

January 4, 2022
17:00 MDT
Online: [Zoom](#)

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciswaskahikan (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, Dènesùliné (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		
Levi Flaman (Chair)	Y	
Jayden Brooks	N	
Daniela Carbajal Velez	N	
Simran Dhillon	Y	
David Lee	Y	
Abner Monteiro	Y	
Adrian Wattamaniuk	N	
Non-Voting Members & Guests		
Name	Position or Affiliation	
Courtney Graham	Governance Support Specialist	

Minutes (Bylaw-2022-13-M)

2022-13/1 INTRODUCTION

2022-13/1a **Call to Order**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance

FLAMAN called the meeting to order at 16:02.

2022-13/1b **Approval of Agenda**

MOVER ∙ / SECONDER ∙ move to approve the agenda

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2022-13/1c **Approval of Minutes**

MOVER ∙ / SECONDER ∙ move to approve the [BC-2022-12](#) minutes

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2022-13/1d **Chair's Business**

- None

2022-13/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2022-13/2a DHILLON: Provides an update that plebiscite and referendum questions will be ready for the Order Papers on Friday.

MONTEIRO: Discusses the revised election bylaws. Election bylaws now only have three sections: elections office; plebiscite and referendum questions; election processes.

Questions the committee about the DRO, which is currently hired by the CRO and a small hiring committee which includes CAC members, staff and DIE Board members. SU Staff thinks that the current committee makeup is too onerous for the hiring of the DRO. SU Staff has suggested limiting the hiring committee to the CRO and two members of CAC, with support of an SU staff member (not necessarily the Governance Manager as previously suggested).

FLAMAN: Agrees that limiting the hiring committee makes sense.

MONTEIRO: Questions if the job description for the CRO should be included in bylaw.

FLAMAN: Thinks that it would be best to remove the CRO job description from bylaw.

MONTEIRO: Agrees. Suggests only leaving in the bylaws what the CRO is directly responsible for towards election candidates.

Raises concern that professional programs start their semesters at different times from the norm. As well, most students in professional programs struggle to participate in governance in the later years of their degrees. Therefore, it might make more sense to target first and second year students in professional programs (as opposed to other faculties where upper year students are targeted).

Raises concern that the current bylaw states that a by-election must be called every time that voting members of Council dips below 23. This is a concern, particularly because, due to governance restructuring, council will be reduced to around 25 members.

FLAMAN: Questions if a low membership by-election bylaw was trying to address having appropriate representation or if there was concern that Students' Council would be able to operate with fewer members.

MONTEIRO: Thinks that both concerns were considered.

FLAMAN: Suggests that a certain percentage threshold should replace the specific number.

Further raises concern about joke candidates and their apparent disappearance in recent elections.

MONTEIRO: Will look into it.

2022-13/3 **OLD BUSINESS**

2022-13/3a • None

2022-13/3 **NEW BUSINESS**

2022-13/3a

2022-13/4 **WRAP-UP**

2022-13/4a **Action Items / To-Do List**

- Send out an e-vote to approve Second Reading of Bill 2 to get on agenda for January 10th Council meeting

2022-13/4b **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- January 19, 2023 at 17:00

2022-13/5 **Adjournment**

- Closing Attendance
- FLAMAN adjourned the meeting at 17:58