

# Bylaw Committee

**Date:** Friday March 22nd, 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
<b>Voting Members</b>		
Jillian Aisenstat (Chair)	Y	
Damon Atwood	Y	
Levi Flaman	N	
Ellen Tam	Y	
Stephen Raitz	Y	
<b>Non-Voting Members &amp; Guests</b>		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Marc Dumouchel	General Manager	
Courtney Graham	Assistant Manager Governance	
Aseel Atia	Governance Support Specialist	
Tanisha Sahu	Admin Clerk Assistant	
Pedro Almeida	VP Academic	

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## **Minutes (Bylaw-2024-20)**

**2024-20/1**    **INTRODUCTION**

**2024-20/1a**    **Call to Order**

AISENSTAT calls meeting to order at 1:00pm.

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

**2024-20/1b**    **Approval of Agenda**

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve the agenda.  
CARRIED unanimously.

**2024-20/1c**    **Approval of Minutes**

TABLED

**2024-20/1d**    **Chair's Business**

**2024-20/2**    **QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2024-20/3**    **OLD BUSINESS**

**2024-20/4**    **NEW BUSINESS**

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**2024-20/4a** Fee Governance First Principles (Marc and Levi - 20mins)

- [☰ Fee Governance First Principles \[Draft\]](#)

DUMOUCHEL: Highlights that the previous year dealt with changes to managing fees and believes it is important for their accountability to students. Attached document is based on the work previously done. Notes this is not a rehash of pre-existing bylaws but instead added work. Does an overview of proposed changes including the categorization of fees. Notes that these are more traditional First Principles.

Ask the COMMITTEE if the proposed changes are reasonable.

RAITZ: Is concerned about the process and if this is appropriate for Students' Council to digest in the final two meetings. However, believes that the work is going in the right direction.

ATWOOD: Is unsure if they can properly address this task in the time remaining. Suggests reframing fee agreements to the term procedure.

DUMOUCHEL: Agrees, however notes that using the term procedure would make the Bylaw harder to understand. Does not mind moving this project to the following Students' Council year and circling back with FLAMAN.

[Council meeting 0](#) as it appears in Bylaw (Courtney -15mins)

**2024-20/4b**

GRAHAM: Notes conflict in Students' Council Meeting 0 in Standing Orders as compared to in Bylaw 110. Council Meeting 0, as per Bylaws 110, encompasses Committee Nominations, Speaker Selections and calendar approval. However, Standing Orders states Council Meeting 0 encompasses Speaker Selection and calendar approval and Meeting 1 would include the Committee Nominations.

AISENSTAT: Reaffirms discrepancy between Bylaw 110: Students' Council 07. Introductory Meeting to Council Standing Orders.

GRAHAM: Notes that the Introductory Meeting is outlined more clearly in the Standing Orders Section 02, however contradicts Bylaw 110.

RAITZ: Believes they should amend the Standing Orders and keep Bylaw 110: 07. Introductory Meeting the way it is.

AISENSTAT: In favor of amending the Standing Orders Section 02 in order to address the contradiction. Can organize taking amendments to CAC for approval.

Discussing [DIE Board ruling](#) (Stephen - 15mins)

**2024-20/4c**

- Clarifying the definition of volunteer
- Duty of honesty to CRO

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RAITZ: Identified a few concerns with the D.I.E Board Rulings including how the term “volunteer” is identified and the precedent of dishonesty for future elections. Explores if a duty of honesty to the CRO should be implemented. Does not believe it is necessary to complete amendments for this year, but can encourage the following committee to work through amendments in the transition document.

ALMEIDA: May be worthwhile to also address the levels of appeal process during Elections.

TAM: Asks if there are enough subsequent meetings to address Elections concerns.

AISENSTAT: Clarifies that any Election amendments do not have any retroactive effects. Will add a meeting on April 12th and work through amendments from this time forward.

### **2024-20/5 WRAP-UP**

#### **2024-20/5a Action Items / To-Do List**

#### **2024-20/5b Next Scheduled Meeting**

- Friday, April 5th 2024, 1:00 pm online.

#### **2024-20/6 Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance

AISENSTAT adjourns the meeting at 2:08pm.