

Bylaw Committee

Date: Friday March 8th, 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 Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dènesųliné (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	N	
Stephen Raitz	Y	
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Marc Dumouchel	General Manager	
Courtney Graham	Assistant Manager Governance Support	
Aseel Atia	Governance Support Specialist	

MINUTES (Bylaw-2023-19)

2023-19/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-19/1a **Call to Order**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

AISENSTAT: Called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

2023-19/1b **Approval of Agenda**

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve the agenda
CARRIED Unanimously.

2023-19/1c **Approval of Minutes**

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve the [BC-2023-15-M](#)
CARRIED Unanimously.

2023-19/1d **Chair's Business**

- Discussing plans for the rest of the semester

2023-19/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2023-19/3 OLD BUSINESS

2023-19/3a Bylaw 500/210: Access to Information - [Link](#) Stephen (15mins)

ATWOOD: Flags that the definitions would be moved into the Definitions section of Article 1-Regulation 100.08.

COMMITTEE: Agrees with the proposed second reading.

Bylaw Committee

2023-19/3b Revisiting [Article II Reorganization](#) Damon (25mins)

AISENSTAT: Questions if the definitions are being added to Article 1, does it need to go through first principles again.

ATWOOD: Thinks that it follows the process of restructuring since we're essentially taking the information that already exists but moving its location.

AISENSTAT: When a lot of information is being moved into Regulations, questions if it falls under the outlines of the First Principles or if a separate motion is required to essentially create (or add) new regulations.

DUMOUCHEL: Regulations are subordinates to Bylaws, which are subordinates to Articles, it should be fine.

2023-19/4 **NEW BUSINESS**

2023-19/4a Voting on Bylaw 500/210

RAITZ/ATWOOD MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of Bylaw 210
CARRIED

RAITZ/ATWOOD MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of Bylaw 200
CARRIED

ATWOOD/RAITZ MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of Article 2 restructuring
CARRIED

2023-19/5 **WRAP-UP**

2023-19/5a **Action Items / To-Do List**

- RAITZ: Draft up a submission for Bylaws 210 and 200 and send it over to AISENSTAT to submit for the March 23rd Council meeting.
- ATWOOD: Send AISENSTAT the updated PDF to submit Article 2 Restructuring for the March 23rd meeting.
- DUMOUCHEL and FLAMAN: Return on March 22nd Bylaw meeting with Article 4 first principles.

2023-19/5b **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- Friday, March 22nd 1:00 PM online.

2023-19/6 **Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance

AISENSTAT: Adjourned the meeting at 1:48 PM.