

**Tuesday, July 30, 2019
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-07)

2019-07/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

2019-07/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers.

SPEAKER: Noted that nominations for Council scholarships will occur at the next meeting of Council.

2019-07/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2019-07/2a ***Title:*** 'EDI Presentation'

Presenter(s):

- Jenna Mulji, Student Governance Officer - Discover Governance, Students' Union
- Rebecca Taylor, Manager - Discover Governance, Students' Union

Abstract: "Equity, diversity and inclusion training is an essential component of creating a safe, healthy environment, both within Council and on the greater university campus. The awareness of EDI encourages individuals to become more aware of their actions and how they impact others, as well as to question implicit biases and reduce systemic barriers which would otherwise prevent participation by members both within Council and externally, on the greater campus community. Equity, diversity and inclusion are essential to creating an environment which values and respects individual differences across varying dimensions and intersections, and an environment which fosters collaboration among Members."

BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to allow the 'EDI Presentation'.

See SC-2019-07.10.

SPEAKER: Extended the meeting by ten minutes.

2019-07/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.
Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Joel AGARWAL, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.

2019-07/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report.
Audit Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Council Administration Committee - Report.
Executive Committee - Report.
Finance Committee - Report.
Nominating Committee - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.
Student Group Committee - Report.
Translation Committee - Report.
Board of Governors - Report.

2019-07/5

OPEN FORUM

KLOOSTER: Inquired into whether the University has a choice as to whether they accept the Chicago Principles for promoting free expression as part of an Alberta Government directive for universities to implement freedom of speech policies.

LEY: Responded in the negative. Clarified, however, that the University has a choice in what its policy includes as regards enforcement and clarification provisions.

KLOOSTER: Inquired into whether the University will be penalized for failing to implement its freedom of speech policy by October 15th.

AGARWAL: Responded in the negative. Emphasised that the University is committed to thoroughly consulting its students and other stakeholders.

2019-07/6

QUESTION PERIOD

SUNDAY: Inquired, to the chair of Bylaw Committee, as to when Bylaw 100 and Bylaw 100 Schedule B will be updated to reflect the current state of affairs.

DRAPER: Responded that the Committee is actively improving and updating bylaws and change will occur soon.

BADESHA: Inquired, to the President, as to what consultations have been completed on the Student Charter of Rights

BHATNAGAR: Responded that she plans to consult with the University President, Provost, General Faculties Council, Vice-President for Learning and Programs, Academic Standards Committee, Dean of Students, Office of Human Rights and Safe Disclosure, and Council of Faculty Associations.

SUNDAY: Inquired, to the Vice-President Operations and Finance, as to whether there have been funds set aside for the Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation Committee budget and for advancing the ARRC Recommendations.

STATT: Responded that the budgeting process is underway.

DRAPER: Inquired, to the Vice-President Operations and Finance, as to whether the renovation of Dewey's will result in changes to its menu.

STATT: Responded in the affirmative. Noted that, in addition, there will be changes in the processes for ordering food.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the Vice-President Academic, as to what measures he will take to ensure that his update reports are submitted on-time in future.

AGARWAL: Responded that his report was late as he was on vacation and will ensure this does not occur again.

VARGAS ALBA: Inquired, to the Vice-President Student Life, as to what measures he will take to ensure that his update reports are submitted on-time in future.

LARSEN: Responded that he has set a reminder on his phone.

2019-07/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-07/7a

DRAPER/BOSE MOVED, on behalf of Bylaw Committee, to approve Bill I First Principles of Amendments to Bylaw 1500.

DRAPER: Established that these amendments empower Council to bring reference questions to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board as per the ARRC Recommendations.

BROWN: Requested that Sunday provide an example illustrating the use of these amendments.

SUNDAY: Responded that, as an example, DIE Board was unable to provide a ruling on a question by Bylaw Committee as the question was not material to the issue on which the Board was currently deciding. Noted that this would no longer be the case

and that Committees could get their questions answered by the Board.

SUNDAY MOVED to amend the Bill 4(a) to read that “A reference question allows DIE board the ability to provide opinions on the scope of Students’ Union policies, actions, decisions and events without the need for a dispute to be brought to the board.”

Carried as friendly.

CARRIED - 17/0/0

2019-07/7b **DRAPER/CHEN MOVED**, on behalf of the Bylaw Committee, to approve Bill 2: First Principles of Amendments to Bylaw 2500.

DRAPER: Established that these changes update Bylaw 2500 to reflect the changes in provincial statute regarding granting Council the power to veto mandatory non-instructional fees via Bill 19, An Act to Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Post-Secondary Education.

BROWN: Emphasised the importance of ensuring that bylaws reflect the current state of legislation.

SUNDAY: Inquired, to the Vice-President External, as to whether the current government will amend the powers granted to Council under Bill 19.

BROWN: Responded that there is no indication that the legislation will change and the governing UCP party voted unanimously in favour of Bill 19 at the time of its passage through the Legislature.

CARRIED - 17/0/0

2019-07/8 GENERAL ORDERS

LARSEN/BROWN MOVED to enter the meeting into in camera.

CARRIED

LARSEN/BROWN MOVED to exit the meeting from in camera.

CARRIED

2019-07/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-07/9a Changes distributed in Council.

2019-07/9b Changes distributed in Council.

2019-07/9c President - Report.

See SC-2019-07.03.

- 2019-07/9d Vice-President (External) - Report.
See SC-2019-07.04.
- 2019-07/9e Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
See SC-2019-07.05.
- 2019-07/9f Students' Council Attendance.
See SC-2019-07.06.
- 2019-07/9g Students' Council Motion Tracker.
See SC-2019-07.07.
- 2019-07/9h Executive Committee Motion Tracker.
See SC-2019-07.08.
- 2019-07/9i Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-06) - Tuesday, July 16, 2019.
See SC-2019-07.09.
- 2019-07/9j EDI Presentation.
See SC-2019-07.10.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50PM