Friday, February 9th, 2024 (1:00pm-2:00pm)

2024-17/6 Adjournment

Closing Attendance

AISENSTAT: Adjourned the meeting at 1:49 PM.