

Bylaw Committee

Date: Wednesday, September 6th, 2023.

Time: 5:30 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)	Yes		
Damon Atwood	Yes		
Levi Flaman	Yes		
Precious Majekodunmi	No		
Stephen Raitz	Yes		
Non-V	oting Members & Guest	ts	
Name	P	Position or Affiliation	
Marc Dumouchel	N/A		
Aseel Atia	N/A		



MINUTES (Bylaw-2023-06-M)

2023-07/1 INTRODUCTION

2023-07/1a Call to Order

• Land Acknowledgement

Attendance

AISENSTAT: Called meeting to order at 5:40pm.

2023-07/1b Approval of Agenda

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve the agenda.

CARRIED by unanimous consent.

2023-07/1c Approval of Minutes

COMMITTEE MOVES TO approve **W** BC-2023-05-M.docx minutes.

CARRIED, FLAMAN Abstains.

2023-07/1d Chair's Business

• New Fall meeting time!

AISENSTAT: New fall meeting time is Friday from 2:00pm-3:00pm.

2023-07/2 COMMITTEE BUSINESS



2023-07/2a Reviewing Second Principles:

- Stephen: <u>Bylaw 110/120/130/140 amendment</u>

RAITZ: Added onto each bylaw that the leader of the meeting can expel members for improper or disruptive conduct. Mentioned that they are putting this into the regulations of Bylaw 110 due to this being the most public forum for the SU (Students' Council), further noting that council can edit and add provisions by majority vote in order to prevent the speaker from expelling someone. Thinks that they should add it but is not completely sure yet. Notes that this regulation is specific to Bylaw 110 because regulations can only be amended by Council. Also acknowledged from the previous meeting to remove parts that mention online or in person meetings.

ATWOOD: Asks RAITZ if the addition of exclusionary clauses came from RAITZ directly or from DUMOUCHEL.

RAITZ: Responds by saying that this idea came more so from executive discussions that referenced situations of stalking and disruptive individuals. Mentions that this was taken into consideration but was unsure of adding it, but then found examples of it elsewhere and found it to be appropriate.

ATWOOD: Was unaware of instances of this happening but agrees with the decision.

FLAMAN: Was also unaware of this happening in the past. Suggests that the wording be changed in order to harmonize the nomenclature.

- Jill: Bylaw 600
 - Proposed Draft Amendments: Bylaw 600: Students' Union Bilingualism
 - Did not discuss this due to time constraint.
- Damon: Bylaw 9000

AISENSTAT: Asks if there is a written second principles for Bylaw 9000.

ATWOOD: Mentions that the second principles in writing are not available but can state that they are repealing a few bylaws when putting them all together to be presented.

AISENSTAT: Asks FLAMAN if a physical document stating the before and afters of the repealing of bylaws with a vote is necessary or can a vote be held, noting that they agree for a second time that they need to be repealed.

FLAMAN: Believes that there may be a before and after mentioned in a standing order after transition to SU.Docs. Agrees that a before and after is not necessary in the case of Bylaw 9000 as they are scrapping the entirety of the bylaw as long as everyone agrees.

AISENSTAT: Responds by saying that a vote should be able to be held on the Second Principles of Bylaw 110/120/130/140 and Bylaw 9000.

2023-07/3 OLD BUSINESS

2023-07/3a

None

2023-07/3 NEW BUSINESS

- Tentative: Voting on Second Principles of Bylaw 110/120/130/140
 - ATWOOD/RAITZ MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of Bylaw 110/120/130/140.
 CARRIED
- Tentative: Voting on Second Principles of Bylaw 600
- Tentative: Voting on Second Principles of Bylaw 9000
 - ATWOOD/AISENSTAT MOVE TO approve the Second Principles of Bylaw 9000
 CARRIED

2023-07/4 WRAP-UP

2023-07/4a Action Items / To-Do List

Tentative: Jill to submit all Second Principles to council before Order Paper deadline.

2023-07/4b Next Scheduled Meeting

• Friday September 15th, 2-3pm.

2023-07/5 Adjournment

- Closing Attendance
 - AISENSTAT adjourned meeting at 5:55pm.