Bill 1: Simplifying and Clarifying Governance Documents

Levi Flaman
Chair - Bylaw Committee
Who (was involved in this)?

- **Bylaw Committee**
  - Jayden Brooks - Engineering Councillor
  - Simran Dhillon - Science Councillor
  - Daniela Carbajal Velez - Science Councillor
  - David Lee - Science Councillor
  - Abner Monteiro - President
  - Adrian Wattamaniuk - Engineering Councillor

- **Marc Dumouchel** - General Manager

- **Governance Staff**
  - Courtney Graham - Governance Support Specialist
  - Jetro (Sun) Dano - Minute Taker
When (did this start)?

When (will this be finished)?

- **June 14th** - Abner & Marc pitched the idea
- **June 21** - Brought to Bylaw who liked the proposal; delegated tasks and got to work
- **August 9** - First Principles approved in Council
- **October 18** - Second Reading comes to Council
### Why (Did we need this)?

1. Make bylaws more accessible and easier to read
   - 22 Bylaws
   - 347 Sections
     - Bylaw 100 largest with ~15%
     - Top 5 largest approximately 60%
     - Lengthy sections
   - Duplicate information

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Why (Did we need this)?

2. Provide more or easier ways to update procedural content while maintaining Council oversight
   ● Bylaws can be too rigid and inflexible
     ○ Bylaw 8200 - Student Representative Association fee collection

3. Separate the principles from the procedure
   ● Some sections of bylaw get too specific unnecessarily
     ○ Bylaw 100 - Prescribes the allotment of council seats
**What (Did we do)?**

**Before**
- Post-Secondary Learning Act (s.93 & s.95)
- UASU Bylaws

**After**
- PSLA
- Bylaws
  - Regulations
  - Appendices
Section I - Governance

- **Bylaw 100: Governance**
  - **Regulation 110: Students Council**
    - Regulation 110A: Students’ Council Standing Orders
    - Regulation 110B: Legislative Processes
  - **Regulation 120: Committees of Students’ Council**
    - Regulation 120A: Committee Standing Orders
    - Regulation 120B: Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee
    - Regulation 120C: Audit Committee
    - Regulation 120D: Bylaw Committee
    - Regulation 120E: Council Administration Committee
    - Regulation 120F: Executive Committee
    - Regulation 120G: Finance Committee
    - Regulation 120H: Nominating Committee
    - Regulation 120I: Policy Committee
    - Regulation 120J: Student Group Committee
    - Regulation 120K: Sustainability Committee
    - Regulation 120L: Translation Committee
  - **Regulation 130: Student Governance Code of Conduct**
  - **Regulation 140: Student Judiciary**
  - **Regulation 150: Student Representative Associations**
    - Regulation 150A: List of SRAs
  - **Regulation 160: Definitions**
What (Did we do)?

- Section II: Operations
  - Bylaw 200: Operations
    - Regulation 210: Operating Policy
    - Regulation 220: Strategic Plan
    - Regulation 230: Access to Students' Union Information
    - Regulation 240: Students’ Union Bilingualism
    - Regulation 250: Student Group Conduct
    - Regulation 260: Emergency Measures
    - Regulation 270: FNMI Consultation & Engagement
What (Did we do)?

- Section III: Elections
  - Bylaw 300: Elections
    - Regulation 310: Chief Returning Officer and Elections Staff
    - Regulation 320: Executive Committee and Board of Governors Representative Elections
    - Regulation 330: Students' Council and General Faculties Council Elections
    - Regulation 340: Plebiscites and Referenda
    - Regulation 350: Balloting and Counting
What (Did we do)?

- Section IV: Finances
  - Bylaw 400: Finances
    - Bylaw 410: Students’ Union Finances
    - Bylaw 420: Student Representative Association Finances
    - Bylaw 430: Dedicated Fee Units
    - Bylaw 440: Faculty Membership Fees
    - Appendix 400A: Collected Fees
Where (do we go from here)?

- Bylaw & Regulation review will begin after Bill 1 passes second reading
- Will be conducted in the same manner as Council’s Standing Order Reviews
- All bylaws and regulations being reviewed
- Section III - Elections to be completed first
  - First Principles on November 29
  - Second Reading on December 13
- Regulation 110 - Students Council to be reviewed concurrently
  - Rest of Section 1 - Governance can be completed in early Winter term
- Section IV - Finances will be next
- Section II - Operations will be done by the end of the year