

**July 26th, 2022**

**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?

#### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2022-07)

**SPEAKER:** Called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

2022-07/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

2022-07/1a Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012>

Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

2022-07/1b **CRO STATEMENT**

2022-07/1c **Council Scholarship**  
<https://forms.gle/ULkK9KEb8BPDLnPd8>

2022-07/2 **CONSENT AGENDA**

2022-07/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-06) Tuesday, July 12th, 2022

See SC-2022-07.14

APPROVED with amendments 29/00/00

2022-07/3 PRESENTATION

2022-07/2b **DORSCHIED/ARSLAN MOVE TO** suspend the standing orders to allow the Sexual Violence Response Coordinator to present for forty-five minutes.

See SC-2022-07.05

CARRIED 29/00/00

2022-07/3a **DORSCHIED/ARSLAN MOVE TO** allow the Sexual Violence Response Coordinator to give a presentation to council.

See SC-2022-07.06

CARRIED 29/00/00

**WATTAMANIUK/FOGUE MOVE TO** extend the presentation by ten minutes.  
CARRIED 27/00/00

2022-07/3b **VILLOSO/FOTANG MOVE TO** allow a presentation from Elev Homes.

See SC-2022-07.07

CARRIED 28/00/00

**ALI/ARSLAN MOVE TO** suspend Standing Orders to extend the presentation by twenty minutes.

CARRIED 28/00/00

**ALI/VILLOSO MOVE TO** extend the presentation by ten minutes

CARRIED 28/00/00

**CARBAJAL VELEZ/WATTAMANIUK MOVE TO** Special Order agenda item 8b from the Late Additions to the Order Paper.

FAILED 15/3/8

**FOTANG/WATTAMANIUK MOVE TO** call to question

CARRIED 25/01/02, ARSLAN abstains

**FLAMAN MOVES TO** call for division

CARRIED 27/00/00

**FLAMAN/MONTEIRO MOVE TO** extend the meeting until 10:00 P.M.

CARRIED 22/00/05

**WATTAMANIUK/FLAMAN MOVE TO** extend the presentation by ten minutes.  
CARRIED 27/00/00

2022-07/3c **VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVE TO** allow a presentation of the Students' Union Building Master Plan.

See SC-2022-07.08 and 7.18

CARRIED 27/00/00

**ALI/SINGH MOVE TO** adjourn the meeting immediately.  
FAILED 10/2/12

**MONTEIRO MOVES TO** call for division  
CARRIED 25/00/00

**MONTEIRO/KAUR MOVE TO** suspend the rules to skip Executive Committee Reports and Board/Committee Reports, with the exception of the Nominating Committee and Council Administration Committee Reports.  
CARRIED 25/00/00

2022-07/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

TABLED

2022-07/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

WATTAMANIUK-Council Administration Committee-Report  
ALI-Nominating Committee-Report

2022-07/6 OPEN FORUM

2022-07/7 QUESTION PERIOD

ABBASI: Questions Councillor ALI about why the number of applicants for each committee that the Nominating Committee is trying to fill has been kept confidential when councillors have inquired about applicant numbers.

ALI: Felt it was inappropriate to disclose the number of applicants for any open committee position. Has been meaning to ask for further guidance from the Governance Team in regards to this.

HUANG: Comments that Students' Council was very unproductive, frustrating and disrespectful to councillors in attendance and even more so all guests present.

VILLOSO: Questions Councillor ALI about his decision as Nominating Chair to conduct interviews for applicants for all committees, a practice which has no

precedence. Further questions why Councillor ALI felt the need to mention that interviews were mandatory for all positions.

ALI: Does not remember saying such things. Would like to call a special meeting of Nominating Committee or to call an e-vote to approve candidates for all committees with unfilled positions, with the exception of SGC and the Senate where interviews will still be conducted. Would like to have the chosen candidates on the Consent Agenda for the next Students' Council meeting.

DHILLON: Questions ALI, the Nominating Committee Chair, in regards to filling the ARRC Committee's Student-at-Large (SAL) seats as ARRC needs to start working on their proposed recommendations as soon as possible.

ALI: The goal for ARRC is to have candidates ready for approval for the next Students' Council meeting.

ALI: Questions DUMOUCHEL about the process of signing an agreement with Elev and why that process was initiated.

DUMOUCHEL: Was directed by a previous Students' Union Executive about exploring the possibility of working with Elev. The following Executive wanted to continue that work. During that process, the most prudent path forward was to make it as easy as possible for Elev to succeed, which meant giving them access to the SU's housing client list and to close the SU's own student housing initiative. The SU's student housing initiative was closed due to decreasing numbers. Does not have specific dates at this time, in regards to the timeline of the agreement with Elev.

OJO: Reminds the committee that the purpose of Students' Council is to represent students. Guests deserve better treatment than what they received today. There was a lack of respect for people's time during this meeting. Quite frankly, Council made an embarrassment of themselves tonight. By arguing unnecessarily and taking things too personally, Council was delayed in an inappropriate fashion. Decorum must be improved for the next Students' Council meeting.

**WATTAMANIUK/FLAMAN MOVE TO** extend the meeting until 10:30 P.M.  
CARRIED 16/00/08

ABBASI: Point of Information (POI). Asks for clarification on voting numbers for the previous motion.

REISBIG: Echoes what Councillor HUANG and OJO previously stated. Found Council to be quite repetitive, disrespectful and frustrating. There is a lack of respect and understanding amongst Councillors.

**WATTAMANIUK/FLAMAN MOVE TO** extend question period by fifteen minutes.  
CARRIED

HUANG: Point of Order (PoO). Feels like this meeting has dragged on unnecessarily and should end rather than being extended.

WATTAMANIUK: Wants to remind Council to come to Students' Council with the attitude that their main goal is to represent students. Notes that Students' Council ran very inefficiently at this meeting and, as the Chair of CAC, will reach out to each committee to inquire about potential ways to change Standing Orders to make Students' Council more effective in the long term.

FLAMAN: Reminds Students' Council of the Students' Council Oath. Suggests including the Oath on a more regular basis at Students' Council to remind councillors of their responsibilities.

ALL: Did not enjoy Students' Council and had previously wanted to cancel this meeting. Feels that Students' Council is prejudiced against them and abusing technicalities to try and remove them from Students' Council.

Councillors are frustrated with the way that Students' Council is run. Is personally confused as to why Students' Council is at the point it is at now.

Bylaws and Policies of Students' Council are broken, yet they are personally still being persecuted by Bylaws and Policies. All Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated.

Questions how councillors, who are transitioning into the role of councillor, can receive more support.

States that Students' Council was an embarrassment tonight and apologises for their role in it, although they still feel that they are being persecuted unnecessarily for a mistake that is not their own.

DHILLON: Has also been frustrated with Students' Council, particularly with the unnecessary motions and arguments presented tonight. However, is most frustrated with the lack of any meaningful progress or discussions at tonight's Students' Council. As a member of Bylaw Committee, bylaw restructuring is in progress and questions regarding bylaw can be answered either at the Bylaw Committee meetings or by reaching out to the Bylaw Chair, Levi Flaman.

FLAMAN: Bylaw Committee has brought up bylaw amendments and restructuring. Specifically, discussed the process of faculty validation, as outlined in Bylaw 100. The overwhelming consensus, which the committee came to, is that anything to do with bylaw in the next month will only encompass restructuring. Bylaw amendments will not occur until September at the earliest. However, can state currently that potential councillors must run for the faculty that they are currently in or have already been accepted into in the Fall. Otherwise, if a councillor is not in their appropriate faculty, they will have to resign and run again.

KOOHKAN (CRO): Is also frustrated, embarrassed and disappointed with how Council ran tonight. Suggests that some discussions, which have been occurring at Students' Council in a public setting, would be more productive in a private setting.

FOGUE: In regards to councillor eligibility, as discussed by FLAMAN, notes that Combined Bilingual degrees will need to be defined for specific eligibility requirements.

ALI: On today's Students' Council Order Papers, had submitted an information item in regards to their eligibility to serve on Council. They will not confirm or deny their enrolled faculty or their eligibility to serve on Council and feel that this discussion has gone on long enough. Procedural tricks were used to cause this situation and create this waste of time. States that there was a lot more important business to discuss at Students' Council rather than their eligibility to sit on Council.

If they could recommend one thing to the Bylaw Committee, it would be that the academic year starts in the fall, even though the governance year starts in the spring, and, as such, eligibility requirements should follow the academic year.

Realistically, there are many reasons that someone may be in an Open Studies program and does not see the need for councillors to be in the faculty that they represent during the Spring and Summer semesters. Can potentially see the need to be in the correct faculty in the Fall, but does not see the need for the optional semesters of Spring and Summer. Being in the correct faculty as represented constituents is not important. Further states that they do not see the difference between the needs of Arts students as compared to Science students. A councillor can represent student needs regardless of the faculty that they themselves are in. Further reiterates that they do not understand what the debate is regarding their eligibility to sit on Students' Council.

MONTEIRO: The issue of eligibility has been discussed at the Bylaw Committee. One thing that was discussed was looking at how the university would handle issues of eligibility, particularly in regards to the General Faculty Committee (GFC), as their elections are done at the same time as Students' Council elections. From the response that was given by the university, the university interprets eligibility as the faculty that a potential councillor is in during the time of the election. Should the councillor change their faculty registration at any point during their term, including a change of faculty during the Fall, they would be asked to resign their seat. In summary, students must be in the faculty they are running for at the time of elections.

FLAMAN: The contravention that spurred this discussion is a breach of eligibility for the current session of Students' Council. While the Speaker/CRO are in charge of checking the eligibility of Students' Council councillors, the previous CRO did give the go ahead for the candidate in question to run. However, just because someone has been given the go ahead, or the eligibility, to run, does not mean that they are fit for that position. This discussion is not necessarily the purview of Students' Council. Recommends that the best way to move forward with this situation is to take it to

the DIE Board and receive a definitive answer.

WATTAMANIUK: Questions Councillor ALI about the discussion item that Councillor ALI had brought to CAC, requested WATTAMANIUK bring to Council and then subsequently delayed Council long enough that that discussion could not be had. Wonders if Councillor ALI would like to have this discussion at the next Students' Council meeting or would like to forget the discussion in its entirety.

ALI: Does not believe that they purposely delayed this meeting as they followed proper Roberts' Rules procedures. They do want the discussion to appear on the next Students' Council meeting Order Papers. However, suggests that that motion occurs in-camera.

States that 6 hours have been wasted in discussing their eligibility. If the genuine concern is their eligibility, they suggest allowing the appointment of a councillor designate to serve in their stead until they themselves are enrolled in the faculty that they ran for. However, states that they are frustrated with Council's repeated attempts to find loopholes in their constitution to simply remove them from Students' Council.

**FOTANG/DHILLON MOVETO** go in-camera.  
CARRIED 22/00/01

**DORSCHIED/ALI MOVETO** adjourn.  
CARRIED 21/00/00

2022-07/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-07/8a **FLAMAN MOVES TO** amend the May 17th Votes & Proceedings item 2022-02/8d by replacing TABLED with CARRIED

See SC-2022-07.10

TABLED

2022-07/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2022-07/9a **WATTAMANIUK MOVES TO** discuss a potential investigation into alleged violations of private Academic Information.

See SC-2022-07.11

TABLED

2022-07/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-07/10a Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2022-07.01-04

2022-07/10b BoG Representative Report

See SC-2022-07.05

2022-07/10c Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-07.06-12

2022-07/10d Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2022-07.13

2022-07/10e Students' Council Votes and Proceedings

See SC-2022-07.14

2022-07/10f Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2022-07.015-17

2022-07/10g Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-07.18-19

SPEAKER:Adjourned the meeting at 10:28 PM