

**August 29th, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers/Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (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, Dènesų́łíné (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?

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2023-08)

2023-08/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012>

2023-08/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2023-08/3 PRESENTATIONS

2023-08/3b **BEASLEY/NO SECONDER MOVES TO** allow Nicole DeGrano to present on the UASU's Stride Program.

See SC-2023-08.10

2023-08/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOG REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2023-08/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2023-08/6 OPEN FORUM

2023-08/7 QUESTION PERIOD

2023-08/8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-08/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2023-08/10 GENERAL ORDERS

2023-08/11 CLOSED SESSIONS

2023-08/12 INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-08/12e Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2023-08.11-12

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, August 29, 2023

[Meeting Schedule](#)

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Type of Item Submission

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Presentations

Motion Beasley moves to allow Nicole DeGrano to present on the UASU's Stride Program

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Presenter Nicole DeGrano

Should this Presentation Occur in a Closed Session?

Office/Committee Responsible Executive Committee

Abstract

Stride Campaign School is a cohort program aimed at encouraging greater participation/involvement from students of marginalized genders from all backgrounds - race, ethnicity, indigeneity, sexuality, and ability - in student governance.

The program equips participants with the knowledge, skills, and network to run for a variety of student government positions and make meaningful change on campus.

Presentation Slides Upload



Stride Presentation to Council.pdf

Written Questions



Campaign
School

Treaty Acknowledgement

As we begin this session, we would like to acknowledge that the University of Alberta Students' Union is located on Treaty 6 Territory, which is the ancestral space and traditional meeting ground of the Papaschase Cree and Métis Nation, and the traditional territory of Blackfoot, Cree, Dené, Nakota Sioux, Saulteaux, and many other Indigenous peoples who continue to hold Treaty rights to this land. As settlers- both staff members and students working and learning on this land through Treaty, we recognize that this acknowledgement is only the beginning of necessary ongoing efforts in pursuit of Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination, land reclamation, and true decolonization. As staff at the UASU working in Leadership and Development, we further acknowledge that governance at the University is inherently colonial practise, and consequently, it is imperative that we invest our time, resources, energy, and labour into actively contributing towards decolonization efforts as led and informed by Indigenous knowledge and leadership, including the ARRC Recommendations. This recognition also necessitates that we advocate against the ongoing dispossession and oppression experienced by Indigenous peoples on their land. Meaning, our decision-making processes in our programming roles must be led by Indigenous students, staff, faculty, and community members in ensuring that our content is accurate, inclusive, accessible, and actively works to challenge the barriers to existence experienced by Indigenous staff and students on campus. We invite you to remember and commit to this as we move forward throughout the presentation this afternoon, and the entirety of our time as students, staff, and settlers on this land.



Quick Activity



What is Stride?

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Who are we? Meet the Team

Siri Nelson (She/Her): LEAD Centre Student Development Coordinator, Stride Facilitator

Daniela Carbajal (She/Her): Learning & Development Specialist (Stride Alum), support for the program

Nicole De Grano (She/Her): LEAD Centre Program Lead (Stride Alum), overseeing all of Stride



Program Overview

01. October 5: Welcome and Introduction to Stride Campaign School!
02. October 12: Identity Politics
03. October 19: Public Speaking and Consultation
04. October 26: Platforms & Advocacy and Lobbying
05. November 2: Branding & PR
06. November 23: Elections
07. December 7: Campaigns
08. January 11: Wellbeing & Self-Care



Why Stride?

Stride was created with the Identity Matters reports at the front of mind. This report shows that gender minorities often need



We need your support.



What does that mean?

We hope to get your support in the following ways:

- Spread the word!
- Sign up for Stride
- Share our content on the @uasualberta Instagram



Questions?



Thursday, August 24, 2023

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Council Meeting Date

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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Type of Item Submission

Information Item

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Yes

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Agenda Title

Audit Report Spring/Summer 2023-2024

Description of the Information Item

Audit report for the spring/summer trimester.

Attachments



UASU SC Audit Spring_Summ....pdf

Presentations

Written Questions

Date: August 29th, 2023

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Audit Committee - Summer/Spring Trimester Report 2023-2024

Dear Council,

The Audit Committee has had a busy four months diligently completing audits and working on behalf of students to ensure financial transparency and accountability. As chair, I would like to express my gratitude to Councillor Atwood, Councillor Garbutt, Councillor Lam, and Councillor Pich for their diligence and hard work. As well, Courtney Graham and Annie Miao have lended great support to the committee in which many thanks are deserved.

Committee Activities

- Community and stakeholder engagement with SRAs
- Completing of audits from the Winter 2022-2023 Audit Period
- Implementing centralized communication and information systems
- Approved the 2023-2024 Audit Strategic Plan
- Preparations for the Fall 2023-2024 Audit Period

Committee Meetings

Thursdays at 6pm-8pm

- [AC-2023-00](#)
- [AC-2023-01](#)
- [AC-2023-02](#)
- [AC-2023-03](#)
- [AC-2023-04](#)
- [AC-2023-05](#)

Summary of Motions

Meeting Number	Motion	Result
0	Lam nominates Thiessen for chair	Carried
1	Lam/Garbutt moves to approve LSA Audit	Carried
2	Lam/Garbutt moves to approve FAUnA Audit	Carried
2	Pich/Garbutt moves to approve MSA Audit	Carried
3	Atwood/Pich moves to go in-camera	Carried

3	Thiessen/Lam moves to go ex-camera	Carried
3	Thiessen/Garbutt moves to approve ESA Audit	Carried
4	Pich/Garbutt moves to approve ASA Audit	Carried
5	Garbutt/Pich moves to approve NUA Audit	Carried
5	Garbutt/Pich move to approve the Committee's strategic plan	Carried

Audit Committee Strategic Plan 2023-2024

Project and Type	Goal	Timeline
Winter 2023 Audits - Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete audits left over from the Winter 2022-23 Audit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of August 2023
Fall 2023 Audits - Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete audits left over from the Winter 2022-23 Audit Complete audits for the Fall 2023-24 Audit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact SRAs on September 1st, 2023 Assign SRAs by September 8th, 2023 Complete Audits by October 6th, 2023
Winter 2023 Audits - Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete audits left over from the Fall 2023-24 Audit Complete audits for the Winter 2023-24 Audit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact SRAs on January 1st, 2023 Assign SRAs by January 12th, 2023 Complete Audits by February 9th, 2023
Compliance Audit - Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the annual audit in initiated and completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January – work with DG and the SU Accounting department to send out a request for an auditor. The letter should be drafted and signed by the Audit Committee chair. The

		<p>Audit Committee will then select an auditor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● August – The in-house portion of the audit will take place. ● September – The auditor will present their findings to the Audit Committee. ● October – Audit is presented/approved in the Students' Council. ● October 31 – Deadline to send audited statements to the government.
Audit Email - Structural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish an audit email to consolidate financial documents into one place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed
Streamlined Audit Process - Structural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish a platform, preferably through bearsden, in which SRAs can submit their financial documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed
Performance Audit - Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initiate a performance audit to ensure the efficiency in UASU spending for financial transparency and clarity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initiate it in January alongside the Compliance Audit
Executive Audit - Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initiate an audit of Executive's UASU credit cards for financial transparency and clarity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October 2023
Transition - Structural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensure transition documents are provided ● Ensure that all audits are completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Before the end of the 2023-2024 Students' Council

Closing Remarks

The Audit Committee has a busy year ahead. It is in my sincerest hope that we work towards financial transparency and accountability that students deserve. It has been a pleasure working as Chair of the Audit Committee, and many thanks to all who have contributed towards accountability on behalf of students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "N. A. Thiessen".

Nathan Thiessen
Chair of the Audit Committee

Monday, August 28, 2023

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Council Meeting Date

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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No

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Agenda Title

Bylaw Committee Summer 2023 Report

Description of the Information Item

Here is the Bylaw Committee Summer 2023 Report prepared by Jillian Aisenstat.

Attachments



Summer 2023 Bylaw Trimest... .pdf

Presentations

Written Questions

Bylaw Committee

Date: August 23rd, 2023

To: Students' Council

Re: Summer 2023 Trimester Report

Summer 2023 Trimester Report

Hello Council! My name is Jillian Aisenstat and I have had the pleasure of serving as Chair of the Bylaw Committee this trimester. Let me tell you a little about what we have accomplished and what we are looking forward to doing in the Fall.

After selecting a chair for this year, the Bylaw Committee decided to continue the restructuring work that last year's team started. Each member of the committee reviewed a bylaw that we are hoping to reorganize into Article II: Operations. Bylaw 200 was reviewed by Precious Majekodunmi, Bylaw 500 was reviewed by Stephen Raitz, Bylaw 600 was reviewed by Jillian Aisenstat, Bylaw 4000 was reviewed by Levi Flaman and Bylaw 9000 was reviewed by Damon Atwood. After reviewing these bylaws, it was decided that some of them require more than a simple restructuring into Article II.

Jillian worked on revitalizing Bylaw 600: Students' Union Bilingualism as the process for translation was outdated considering the dissolution of the Translation Committee due to recent Council restructuring.

Stephen has found issues in Bylaw 500 and its inclusion of the "Right to Attend Meetings". He then ventured into inserting this provision into Article 1: Governance as this fits better in this section. In the fall, he will continue to update Bylaw 500 as per recommendations from governance staff.

Damon found that Bylaw 9000 is not a necessary addition to our operational bylaws and suggested we strike this bylaw. This was agreed upon by the entire committee.

All three of these members wrote First Principles for these potential changes and they were read and passed by Students' Council on August 1st. We are currently working on writing the Second and Third Principles of these bylaws to implement these new changes.

In the Fall Term, we hope to continue restructuring and reviewing our operational bylaws to eventually reorganize them to make them more comprehensible and accessible for students. We will also be taking time to draft plebiscite and referendum questions as per our committee mandate.

Bylaw Committee

Date: August 23rd, 2023

To: Students' Council

Re: Summer 2023 Trimester Report

Decisions, Recommendations, and Motions Made

Item	Motion	Result
2023-00/3 a	ATWOOD/RAITZ MOVE TO appoint ATWOOD as the interim chair for the next meeting.	5/0/0 Carried
2023-01/3 a	ATWOOD nominates AISENSTAT as Chair - accepted AISENSTAT is nominated as the Bylaw Committee chair	Accepted via acclimation
2023-02/3 a	RAITZ/AISENSTAT MOVE TO approve sending the first principles of Bylaw 600 to the Students' Council for approval.	5/0/0 Carried
2023-02/3 a	ATWOOD/RAITZ MOVE TO approve sending the first principles of Bylaw 9000 to the Students' Council for approval.	5/0/0 Carried
2023-02/3 a	RAITZ/ATWOOD MOVE TO approve sending the first principles of the Bylaw 110/120/140 Amendments to Students' Council.	5/0/0 Carried

Conclusion

I am thrilled with the work our committee members have put in over the summer and I am grateful for every one of their contributions. I look forward to the fall semester and all of the work that is to come.

I hope everyone has a great rest of their summer and I will see you on September 5th!

Sincerely,

Jillian Aisenstat, Bylaw Committee Chair 2023-2024.